

Rep. Chu Honors Local Leaders at 2026 Congressional Leadership of the Year Awards Ceremony

This week Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-28) hosted her annual Congressional Leadership of the Year Awards Ceremony, honoring 10 individuals and organizations from across California's 28th Congressional District for their outstanding service and contributions to their communities.

"This year's honorees are our everyday leaders, the educators, volunteers, activists, and small business owners who have made a real difference in the San Gabriel Valley," said Rep. Chu. "I'm proud to recognize them all, not only for their accomplishments, but for the lasting impact they make every single day. Their service reminds us of the importance of community, showing up for others, and the difference one person can make."

This year's honorees include Ruben Karapetian of La Crescenta who was recognized as the Community Activist of the Year. Karapetian was recognized for his leadership as the executive director of the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) - Western Region, which is the largest and most influential Armenian American grassroots advocacy organization in the Western United States. Working on the local, state and federal level, Karapetian advocates for Armenian American priorities, promotes recognition of Armenian American history and identity, and advocates for human rights overseas. He will be honored tonight, Thursday, Aug. 20 by the Crescenta Valley Town Council. The council meets at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Also honored at the ceremony was Mikaela Hong of La Cañada Flintridge as Youth of the Year. Hong,

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Excited to Start the 2026-27 School Year

By Mary O'KEEFE

Students this week returned to GUSD schools.

Although many students in other districts, like Los Angeles, Burbank and La Cañada Flintridge, have been in school for about a week, yesterday was Glendale Unified's turn to welcome back students.

Thousand of students walked through the doors of their schools ready, and hopefully excited, for a new school year. As CVW has pointed out many times, traffic will be heavier with increases happening literally overnight. Despite warnings from law enforcement people who drop-off/pickup their students, and student drivers, many times do not give themselves enough time to get where they need to go and end up parking in red zones, making U-turns. -often in front of No U-Turn signs - speeding and distracted driving.

Law enforcement will be

around schools, especially these first few days, to help with traffic flow.

Although yesterday day may have been the first day of school for GUSD students it was not the first day for teachers and staff who have been at school for weeks, preparing their classrooms. For many students, regardless of their age, there is an excitement surrounding the first day of school - and principals are ready for the school year to start.

Below are their welcome to the new school year comments:

"The teachers and staff cannot wait to welcome students and families back to Dunsmore on Wednesday. As we start this school year with our theme, Own It, we are excited to take ownership of our actions, work with others and never give up. It is going to be a wonderful year of learning, growing and having fun." - Tiffany Hirdler, Dunsmore Elementary School principal.

Monte Vista Elementary principal Hury Babayan is equally excited to get going the 2026-27 school year.

"I am looking forward to welcoming our students and staff



Lincoln Elementary principal Barbara Fariss welcomes students

back and seeing our Monte Vista community come alive again. This year, I'm also excited to build on all that we have accom-

plished together while continuing to grow as a school community. With our new school theme, see BTS on page 8



Water, Water Everywhere

By Mary O'KEEFE

La Cañada Flintridge.

On Monday a large water spout erupted from a fire hydrant at the La Cañada Flintridge Town Center in the 900 block of Foothill Boulevard that sent people running for cover and grabbing for their phones.

Crews from La Cañada Irrigation District were called to the scene; however, the hydrant was under the control of Valley Water District, which is also located in

"It popped off like a cork on a champagne [bottle]," said Justin Baylee, general manager of La Cañada Irrigation District.

Heather Peterson was eating at the Town Center courtyard when the water spout erupted.

"All of a sudden it was gushing water," she said.

She added that the spout flowed over the second floor of the parking structure. She watched as a couple of vehicles drove through the water - it was a "free car wash" she joked.

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Photo by Heather PETERSON
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Doing What I Love

Sometimes it's not easy putting together the Crescenta Valley Weekly. Practically every week I worry that we won't have enough content to fill the pages. Yet, somehow, we do. And sometimes I'm amazed at the information we share with our readers.

For example, this week on the bottom cover – we shared the story about a fire hydrant that erupted in La Cañada, spewing water into the air. One of our readers was there when it happened and shared some great photos.

A day later, Foothill Boulevard was reduced by at least one lane when a Crescenta Valley Water District crew had to replace water valve/s.

Another reader shared information about a car fire on the 210 Freeway, gumming up traffic. Yet another reader told us about a rollover on the 210 Freeway later the same day (yesterday).

We are so appreciative of the efforts of our readers to keep us informed of what is going on around town.

For example, I went to the doctor the other day and was chatting with the front office person, who recognized my involvement with the CV Weekly. She said she wanted to tell us of a new coach over at the high school. Do it! The CV Weekly relies heavily on input from our readers regarding things going on around town. After all, we have only so many reporters so information can be overlooked or not known at all.

And I'm so lucky to have Mary O'Keefe;

throw her a bit of information and she is on it like a dog with a bone! While being respectful she is able to get information that she then shares with the CV Weekly. (And if it happens after deadline, it'll be on our social media – Facebook, Instagram [cvweekly543] and Nextdoor). I'll be honest – I think there are some agencies that cringe when they hear she's on the phone.



Keep sending us info and we'll do our best to relay it – or at the very least put it on our website and socials!

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently I spoke with people who have a variety of political views and what I noticed, with some of them, was fear about what is happening in the U.S. and in the world in general.

On the one side there are those afraid of the direction in which the Republicans and this Administration are taking the country. They shared that our country may not be able to recover from the decisions that have and are being made, and they fear our U.S. Constitution will not survive. On the other side, there is fear that past administrations and Democrats have been leading the country away from democracy and moving the U.S. toward socialism and/or communism (two different theories, by the way).

The fears are real [to these people], regardless of the facts. I must also say there are many who do not fear either of these extreme outcomes. Many of those people talk about the history of the U.S. and almost always say, "We have been here before." And I tend to believe them because I have faith in our country; our Constitution has survived many of these trials and tribulations over its 250 years.

That does not stop the fear I hear in the voices of others, however; and although these people may be on the opposite spectrum of politics from my own, I do see one commonality – the love for the U.S. For the most part, the people on both sides are, at their core, patriots. They love being Americans and they are scared this republic is

coming to an end and want to do what they can to protect it.

We have seen over and over how some who feel that extreme fear justifies turning to violence, as if it is their right. But we honestly have been here before and once again the Twilight Zone can be used as an almost historical documentary of what we once felt and are feeling again – and how manipulation of our love for "our way of life" has been used before to fuel the fires of fear and mistrust.

"The Monsters Are Due On Maple Street" is a Twilight Zone classic. It was first released in 1960 and remade in 2003, but the original is so important because many of those who were connected to that episode either experienced McCarthyism personally or lived through the hearings conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

In the 1950s, Senator Joseph McCarthy led the U.S. Senate Committee on Government Operations and the influential Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. From its beginning through 1954 when the Senate voted to censure McCarthy, over 300 people were blacklisted for being "communist sympathizers." They were blacklisted because McCarthy said they were members of the Communist Party; some were part of the party (however, that is and was allowed under the U.S. First Amendment) or they did not turn people into the committee and/or refused to testify.

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DAR HOLDING FUNDRAISER

Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR Don José Verdugo Chapter of the Crescenta Valley, is hosting a fundraiser to raise money to replace a historical bronze marker at Bolton Hall in Tujunga.

The fundraiser will be held at Joselito's Mexican Restaurant, 7308 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga on Thursday, Aug. 27 from 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

The flyer must be presented; to receive a flyer email DARDonJoseVerdugo@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR ROSEMONT PRESERVE

Volunteers are sought to host open gate events at Rosemont Preserve. Hosts unlock the gate, welcome in visitors and field questions about the Preserve. Those who would like to be trained to host an open gate event can reach out to Kyle Cavazos at kylecavazos@arroyosfoothills.org.

CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m., this month in the community room at the La Crescenta Library. The meeting will include discussion on topics important to the foothills community as well as provide an opportunity for area residents to bring their own concerns.

The library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome.

CLOTHING FUNDRAISER

Crescenta Valley High School is kicking off a new school year for the CV Instrumental Music Program with its biannual clothing drive fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. This event supports not just marching band but also symphony, jazz band, string orchestra and wind ensemble.

Drop off gently used items (clothing, shoes, accessories and linens) to the CV Band parking lot (located on Ramsdell Avenue). Note that now used band/jazz/symphony gear can be donated too.

For more information, email 1stvp@falconmusic.org.

CITYWIDE FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

The City of Glendale adopted a new citywide fee schedule on June 23. Many fees took effect on Tuesday, July 1, but depending on the type of fee, some will take effect on Aug. 22. Please review the schedule as these changes may affect current applications and any outstanding invoices.

Those who have any questions can contact the Glendale Permit Services Center at (818) 548-3200.

APPS BEING ACCEPTED FOR LEADERSHIP GLENDALE

A diverse group of community leaders, professionals and engaged residents are part of the nine-month journey of learning, networking and civic engagement through Leadership Glendale.

Space is limited; visit <https://www.glendalechamber.com/leadership-application>, call the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for more information at (818) 240-7870 or email Taguhi Sogomonyan at tsogomonyan@glendalechamber.com or Judee Kendall at jkendall@glendalechamber.com.

CONCERTS, LECTURES AND MORE AT MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY

On Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mt. Wilson auditorium, artist Lita Albuquerque will be giving a lecture exploring her multidisciplinary practice at the intersection of art, science and cosmology.

Albuquerque will discuss how decades of work across painting, land art, performance and large-scale installations have been shaped by her engagement with astronomy, remote landscapes and sites of scientific inquiry. She will reflect on projects created in deserts and observatories around the world realized in remote environments connected to astronomical observation, and how these experiences have informed her exploration of time, space, and human perception. Through this work, Albuquerque proposes an expanded cosmology in which art becomes a way of sensing and mapping our place within the universe.

After the talk, both the 60-inch and 100-inch telescopes will be open for viewing to lecture guests from dusk to 11:30 p.m. Additional stargazing around the grounds will be available from members of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society.

Food will be available for purchase from a food truck, or guests can bring a picnic.

The Great Film Club is Holding a Film Festival



By Mary O'KEEFE

Sabrina Torres found herself very sick with COVID in 2022. The virus just didn't seem to let up. She would feel better and then it would flare up again. Due to the virus she was isolated from everyone and she discovered it left her with asthma. Although it was bad at times she started going out again even though during the pandemic it was difficult to meet people. At the time Torres was an actor who just wanted to be around filmmakers.

"I always wanted to be an actor and I needed something for my reel," she said.

She began meeting people at film events.

"I would get so inspired," she said. "I remember when I went to this one local event, it was the Secret Movie Club, and I was so happy that a space like that existed."

"Secret Movie Club was born from a simple belief – great movies deserve great company," according to secretmovieclub.com.

The idea of the club was to gather together film lovers and filmmakers to watch films together.

Torres liked the interaction with filmmakers. She made a film as part of a competition; at the time she knew all about acting but had to learn every aspect of filmmaking, including production and direction. The showcases that were part of the Secret Movie Club were paused while the theater was under renovation – and Torres was not happy about the delay.

"I don't know what happened, but I heard a [voice in my head], like a whisper in my ear, saying 'You should do that,'" she said.

And so she did. She started The Great Film Club and started reaching out to everyone she had met at local events.

"I just started telling people to show up," she said.

Soon she had the Club's first showcase of July 2022, which was popular, and she just kept up the events. She found that local independent filmmakers were hungry for a place to show their art and to be with others who shared the same passions.

The Club became a cultural hub but then, when the writers and actors strike occurred in May 2023, there was so much interest in the Club's showcase that the 114-seat – the Eastwood Performing Arts Center – was sold out.

Through social media and word of mouth, the Club continued to grow, which brought The Great Film Club to The Balcony, a program at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church in La Crescenta.

"The [need] actually came out of wanting community," Torres said.

Sebastian Gonzalez is the founder of The Balcony. He had been involved in small projects when he met Torres through a mutual friend.

"I was somewhat familiar with Sabrina's work," Gonzalez said.

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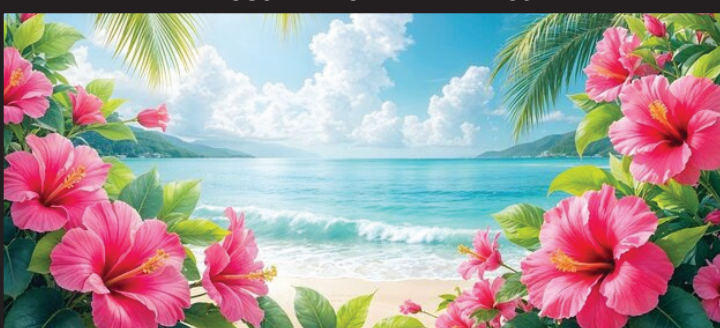
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» PART II

GUSD Prepares for New School Year

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Board of Education met on Aug. 11 for its first meeting of the 2026-27 school year. Among the items on the agenda were policy changes.

Kelly King, assistant superintendent of Educational Services, reminded parents and community members that the curriculum and bylaws are available for viewing on the District website. Changes were made to the bylaws including updating the student safety policies to comply with new law Senate Bill 848, reflecting a need to address student behavior and discipline in the classroom. The changes would add programs that allow for body safety classes and add language that addresses protecting teachers who are teaching in a classroom where a student presents with behavioral challenges. King emphasized that parents would be able to opt their children out of the body safety classes just as they have the option to do with current student health and sexual health curriculum. She encouraged the community to reach out with any questions and to check the GUSD website for policy updates. It was agreed to come back to a future Board meeting with changes to

the policy language in mind so the Board could further discuss and ratify the changes.

Additionally, a discussion was held regarding salaries. In January 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom passed Assembly Bill 1390, which raised California School Board members' maximum monthly stipend for the first time in 41 years. The bill allows Board members' stipends to be raised between \$600 and \$4500 per month, depending on student enrollment, according to a July investigation by EdSource, a nonprofit, non-partisan journalism organization that focuses on K-12 education reporting. Pasadena and Burbank Unified approved raises as recently as last school year, but GUSD Board members did not feel comfortable increasing their salaries beyond what employees are paid.

The GUSD contract contains guardrails limiting compensation to be no more than the lowest raise of a bargaining unit.

Board member Dinkjian said stipends were "previously \$400 a month, currently \$1,200 a month" for their services.

"I do want to prioritize staff and teachers," she said.

Cross suggested before the increase comes to a vote the Board revise the voting policy to

have it documented in a public meeting when it does or does not approve of the raise.

"If they have the right to see what we do approve of, they have the right to see when we don't approve something," she said.

Farid also raised concerns about approving an increase.

"The work we do takes an incredible amount of time and focus," she said. "[It takes] the ability to work together with our staff and to be thoughtful in the decisions we make; however, I struggle with a universe where we are giving ourselves more than we are giving our employees."

The Board unanimously decided to table the discussion until its Board retreat, at which point a decision would be made that would be brought to the public at a future meeting.

Cross closed the meeting by thanking community members for putting their trust in GUSD.

"I am proud of our district and the people who work every day," she said. "I love being a part of this community. I want to appreciate my board. We are moving in a direction together that I think is really powerful and incredible. That is really what we want to see – we want to continue to be reachable."

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He knew of The Great Film Club but had not met Sabrina; he knew that The Balcony could work well with the Club. The Balcony was based in independent music and film seemed like a natural transition.

Though Torres and Gonzalez didn't know how they could work together, Gonzalez had worked closely with St. Luke's Vicar Guy Leemhuis, producing events and being available as tech support. Gonzalez focuses on bringing the community into the events and wanted to expand The Balcony program. Gonzalez said he feels fortunate that Leemhuis has not only given The Balcony space at the church for events but has given them office space at St. Luke's fellowship hall, Sadler Hall.

And now The Great Film Club, with the support of The Balcony, is hosting a film festival in Santa Ana. This is the third annual event for The Great Film Club and its growing popularity can easily be tracked by the thousands of submissions for the festival.

The films submitted are required to be no more than 20 minutes long.

"I'm so excited for this one [event] because it is in the historical Frida Cinema in downtown Santa

Ana," Torres said.

She added she loves the Santa Ana art scene and that local businesses have been very supportive.

"We're showcasing 106 short films," she said, adding the submission process has become very competitive.

The Great Film Festival runs from Aug. 27 to Aug. 30. For information and for tickets go to www.thegreatfilmclub.com/the-great-film-festival.

Gonzalez and Torres want to expand their outreach and find more supportive events, which will be held at St. Luke's of the Mountains. They are working on building a group of local filmmakers and musicians who will find a home at The Balcony and The Great Film Club. They want to give those local artists a place to share their art.

The Great Film Club and The Balcony are non-profit organizations. To find out more about them or to donate visit thegreatfilmclub.com; on Instagram see thegreatfilmclub.

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Glendale Design Review Board Approves Hermosa Project – with Conditions

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Design Review Board conditionally approved a proposed 12-unit housing development at 2760 Hermosa Ave. on Aug. 13, if the developer can provide additional documentation on parking and EIF requirements to be reviewed by city staff.

The project would replace an existing single-family home with a 16,979-square-foot complex containing six two-bedroom and six three-bedroom units. Two units would be designated for very low-income residents, allowing the developer to qualify for a density bonus under California law.

The site was previously approved by the board in 2021, but economic conditions prevented construction, the developer said. The revised proposal takes advantage of changes to the state’s density bonus law.

In exchange for the two very low-income units, the developer would receive concessions allowing the project to exceed limits on height and the number of stories, increase its floor area ratio from 1.0 to 1.66, reduce required common outdoor space and decrease the required street-side setback along La Crescenta Avenue by about 10 feet. Parking requirements would also be reduced, allowing 18 spaces based on the number of units and bedrooms.

The proposal would remove two existing coast live oaks and replace them with eight coast live oaks and three scrub oaks. The developer must obtain permits from the

Dept. of Urban Forestry and provide plans showing how the replacement trees will be protected. Staff also requested visuals of the interlocking concrete pavers proposed for the driveway and pedestrian walkway.

Much of the discussion focused on the project’s parking entrance, which was moved from La Crescenta Avenue to Hermosa Avenue, a narrower residential street. City case manager Wyatt Berger questioned whether the change would increase congestion.

“Cars are going to be stopping right at the end of it, causing more congestion than you will have [by] one going in and one going out,” Berger said.

Grant Michals of the Montrose Verdugo City Sparr Heights Neighborhood Association questioned how the project’s density bonus and concessions were calculated. He compared the proposal with a project on Montrose Avenue, saying both sites have similar zoning and slopes but different building configurations.

“This is four residential stories over a garage with a rooftop deck, with the same concession for height,” Michals said.

Michals also questioned the placement of air-conditioning units and opposed 100% lot coverage. He urged the developer to return with a three-story design and a revised parking configuration.

Another resident said Hermosa Avenue is too narrow to accommodate additional traffic.

“You can’t pass two cars with how people



Image provided by Eliza PARTIKA
The proposed development at Hermosa and La Crescenta avenues would replace an existing single-family home with a 16,979-square-foot complex containing six two-bedroom and six three-bedroom units.

are parked on both sides of the street,” the resident said, adding that additional traffic could complicate access for emergency vehicles, trash trucks and commuters.

Board members largely supported the project’s design. Board member Christopher Welch said the building maintained the neighborhood’s character despite its height and praised its articulation and varied balconies.

“I think La Crescenta would be more logical to me,” Welch said of the parking entrance. He said he understood the neighbors’ concerns about traffic on La

Crescenta and Hermosa avenues since Hermosa is such a small street, but did not believe the issue warranted derailing the project.

“Overall, I think it is beautifully done,” he said.

Board member Art Simonian also supported the development, saying the project would provide housing for families and reflected on the state’s push for greater housing density. He said the design showed an effort to address neighborhood concerns.

“You can tell an effort was made to appease the neighborhood,” he said.

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The committee was abolished in 1975, according to [annebergclassroom.org](#).

McCarthy utilized the “Red Scare” that spread throughout the U.S., specifically targeting the film industry.

“McCarthy relentlessly continued his anti-communist campaign into 1953 when he gained a new platform as chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He quickly put his imprint on that subcommittee, shifting its focus from investigating fraud and waste in the executive branch to hunting for Communists. He conducted scores of hearings, calling hundreds of witnesses in both public and closed sessions,”according to U.S. Senate.gov.

Artists, workers and everyday Americans were all targets. McCarthy was able to raise the fear in so many people that he was able to turn neighbor against neighbor, and even family against family.

And this was the background that played in Rod Serling’s mind as he wrote “The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street.”

Although I had seen this episode numerous times I watched it again and was amazed by how relevant it is today. For those who have not seen it, where in the world have you been? Watch it. For those who haven’t seen it in a while here is a brief reminder – spoiler alert: I am writing about the ending.

The episode opens with the audience seeing a “typical” 1950s-ish neighborhood where residents wave to each other and kids’ laughter can be heard.

And then at “precisely 6:43 p.m. on Maple Street” a possible meteor flies overhead. At least that was the assumption of neighbors and,

although curious of this unknown meteor, there was no real panic. Then the power went off and that got people worried. And the phones stopped working and a car that worked before wouldn’t start, which added to concerns.

With little fanfare, neighbor Pete Van Horn said he would walk over to the next neighborhood to see if those residents lost power as well.

Steve Brand (portrayed by actor Claude Akins), whose car didn’t start, and Charlie Farnsworth (Jack Weston) decided to walk to the police station to find out what was going on.

That is when young Tommy, a preteen, started the whole paranoia scenario by warning Steve and Charlie not to leave the neighborhood because “they” didn’t want them to.

When asked who “they” were, Tommy pointed to the sky where the possible meteor had flown over – to “outer space.”

At first the neighbors pushed this suggestion aside; after all, Tommy was just a boy – a boy who read a sci-fi book. However, Tommy was convincing – even though what he was saying contained no evidence whatsoever ... but it had just enough plausibility to give people pause.

When Les Goodman’s (Barry Atwater) vehicle starts on its own, despite his trying it earlier, Tommy’s story seems more believable.

It didn’t take long for neighbors to begin to accuse Les of being “one of them” ... from outer space. This was even more certain to some neighbors because, according to Tommy (who had become an expert on what was happening), the aliens sent spies to Earth in human form to live among regular people.

“It was that way in the story.

Nobody could leave. Nobody except ...,” Tommy said, “except for the people they sent down ahead of them. They looked just like humans.”

Now some neighbors, including Steve, attempted to be reasonable. It was pointed out they were all listening to a kid who had read a science fiction story, but to Charlie it was all beginning to make sense.

Neighbors began to turn on Les because he was “strange.” He would be seen in his yard in the early morning hours looking at the stars. But Les had insomnia; however, that was an explanation some of the neighbors did not want to hear because, for some reason, Les being an alien from outer space was more believable than his having restless nights.

The episode continued with rumors and accusations flying. Lights would come on in one person’s home which, of course, made them the enemy, and then lights came on in another home and the neighbors would focus on that enemy. Soon no one knew who to trust. The man who became the most quick to anger – Charlie – was accused, as was Tommy. As the neighbors continued to blame each other, working not with facts and a history of understanding but with fear ... the sound was heard of footsteps.

Though Steve continued to ask for his neighbors to act with reason, the rest of his neighbors saw “monsters.” Charlie grabbed a rifle and shot the man who was moving toward them. It was discovered to be their neighbor Peter Van Horn who had gone to the other neighborhood to see if they had power.

Peter was dead at the hands of his neighbor Charlie and for a very brief moment there was collective

remorse; however, that did not last long because these neighbors had tasted violence and blood and there was no way back. And so the camera pulls back from the neighborhood as neighbors grab guns and weapons, and the fight continues.

And then we discover those who started this mayhem are indeed aliens from outer space; however, today they could just as easily be from foreign countries who start the chaos via the Internet ... it is all the same.

“Throw them into darkness for a few hours and then sit back and watch the pattern,” said one of the aliens. He added that this misinformation/misdirection works every time. “They [humans] pick the most dangerous enemy they can find – and it’s themselves.”

Serling saw the destruction McCarthyism caused in the U.S. He saw how, with just a few words to McCarthy’s committee, the freedom of U.S. citizens could be taken away.

This is how Serling ended the episode:

“The tools of conquest do not necessarily come with bombs and explosions and fallout. There are weapons that are simply thoughts, attitudes, prejudices to be found only in the minds of men. For the record, prejudices can kill and suspicion can destroy. And a thoughtless, frightened search for a scapegoat has a fallout all of its own – for the children, and the children yet unborn. And the pity of it is that these things cannot be confined to the Twilight Zone.”

I am not saying that we should not be fearful of our political atmosphere but I hope we have learned that ignorance is the breeding ground for fear and

the best way to combat ignorance is with knowledge. Please do not depend on one algorithm to make any decision. Get out of your comfort zone, look and read other opinions and vote with a level head and a fearless heart.

There is a Heat Advisory for the area through 8 p.m. tonight but as of press time on Wednesday there was a 10% to 20% chance the National Weather Service would extend that advisory into Friday and maybe into the weekend.

Temperatures of the low to mid 90s are expected through to next week. There is no rain or significant winds in the forecast, according to NOAA.



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Glendale Police Arrest Five in Mail Theft, Fraud and Identity Theft Investigation

Detectives from the Glendale Police Dept.'s Financial Crimes Unit have arrested five suspects following an investigation into a fraudulent scheme involving mail theft, identity theft and fraud at a multi-unit apartment complex on the 500 block of West Colorado Street.

The investigation began after detectives received reports of unknown individuals accessing and removing mail from various apartment mailboxes. The suspects were witnessed removing mail from mailboxes belonging to other residents. The reports prompted an investigation by Glendale police detectives.

Throughout the course of the investigation, detectives were able to identify multiple suspects and connect them to specific apartment units within the complex. Detectives learned that the suspects were using other individuals' personal identifying information to fraudulently obtain credit cards, which were then mailed to apartment units within the complex. The investigation further revealed that the suspects had tampered with mailbox keyholes and replaced them with "dummy" keyholes, allowing them to gain unauthorized access to the mailboxes.

On Aug. 13, detectives served numerous search warrants at the apartment complex as part of the ongoing investigation. Five suspects were ultimately arrested and booked at the Glendale police jail for various fraud, identity theft and burglary-related charges. All five suspects are residents of Glendale; they were identified as Razmik Barseghyan, 36; Robert Poghosyan, 27; Vahan Kalashyan, 35; Armen Harutyunyan, 26; and Artyom Militonyan, 27.

During the execution of the search warrants, detectives



located a significant quantity of personal identifying information belonging to other individuals, credit card re-encoding devices, cash, gold and numerous credit cards. The evidence recovered is being examined as detectives work to determine the full scope of the fraudulent activity.

Detectives will continue working to identify additional victims whose personal information may have been used for fraudulent credit cards or other fraudulent activity. The case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for filing consideration.

This investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept.'s Financial Crimes Unit at (818) 548-4840.

Obituary Don Verran Tubbs



Dec. 5, 1934 – July 13, 2026

Don Tubbs, 91, of Glendale passed away last month at Sparr Heights Memory Care in Montrose.

Born in Glendale and graduating from Glendale High School, he joined the Navy where he acquired skills for becoming a design engineer. After the Navy, he was hired at the aerospace company Librascope in Glendale where he spent his entire career. When he retired, he was a senior staff engineer and had worked on a variety of projects - some in other countries like Australia and Sweden.

Don's love of hot rods and racing then started early in life. He was very active in all aspects of the hobby. He was a member of the Early Rodders who gather at Starbucks in La Cañada to talk and show their vehicles. He and some friends were instrumental in creating the Montrose Car Show, which is very popular today.

Don is survived by his wife Patty of 56 years and his sons Steve, Dan, Mark and Patty's daughter Lynn, as well as many other family members.

We will miss him terribly.

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Mosquito Sample Tests Positive for West Nile Virus in La Crescenta

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed the first mosquito sample to test positive for West Nile virus (WNV) in La Crescenta this year. This WNV-positive sample was detected in mosquito traps in the community on Aug. 4. District staff will place notices in public spaces within a half-mile radius around trap locations to advise residents to take precautions when mosquitoes are present.

Positive samples were also collected from (among other places):

- City of Glendale
- City of Los Angeles, Lake View Terrace
- City of Los Angeles, Arleta

To support these efforts, WNV provides information below that can be shared to help raise awareness.

Important WNV Information

WNV is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected Culex mosquito, which is most active from dusk to dawn

- Approximately one in five people infected with WNV will

develop symptoms

- Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, nausea or a skin rash
- Severe cases can lead to paralysis or even death
- There is currently no human vaccine for WNV

Mosquito Prevention and Protection

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents can help reduce the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking the following steps:

- Once a week, empty any items that hold water like buckets,

- planters, children's toys, discarded tires, birdbaths, plant saucers or trash containers
- Maintain swimming pools, spas and ponds, and report neglected or green pools to vector control
- Wear insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present
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AUG. 11

3000 block of Hopeton Road in La Crescenta, a resident reported that the driver's side door window seal had been damaged and several items inside his vehicle were missing.

The vehicle burglary occurred between Aug. 11 and Aug. 15.

AUG. 14

4300 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 5 p.m. on Aug. 14 and 5 p.m. on Aug. 15.

2100 block of Foothill Boulevard, a woman and her husband were walking to her vehicle. She was sitting in the driver's seat with the door open.

She went to put her purse in the center console of her vehicle when she felt an unknown person, described as a male Hispanic, 25, with a mustache and wearing a blue hoodie and dark pants, grab the chain of a necklace that was around her neck. The suspect was able to pull the necklace from the victim's neck. The victim's husband reported that he was on the other side of his wife's vehicle when he heard her scream and saw the suspect. He approached the driver's side of the vehicle and the suspect pointed a revolver at him. The husband held up his hands and took a step back. The suspect then fled the area.

The incident occurred at 7:40 p.m.

AUG. 15

5000 block of El Adobe Lane in La Crescenta, a resident was in the back of her home when she heard a loud bang. She investigated and found rocks near the glass door leading to her back door. The window was shattered. She did not notice any other damage. She reported that about month ago there was another incident of rocks being thrown into her backyard and a window had been damaged. The rocks were coming from the Rosemont Avenue area, near Two Strike Park. She investigated and saw a family with children at the park but was unable to confirm who threw the rocks.

The recent incident occurred at 2 p.m.

Governor Announces New AI Cyber Defense Program to Protect California’s Critical Infrastructure

Strengthening California’s defenses against emerging artificial intelligence-enabled cyber threats, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a first-in-the-nation initiative to protect state assets and critical infrastructure while advancing responsible AI innovation.

Building on California’s 2023 and 2026 executive orders on Artificial Intelligence, the governor is directing state agencies to establish an AI Cyber Defense Program, strengthen cybersecurity coordination across state government, expand AI-enabled defenses for critical infrastructure and local governments and improve preparedness for emerging AI cybersecurity incidents.

Recent disclosures by leading AI developers demonstrated that advanced AI systems were capable of independently carrying out sophisticated cyber operations during controlled testing environments, exposing novel risks. At the same time, adversaries continue to use increasingly capable AI systems to facilitate attacks – and to do so more cheaply and effectively than ever.

To strengthen California’s preparedness, the governor is directing agencies to:

- Establish an AI Cyber Defense Program within the California Cybersecurity Integration Center to leverage AI for vulnerability detection, network hardening and incident response to strengthen the state’s cybersecurity posture and protect critical infrastructure.
- Expand access to advanced cybersecurity capabilities for local governments and critical infrastructure partners, including AI-enabled defenses.
- Designate an AI Cybersecurity officer in every state agency.

These actions build on Governor Newsom’s 2023 and 2026 executive orders establishing California’s comprehensive framework for the responsible, ethical and transparent use of artificial intelligence. Together, they represent the next phase of California’s AI leadership ensuring that as AI capabilities accelerate, public-sector preparedness keeps pace.

“Artificial intelligence is transforming both the opportunities and the risks in government cybersecurity. California is taking a proactive approach – harnessing AI to strengthen our defenses while preparing for the emerging threats these technologies can create,” said Government Operations Agency Secretary Nick Maduros. “This initiative will help state agencies, local governments and critical infrastructure partners better detect, prevent and respond to cyber incidents, ensuring the

essential services Californians rely on remain secure, resilient, and reliable.”

As artificial intelligence rapidly evolves, California remains committed to fostering innovation while protecting public safety, strengthening cybersecurity and ensuring the benefits of AI are realized responsibly.

“Cyberattacks can disrupt the essential services Californians rely on every day, including water, power, transportation and emergency communications,” said California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Director and state Homeland Security Advisor Caroline Thomas Jacobs. “This new program will help Cal OES and our partners detect threats sooner, share information more efficiently, strengthen defenses and respond faster, helping keep these critical services safe and reliable for communities across California.”

The governor’s actions come as cyber threats grow more complex and the Trump Administration rolls back key federal support. Federal officials recently warned that municipal water systems in Minnesota were targeted in a suspected Iran-linked cyber operation affecting more than 30 utilities, underscoring that basic services are squarely in the sights of foreign adversaries.

These actions build on a series of moves over the last several years to make the state a leader in safe, responsible innovation.

Recent and prior steps include:

- Signing Senate Bill 53, the Transparency in Frontier Artificial Intelligence Act, in 2025, requiring the largest frontier AI developers to publicly disclose their safety frameworks, report certain critical safety incidents to the state and protect whistleblowers who call out serious risks.
- Releasing Cal-Secure, California’s first statewide cybersecurity roadmap, and updating it to Cal-Secure 2.0 in 2026, giving agencies a practical playbook to strengthen defenses against sophisticated and AI-enabled cyber threats, with clear priorities across workforce, coordination and technology, including increased use of AI-enabled cybersecurity tools.
- Expanding the role of the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) as the state’s hub for cyber threat intelligence, incident coordination and support to critical infrastructure operators, now including the new AI-focused defense initiative.
- Supporting responsible AI-driven economic growth while ensuring the benefits of that growth benefit workers and small businesses,

see AI on page 23

Eagle Rock Fatal Hit and Run Defendant in Court

By Mary O’KEEFE

The 64-year-old man who allegedly was the driver in Eagle Rock who struck and killed Brandon Duplessis, 23, and then drove away was in court on Tuesday for a pretrial meeting. There is an apparent agreement that is close to being finalized between the defendant and the LA County District Attorney. The next court date was set for Sept. 2.

The defense attorney and DA are “close to a resolution on this matter, so it could be settled on Sept. 2,” said Superior Court Judge James R Dabney.

Duplessis’ family was in court on Tuesday and is working with the DA’s office.

Brandon had gone for a walk in the early morning hours on July 29, 2025 when he was struck and killed by a vehicle.

“Brandon lived nearby with me in Eagle Rock, less than half a mile from where the incident occurred,” said his mother Misty in an earlier interview with CVW. “Walking had always been part of who he was. It was his solitude, his thinking time; often at that time he would experience and process life. Brandon loved walking.”

The driver turned himself into the Los Angeles Police Dept. several hours later. He was charged with felony hit and run.

A Difficult Day on the 210 Freeway



Photo by Chris KILPATRICK
At 10:52 a.m. CHP responded to a traffic collision on the 210 Freeway involving two semi-trucks and a sedan near the Pennsylvania Avenue exit. One of the semi-trucks overturned on top of the sedan.

Photo by Harry LEON
At 9:06 a.m. a semi-truck that had pulled over to the right shoulder near the Sunland Boulevard exit became engulfed in fire that caused a brush fire along the side of the freeway.



By Mary O’KEEFE

The westbound 210 Freeway was a mess on Wednesday after two accidents occurred in the morning.

At 9:06 a.m. a semi-truck that had pulled over to the right shoulder near the Sunland Boulevard exit became engulfed in fire that caused a brush fire along the side of the freeway. By mid-day all lanes but one had reopened. The fire department quickly contained the brush fire.

The investigation continued as to the cause and to learn if the area contained hazardous material, according to California Highway Patrol spokesperson Shantel Phillips.

Then at 10:52 a.m. CHP responded to a traffic collision on the 210 Freeway involving two semi-trucks and a sedan near the Pennsylvania Avenue exit. One of the semi-trucks overturned on top of the sedan. The items that were being transported by the turned-over truck spilled onto the highway. All westbound lanes were closed; traffic was directed onto the median.

CHP did not have information concerning any injuries for either of the traffic incidents. As of press time, the westbound lanes were still closed. Both incidents are under investigation.

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BTS from Cover



At Monte Vista Elementary, students were welcomed with a red carpet



CV High School principal Christine Benitez, right, with senior and ASB president Natalie Gregori



Aubrey Goldsworthy was ready for her first day in TK at Monte Vista

Together We Grow, we will continue to support one another, embrace new opportunities, and create an environment where every student and every staff member feels valued, challenged and empowered to grow,” Babayan said.

“As we start the new school year, I look forward to getting our students, staff, teachers and families back on campus so we can keep SOARing as we find success working and learning together! We are Valley View,” said Valley View Elementary School principal Kelly Stubbs.

“The Lincoln team is excited

to open the 2026-27 school year. This year our theme is Put Your Best Paw Forward and we know that all of our [Lincoln] Lions will rise to the occasion. We are so proud of the amazing Lincoln community and are celebrating increased test scores in both math and language arts. We are looking forward to launching a new math curriculum and know that the year will be a roaring success,” said Lincoln Elementary School principal Barbara Fariss.

“I’ve had an incredible first year as principal of La Crescenta Elementary School. Stepping

into year two is exciting and I am looking forward to continue leading this wonderful school community as we take it to the Next Level, which is our theme for the 2026-27 school year,” said Rosabel Park, La Crescenta Elementary School principal.

“I am looking forward to working with Fremont’s exceptional school community of staff and families who work together to create an engaging school environment where all students can learn and thrive,” said Vickie Atikian, Fremont Elementary School principal.

GUSD is celebrating five of its elementary schools that have recently received national recognition from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Cerritos, Columbus, Jefferson, Mann and Marshall elementary schools are listed in the 2026’s America’s Healthiest Schools.

“The annual recognition celebrates K–12 schools across the country for implementing evidence-based policies and practices that support the academic success and lifelong well-being of students, staff and families,” according to GUSD.

All of the district’s elementary

schools were recognized in the category of Improving Nutrition and Food Access, which highlights the schools’ efforts to increase participation in school meal programs, provide nutrition education and connect families with resources that improve access to healthy foods, according to a GUSD statement.

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FIRE HYDRANT from Cover

Bob Fan, general manager of Valley Water, said an investigation is ongoing on how, and why, this occurred but he, along with Baylee, added this type of issue with a fire hydrant is highly unusual.

Normally when a fire hydrant water spout occurs there is some obvious damage to the hydrant equipment – like a car striking it; however, there was no immediate signs of damage to the equipment.

A Tesla owner posted a video on CVW Facebook of just before and the moment that the fire hydrant burst. The video shows a woman walking past the fire hydrant just moments before the incident. It appears the water pressure pushed the fire

hydrant over from its base.

Baylee stated the fire hydrant could have been damaged days, even a month, earlier but then it took time for the pressure to build until it finally was too much for the equipment.

Fan agreed that could be a scenario. He said there were times when someone hits a fire hydrant and because there appears to be no damage it goes unreported.

“If you hit the hydrant and nothing happens you still need to contact the [appropriate agency],” Fan said.

The Los Angeles County Fire Dept. arrived on the scene and worked to shut the water off.

Peterson said she watched as a firefighter tried to turn off the

water. The LACoFD, Fan and Baylee said the water spout was active for about 15 minutes before the water was shut off; however, both the person who posted the video and Peterson said it took much longer.

“It sounded like a waterfall; there was a lot of water that

gushed for about 30 to 40 minutes,” Peterson said.

There was more water flowing on Tuesday – this time more like a little creek than a waterfall – along Sunset Avenue in La Crescenta. This was due to the Crescenta Valley Water District replacing valves along Foothill

Boulevard. The water flowed into the neighborhood for a short time as valves were replaced. Foothill Boulevard westbound was reduced to one lane and the work was completed later in the afternoon/early evening on Tuesday.

RECIPIENT from Cover

a senior from La Cañada High School and a stage IV pediatric cancer patient for seven years, was recognized for her leadership as the founder and executive director of the Pediatric Hope Project, one of the largest youth-led non-profits in the United States, which provides free, virtual, one-on-one weekly tutoring and emotional support to children

battling serious illnesses. This year, she has advocated for Congressman Chu’s consideration in sponsoring a resolution to designate Sept. 3 as National Neuroblastoma Awareness Day. Hong’s leadership demonstrated resilience, compassion and dedication to improving the lives of children and families affected by cancer.

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Seeds, Exotic Breeds and a Melodious Flock

Cora Belle stepped into her backyard garden. Her little Cape Cod cottage had been built on Tujunga Canyon Boulevard shortly after her arrival in 1913. With a scoop and a pail, she started down a landscaped path as she had done so many times before. Arriving at the first feeder, she scooped some seed from her pail and filled it to the brim. On and on she went, filling the numerous bird feeders she had placed throughout her beautiful garden.

Cora Belle Linaberry had been drawn to the promise of the Little Landers Colony all the way from Jackson, Michigan along with her brother Frank and his daughter Mabel. Long before heading west, in 1876 she had attended the Albion College Conservatory of Music and was an accomplished musician. From the Colony's early days through its transition to becoming Tujunga, Cora Belle was often seen

playing music at community dances and festivals. She took prizes for her home-grown vegetables and flowers and otherwise was a valuable member of the community.

More than anything, Cora Belle loved the birds that came to visit her property. She was regularly seen filling her numerous feeders and tending to the large variety of plants she cultivated. Each month, she required a full 120 pounds of seed to keep the feeders full and the birds happy. In case there was ever any question as to whose property this was one could be directed to the posted sign, which read, "Bird's Acre."

Just across town on the south side of Foothill Boulevard, Ray Phillips had been hard at work for many years building his dream castle. In addition to his castellated stone tower, Ray had built staircases, fireplaces, grottos and fountains throughout his two-acre garden

space on Redmont Avenue. All these amenities were the perfect backdrop for the interests in wild birds of his wife Mary. She established a wildlife sanctuary on site and by 1938 it had grown to include a large collection of wild birds in addition to terrapin tortoises, another of Mary's interests.

The sanctuary was opened to the public and the couple named it "Hi-Yan-Ka Castle," claiming it meant "welcome" in an unidentified Native American language. Over the years, it's said the site drew more than 100,000 visitors to see Mary's exotic birds. Sadly, Ray's tower toppled in the 1971 Sylmar Earthquake, leaving only the round foundation walls behind today.

We come now to the primary birdbrain of the Crescenta Valley, the Birdman of Tujunga – Harvey Gatlin. Mr. Gatlin was well known for his expertise in breeding and raising rare and endangered



species, particularly game birds and pigeons. He began raising chickens and Guinea hens when he was only 6 and by age 12 his birds were winning first prize in shows.

French ornithologist Dr. Jean Theodore Delacour, renowned for rearing some of the rarest birds in the world, once said that his friend

Harvey Gatlin had an unsurpassed collection of exotic birds at his home on Zitto Lane in Tujunga. With over 100 bird species in outdoor aviaries, it was always his first stop, starting in the 1960s, whenever he visited Los Angeles.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

AB 690: A Long Overdue Reform of California's Privatized Public Defense Systems

Last year I introduced The Fair Representation Act, a bill that provides basic guardrails for California's unregulated, privatized public defense

systems. Under our current system, people's liberty is placed in the hands of a for-profit private attorney or law firm instead of a traditional public defender's

office. The bill passed the Assembly last year and is headed to a vote on the senate floor. I would like to explain why it is an urgent first step toward solving

this problem.

California's public defense system has long had a caseload crisis but in counties that operate under privatized "flat-fee"

contract systems, where for-profit lawyers or firms are paid a fixed amount for limitless cases, that crisis is extreme.

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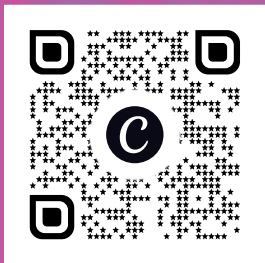
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A New School Year That Offers So Much



By Kathleen (Kat) CROSS

If your house is anything like mine, it's a buzz with back-to-school commotion. In our home, it is a very anticipated event. The lure of summer is losing its shine and the draw of seeing friends and teachers is beginning to outweigh the thought of classwork or finals.

We miss school. We miss our schedule. We miss our second family.

Each year, our Glendale Unified schools welcome a new and distinct – yet familiar – energy: new back-

packs and freshly sharpened pencils, new teachers and classrooms, new friendships waiting to be made. There is an excitement that comes with the promise of a fresh start. For me, this year feels particularly poignant.

As thousands of GUSD students walk through our doors for their first day, my oldest daughter will walk through them for the beginning of her last year. This is our first last first day of school, her senior year.

I can still picture the little girl who began this journey in TK at Valley View. Somehow, the moments that felt long, the challenges and triumphs, assemblies and field trips, anticipation and plans have, in an instant, become memories. Together, those moments helped shape a child into a young woman now poised and prepared to tackle whatever her future dreams have in store. The schools where we send our children and the community they provide become part of the story of our families.

As a parent, I know how quickly these years pass. As president of the

Glendale Unified Board of Education, I am reminded that every student who walks onto one of our campuses represents a family entrusting us with a piece of their story. That is an extraordinary privilege.

Every new school year brings a fresh beginning. I hope our students walk onto campus knowing they belong, find friends who make them laugh, opportunities that challenge them, adults who believe in them and moments to discover a little more about who they are becoming.

To our new and returning families: Welcome! Soak in the moments, get involved, ask questions and know you belong.

Perhaps that is the gift of a school year. Just when it feels like one chapter is closing, another is beginning. Simply put, every last welcomes a new first.

GUSD is excited to share in the firsts, the last firsts, the first lasts, and all the moments in between.

Happy Back to School!



WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. DARNEIKA WATSON

A NEW YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

This week, our GUSD campuses came alive with excitement as hallways filled with laughter, classrooms buzzed with curiosity and students embraced new beginnings. Whether you experienced your very first day of school in TK or kindergarten or celebrated your final first day as a GUSD senior, I hope you shared my excitement for all of the possibilities ahead.

While every school year brings unexpected challenges alongside new opportunities, we will navigate whatever comes our way with an unwavering commitment to providing every student with a safe, inclusive and engaging environment where they can achieve their very best. Our dedicated Board of Education, teachers, staff, administrators and community partners know that students thrive when they feel they belong, and focusing on inclusivity, unity and shared purpose is one of our highest priorities.

The past year highlighted the talent, determination and commitment to excellence that define Glendale Unified. Our students and schools earned recognition for academic excellence, renowned language immersion programs, innovative career pathways, exceptional STEAM and visual and performing arts opportunities and championship athletics. We were proud to celebrate three District

schools being named "California Distinguished Schools," maintain our legacy of 10 National Blue Ribbon Schools, and have two schools recognized with the California Exemplary Arts Education Award. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our students, employees, families and community, and inspire us to aim even higher in the year ahead.

We will build on this momentum by reaching even higher levels of student achievement, closing learning gaps and ensuring every student has access to rigorous instruction, meaningful opportunities and the support they need to succeed. We will continue making thoughtful decisions that keep students at the center of every investment by carefully prioritizing our resources to deliver the exceptional educational experience our community expects from Glendale Unified.

None of our success would be possible without the support of our families and community. Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. Together, we are preparing students not only for academic success but also to become thoughtful, compassionate and engaged members of their communities.

To our students, I want you to know this: *You belong here. We believe in you, we are proud of you and we cannot wait to see all you accomplish this year. Be curious. Be courageous. Be kind. Challenge yourself, encourage one another, and never lose sight of what you are capable of achieving. I look forward to celebrating your successes, cheering you on through challenges and watching you grow throughout the year.*

Together, let's make this one to remember.

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3 Arts:
Performances, museums, college internships, and the Arts Education Collective
lacountyarts.org

4 Mental Health:
Counseling and educational resources
dmh.lacounty.gov

5 Fire Department:
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1. Octopuses have three hearts: Two pump blood to the gills, while the third pumps it to the rest of the body.
2. Caterpillars have about 4,000 muscles: Humans, by contrast, have an average of just over 600.
3. Bananas are classified as berries: According to the botanical definition, bananas qualify as berries!
4. Pineapples take two years to grow: Each pineapple plant only produces one pineapple every two years.
5. Sloths take two weeks to digest their food: Sloths have a very slow metabolism.
6. The smallest bone in your body is in your ear: The stapes bone in the human ear is the smallest bone.
7. Polar Bears Have Black Skin: Despite their white fur, a polar bear's skin is actually black which helps them better absorb and retain heat.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

SPECIAL SECTION
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THE COUNTY HAS MUCH TO OFFER

Students across Los Angeles County are back in the classroom. For parents, teachers, school staff and administrators, and nonprofit organizations that means gathering all the resources you can to ensure youth succeed this school year. Below, you'll find some helpful services from our County departments for youth of all ages.

Whether you're looking for flash cards for an elementary schooler, after school activities for a middle schooler, a first job for a high schooler, or internships for a college student, there is something for everyone. Visit each department's web-site to get more information and get connected.

I'm wishing everyone a terrific school year of growth, learning and fun!

Parks: There is something for all ages to enjoy with our Dept. of Parks and Recreation! Check out after school recreation, sports, teen programs, and extra-curricular classes all year long. Visit parks.lacounty.gov for details.

Library: Our LA County Library has all the information students need to thrive this year in and out of the classroom. Head to lacountylibrary.org for homework help, tutoring, books, music, movies, story time, book clubs and special events.

Arts: The arts are a critical part of a well-rounded education. Explore performances, museums, college internships and the Arts Education Collective at lacountyarts.org today.

Mental Health: Make sure your student is caring for their mental health this school year. Access counseling and educational resources at dmh.lacounty.gov for all youth.

Fire Department: Even our fire department has resources as you head back to school! Check out fun and engaging flash cards and coloring books at fire.lacounty.gov that are sure to educate and entertain.

Public Social Services: Through our Dept. of Public Social Services, children can check out a toy as they would a library book, teaching them responsibility and sharing while also allowing them to explore exciting new offerings. Visit dpss.lacounty.gov to participate in the Toy Loan Program.

Youth @ Work: Do you have a teen or young adult looking for a hands-on job that will give them experience and boost their résumé? Explore jobs at ajcc.lacounty.gov for youth ages 14 to 24 that will set them up for success.

By Supervisor Kathryn BARGER.



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MORE FUN FACTS FOR STUDENTS

8. A Bolt of Lightning is Hotter than the Sun: A bolt can reach temperatures of 30,000 kelvins (53,540 degrees Fahrenheit). The sun, on the other hand, is only around 6000 kelvins (10,340 degrees Fahrenheit).

9. The Tongue of a Blue Whale Weighs as Much as an Elephant: Blue whales are so large that their tongues alone can weigh as much as an elephant.

10. Venus Rotates Backward: Venus is the only planet in our solar system that spins in the opposite direction relative to the sun.

11. Sharks Have Been Around Longer Than Trees: Sharks appeared around 400 million years ago while the earliest tree appeared about 350 million years ago.

12. Hummingbirds Can't Walk: Despite their ability to fly forwards, backward, and hover up and down, hummingbirds can't actually walk on their tiny legs.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Neighborhood Pet Store Day Celebrated at Andersen's Pet Shop



By Ruth SOWBY

There's a new ice cream social in town. Don't worry – you didn't miss a thing on Sunday, Aug. 16 – unless you were a dog, that is.

Dozens of dogs were lined up with their owners to sample free doggie ice cream at Andersen's Pet Shop in Montrose. What did the dogs scarf up, you ask? A luscious, pink combination of Greek yogurt, strawberries and bananas distributed by La Crescenta resident Gail Connell. Also on the menu were individual packets of pork, beef and chicken nuggets.

Guiding the action were the shop's owners Alyce and Tom Russell. Alyce described the purpose of this second annual event as a time for "fun for the community – including fun for dogs and children." The Russells have owned Andersen's since the 1970s succeeding Alyce's parents who owned the shop since the 1950s. They bought the shop from Clarence Nash, the voice of Donald Duck. Nash entertained local children with his

duck and animal voice impressions while they waited for orders.

While the ice cream parlor was going on inside the shop, there was plenty of action in the parking lot next door. Under the Big Love Animal Rescue tent there were dogs available for adoption. In the tent next door was a wading pool for dogs. Next to that was Mama's Paw Veterinary Service. Behind the table was Mama's Paw Veterinary Service owner and veterinarian technician Sofia Zapata. She, along with a doctor, are present at Andersen's on the fourth Sunday of each month. Zapata doesn't believe in the use of anesthesia for dog teeth cleaning but offers a number of other vet services. On Sunday she offered looky-loos a chance to spin the wheel for free vet services. Dominick and Kiara Renderos spun and won. Their French bulldog Kirby will be treated to free nail cutting.

The Russells look forward to next year's Third Annual Ice Cream Social. Clarence Nash (aka Donald Duck) would be proud.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

1: La Crescenta resident Gail Connell makes and serves free ice cream for dogs on Sunday at Andersen's Pet Shop in Montrose.

2: La Cañada resident Anouki Karu feeds ice cream fit for a dog to Ollie, 3, a male Akita. Looks like he's deciding whether he likes it.

3: Alyce Russell, Andersen's Pet Shop owner, is joined by customer Anouki Karu and Ollie.

4: Mama's Paw Veterinary Service booth was front and center at Andersen's Pet Shop Doggie Ice Cream Social. Sofia Zapata is owner and vet technician.

5: Andersen's Pet Shop on Honolulu Avenue in Montrose was the scene of the 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social for dogs held on Sunday, Aug. 16. In front was a table featuring 50% off some merchandise, including doggie goodies such as food bowls.

» TASTY TREATS » CHEF RANDY

Pickled Red Onions

Unfortunately, this is the last recipe from Chef Randy. We hope you have enjoyed his recipes.

This is one of my favorite recipes. Using red onions, these slightly sweet onions turn a deep, rich red color and look beautiful in a jar in the fridge. They also look amazing when brought to the table. I enjoy serving them as a condiment with my tacos, *flautas*, and *pupusas*. They're also excellent in salads and on your favorite burger.

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups boiling hot water
- 1 cup distilled white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon Mexican oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 medium red onion (cut in half and sliced thin)
- 1 Serrano chili (halved lengthwise, seeds removed – do not use unless you like it hot!)
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Directions:

In a glass mixing bowl, combine hot water, vinegar, sugar, oregano and salt. Stir until

the sugar and salt are totally dissolved. Add onions, chili and pepper flakes. Stir to blend. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Chill until ready to use.

Tip: Add thinly sliced carrots to the mix!

Chef Randy Graham, the healthy chef. Providing consistently good vegetarian comfort food recipes. See his cookbooks at Amazon.

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE

The Ubhayakar family took along CV Weekly on their recent end of summer trip up the 101.

Here they are at Ostrichland USA in Solvang.

Shown are (top row from left) Rushina Ubhayakar and Nitin Ubhayakar; bottom row from left are Shaan Ubhayakar and Devin Ubhayakar.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo.

You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

» DR. LAURIE KELBAN, MS, DVM

Why Your Pet Can't Stop Scratching

Allergy season is here. Your nose is running, your throat and ears itch. Pets suffer from allergies, too. Allergies are when the immune system overreacts to normal things in the environment called allergens. Allergens include plant pollens, dust, mold spores, insect bites and certain foods. When exposed, a pet's immune cells release chemicals that can cause itching, redness, swelling, ear and skin infections and breathing or digestive problems. Flea bites are the most common cause of allergies in dogs and cats. When a flea bites your pet it injects a small amount of saliva into the skin. A single flea bite can cause severe itching for up to

two weeks. In California we have fleas year round, so long lasting flea prevention is a must. Safe oral and topical preventatives are available while flea baths provide only temporary relief. Environmental allergies are caused by pollens, molds and house dust. Symptoms may be seasonal or can occur all year round depending on which allergen is causing your pet's symptoms. In pets environmental allergens are absorbed through the skin causing itching, redness and skin infections. Cats can be so itchy that they will groom excessively. As they lick themselves cats can swallow large amounts of fur causing vomiting

and hairballs. Some cats may develop asthma, which can become life-threatening. Signs include coughing, wheezing or difficulty breathing. A cat breathing with its mouth open should be seen by a veterinarian immediately. Treating pets suffering from allergies can be very frustrating and can get very expensive. Many allergic pets are on oral and topical medications and are frequently bathed with medicated shampoos. Allergies can not be cured; the goal is control. It can be a lot of work at first but if you stay on top of it the costs will be less and your pet will be happier. How do you choose from the thousands of products for sale

labeled to help with your pet's allergies? Many products do not control fleas or itch as promised. I have seen many clients who were at their wit's end because they spent so much money and time on products that did not help their pets. The best way to treat your pet's allergies is to work with your veterinarian, who can recommend the treatment plan that's right for your pet. *In my next article I will discuss allergy testing and treatment.* *Dr. Laurie Kelban practiced small animal veterinary medicine for 34 years. She has spoken at local schools regarding pet care and careers in veterinary*

medicine and has written reports as an expert witness for the California Veterinary Medical Board.



AB 690 from page 9

A new report by the Wren Collective and UC Berkeley Criminal Law & Justice Center uncovered lawyers operating under these contracts with 500 to 600 cases a year. Numerous other states from Michigan to South Dakota have banned flat fees for public defense and the American Bar Association has long warned against using them. Empirical studies from around the country, including California, have shown these systems drive incarceration higher. Of the eight counties in California with the highest per capita jail and prison incarceration rates, seven use flat fees exclusively. Reasonable people have

expressed the need for state funding along with reform and I agree that for California to truly solve its public defense crisis it can no longer be one of only two states that provides no consistent funding for trial-level indigent defense. That is why I am proud to serve the new non-governmental California Independent Commission on Public Defense, which seeks to build a framework for that exact funding. But operating systems that drive costly incarceration higher do not save money. I appreciate and understand the concerns of counties where balancing budgets is a constant battle. This is why I have amended the legislation to, in

most respects, provide guidance and not rigid requirements for county systems as well as allow counties to continue some of the same contracting practices for all but the most complex cases, provided basic safeguards are met. But these safeguards should not be controversial, like allocating enough resources for each lawyer to “ensure competent representation” or requiring private attorneys who handle public defense cases to have a working telephone number for clients and their families or banning outright the widely condemned practice of making essential resources for defense investigators come directly out

of the attorneys’ fees, creating a hopeless ethical quagmire where attorneys’ decisions on whether to pursue an effective investigation directly impacts their bottom line. And counties should not get a free pass at underfunding their systems. As a state, we spend about 80% more on prosecution than public defense. In exclusively flat-fee counties, that disparity is 159%. Yet those same counties end up spending over 17% more per capita on detention and corrections than counties with a traditional public defender’s office. That 17% increase is of a far bigger piece of the budget pie than public defense – typically six times more. Seventy percent of these

counties have seen their jail or prison incarceration rates increase over the last decade – at the same time the state as a whole has seen a 29% drop overall, consistent with national trends. These increased costs are also being passed up to the state, as 74% of these counties have a higher than average state prison incarceration rate. Saying reform is too expensive ignores the far greater costs of needless incarceration, as well as the human costs. Tackling California’s unregulated privatized public defense system is long overdue. The Senate should pass AB 690 and I will continue to work with counties for state funding to help bring our system up to code.

People Making News

Lauren Park of La Crescenta graduated in August 2026 from Pacific University in Oregon with a Master of Science degree in physician associate studies. Founded in 1849, Pacific University is Washington County, Oregon’s only comprehensive university, offering over 50 undergraduate majors and 28 graduate and professional

degrees. Pacific inspires its 3,400 students to think, care, create and pursue justice in the world. The No. 1 private research institution in the Northwest, Pacific serves its communities through campuses in Forest Grove and Hillsboro, healthcare clinics throughout the Portland area and through 34,000 alumni pursuing lives of purpose globally.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

MonteZOOMa Returns to Knott's Berry Farm



By Charly SHELTON

There are plenty of roller coasters that are taller, faster and longer than MonteZOOMa at Knott's Berry Farm. But few have the history.

When Montezooma's Revenge opened in 1978, the Schwarzkopf-designed shuttle coaster was the first in the world to use a flywheel launch system. Rather than slowly climbing a lift hill to let gravity drop riders through the ride, riders were shot out of the station from zero to 55 mph, straight through a vertical loop and up a 148-foot spike. The train then fell backward, through the loop again and up another spike behind the station before finally coming to rest. It was short, simple and (for the time) a pretty intense thrill.

After closing in 2022 for what became a four-year refurbishment, the coaster has finally returned as MonteZOOMa: The Forbidden Fortress. I recently had the chance to climb aboard and see whether the old ride still has its bite. Spoiler alert – it does.

The original flywheel is gone – replaced by a modern electromagnetic launch system – but Knott's has done an admirable job recreating the intensity of that first kick out of the station. The launch hits hard, the loop comes almost immediately and, before there's much time to process what happened, riders are climbing the spike and preparing to do the whole thing again – backward.

What surprised me most was how smooth it felt. I rode the original Montezooma's Revenge many years ago and remember it being as rough as its namesake – as unpleasant as eating a big Taylor Farms

salad. So rough in fact that I wasn't called to ride it again for several years before the closure – one spinal rearrangement was enough for me. The new version still has plenty of force but the refurbished track, new trains and modern launch make the whole thing feel considerably more enjoyable without completely sanitizing what made the original fun.

Knott's has also finally given the coaster something it never really had before: a story.

The new Forbidden Fortress theme pits riders as explorers entering a temple filled with treasure – and evidence of what happened to the (smushed) conquistadors who tried getting there first. Throughout the redesigned queue are unfortunate explorers who have been crushed, trapped or otherwise stopped by the fortress boobytraps.

They're simple sight gags but they're exactly the kind of thing I love in a theme park queue. Waiting in line is unavoidable so you might as well have something interesting to look at while you're doing it. The little scenes add humor and personality without trying to turn a 36-second roller coaster ride into an overly complicated cinematic universe.

Most importantly, Knott's resisted the temptation to replace MonteZOOMa with something bigger simply because it could. Nearly 50 years after the original opened, the basic experience remains the same: launch, loop, spike, backward loop, spike, hard brakes. The technology has changed. The name has changed. The conquistadors have apparently had a very bad day.

But MonteZOOMa is back. And it still kicks.

To see more, click the QR code.



Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: The revamped MonteZOOMa: The Forbidden Fortress now has a back story.

TOP RIGHT: The basic MonteZOOMa experience remains the same: launch, loop, spike, backward loop, spike, hard brakes.

ABOVE: The Forbidden Fortress theme pits riders as explorers entering a temple filled with treasure.

BELOW: After waiting four years for the reopening of the coaster, this reporter states MonteZOOMa still has the kick.



THEN & NOW



Then: When the Big Flood of '34 destroyed their home, the Wadey family felt lucky to be alive, although they now had nowhere to live. They owned the Bluebird Diner, which had escaped the flood relatively intact, so they closed the restaurant and moved in. They ended up living here for several decades.

George Wadey's Home

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: Sometimes it's really hard to recognize a building and this fairly modern looking building is a perfect example. Although the styling and shape are different, this actually might be the same building! Before a recent remodel, the remnants of an old stone chimney and the entrance to a basement were in the back of the building. That indicates the building has some of the bones of the old Bluebird Café/Wadey home. It's now the office of Elevate Auto Sales on Pennsylvania Avenue just below Honolulu Avenue.

‘Stand In The Light – A Solo Show Festival’ Coming to Casa 0101

CASA 0101 Theater will present the world premiere of “Stand In The Light – A Solo Show Festival” consisting of 15 plays, starring 14 actors, is helmed by seven directors and will be presented for a four-week run at CASA 0101 Theater in the Gloria Molina Auditorium, 2102 E. First St. in Los Angeles. It runs from Aug. 21 until Sept. 13. More information is available at www.casa0101.org.

Josefina López, Festival creator, co-producer, playwright and founding artistic director of CASA 0101 Theater, said: “‘Stand In The Light – A Solo Show Festival’ will be a celebration of Latino actors and their stories demonstrating their range of cultural experiences in the United States, getting beyond the stereotyped and usual tropes to reveal the humanity of Latinos today. I’ve devised the Festival to be culturally diverse, to be presented over the course of four weeks in rotation in four separate programs.”

Tickets for the four-week run of the world premiere of “Stand In The Light – A Solo Performance Festival” are \$20 per person for general admission; \$17 per person for students and seniors 60 years and older and \$15 per person for Boyle Heights residents and



Courtesy of Casa 0101
Members of the cast and crew of ‘Stand In The Light – A Solo Show Festival.’

groups of 10 or more. In some of the plays there is strong language and mature themes. The recommended age rating for each of the four programs varies. For tickets, please call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email tickets@casa0101.org or buy online at www.casa0101.org. Free parking is available on several streets surrounding the theater. Limited free parking is also available at the Boyle Heights City Hall parking lot located at 2130 E. First St. (at Chicago Street) by entering the lot from Chicago Street.

Craftsman Week 2026 Member Pre-Sale Now Open

Each year, Pasadena Heritage’s Craftsman Week celebrates the enduring beauty, craftsmanship and cultural legacy of the Arts and Crafts movement in Pasadena and beyond. Through a thoughtfully curated series of interior tours, walking tours, lectures, exhibitions and hands-on craft demonstrations, the week invites the public to experience historic architecture and traditional artistry in meaningful and inspiring ways. Tickets are now available during the member pre-sale event; they will open to the general public on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Events sell out quickly, so membership in Pasadena Heritage is encouraged. www.pasadenaheritage.org/membership

‘Twilight in the Olive Grove’ Gala & Benefit

The Glendale Historical Society’s Gala & Benefit, an inspired celebration of Glendale’s rich heritage and the enduring importance of historic preservation, takes place on Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This year’s fundraising celebration (black tie optional) will be held at the Anastasia and George Moore Estate, a 1929 Spanish Colonial Revival home nestled among century-old olive trees, surviving remnants of the groves that once blanketed much of the surrounding landscape.

With its low-pitched red tile roof, hand-troweled stucco walls, graceful arched openings and distinctive period detailing, the property evokes the romance of Glendale’s golden age – an era shaped by craftsmanship, lush gardens and enduring architectural beauty. It offers a rare and atmospheric setting for an evening devoted to preservation and connection.

Guests will enjoy signature cocktails and curated wines, seasonal hors d’oeuvres and a lively auction – all in support of The Glendale Historical Society’s mission to identify and preserve Glendale’s historic, architectural and cultural treasures.

The evening will also feature the presentation of The Glendale Historical Society’s Preservation Awards – the Marie Luft Award for Excellence in Stewardship of the Doctors House and the President’s Award – honoring two individuals whose extraordinary dedication has advanced the preservation of Glendale’s historic, cultural and architectural legacy.

Tickets are \$175 through Sept. 15; \$195 beginning Sept. 16 and available at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-gala-and-benefit> or mail a check to TGHS, PO Box 4173, Glendale, CA 91202.

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TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
Your health and your job seem to be linked this week. If you've been under a lot of stress, make time to get out into nature or enjoy a relaxing massage. You don't need to keep driving yourself quite so hard. If you want to get excellent results with your diet and health routine, this is a good time to ask an expert. Find someone who can guide you to take the right steps.

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
Be honest and realistic about the state of your health. There's no point in hoping for the best or disregarding ongoing symptoms. Take matters

into your own hands by going to see a health professional. You may have a tendency to ignore the blatantly obvious. If you want to stay fit, then face facts and do the right thing.

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
Your psychological state has a profound effect on the way you feel and on your health. If issues are worrying you, then do something about them. If you leave them to fester and create bitterness or resentment, the impact on your body can be profound. Get counseling if you need it, or find someone you can discuss issues with in order to heal on all levels.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Joining a partner in getting healthy together is going to pay big dividends. With the focus on your relationship zone, working out in tandem and encouraging each other on your new healthy diet is the most supportive way to go. Don't let your discipline slide. Stick with your daily routine to get the best results. Great sex will also do you a lot of good. Have fun!

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
You're keen to make your well-being a top priority. The focus on your health zone means that you have a golden opportunity to get into a regular routine. You may want to research your gym and health club options and find out what's available. Finding a buddy to work out with would also be a good move. This is the time to be positively inspired to achieve perfect health.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
You have a passionate desire to get your body moving and experience greater flexibility. You're very determined to develop the body and weight that feel right for you. The only danger you may experience is pushing yourself too hard too soon. Start out slowly; otherwise you may pull a muscle and thwart your attempts at total fitness. Have patience for the best results.

SCORPIO *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*
It's time to get energized and enjoy getting out and about. If you're a part of a sports team or play golf with

others, you'll feel motivated to go out and do more. The desire to compete and win will be a positive step on the road to good health. If you're worried about not being at the top of your game, make time to practice. Getting involved in any way will bring positive benefits.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Use this week to research your options and find out how you can maintain an optimum level of fitness. Get feedback from other people who have achieved what you want to achieve. Make use of the positive burst of energy you're currently experiencing to get yourself to the peak of health. Buy a diet book and try out a few healthy recipes to get on track.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
It's time to get loose and rediscover what it feels like to be flexible. This week you have a tendency to stiffen up, especially when you feel stressed. You need to counteract this by exercising in such a way that you relax your whole body. Yoga or

tai chi would be perfect for you, as they coordinate both mind and body into one harmonious whole.

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
Splurge on some exercise equipment for your home, if you have the space to put it. If you'd rather work out somewhere else, then join your local gym. Spending money on keeping fit and healthy will bring you many benefits. You may decide to purchase some supplements, vitamins and minerals, or special foods to keep you looking fit and young. If you need new gym clothes, get them now while you're fired up!

PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
Take your health into your own hands and determine to make a difference in your body. As far as your wellness is concerned, you have the willpower and drive to go places. Just don't try too hard. You tend to go flat out when you want to reach a goal. Be patient, as you may damage muscles or burn yourself out before you've achieved anything at all. Be good to yourself.

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KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Aug. 21, Jennifer Masterson of Athens Services will be making a presentation to the Club.

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

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus).

There will be music from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

CCLCF EVENTS

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

•CCLCF Presents. September marks the start of the new CCLCF entertainment series, dedicated to bringing exceptional monthly programming to the community. The inaugural event is Jazz Night on Saturday, Sept. 19. Tickets are available at cclcf.org/events.

•Fall I Registration: Fall I registration is open! Fall I is eight weeks and starts Aug. 24. View new classes and returning favorites at cclcf.org/register. Thanksgiving Run. The 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K & Kids Mile is coming up on Nov. 26. Summer sale started Aug. 1 with the lowest registration fees available. Register early for summer savings. Learn more at cclcf.org/run.

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

GYO AUDITIONS

The Glendale Youth Orchestra will hold auditions by appointment for

the 38th season on Sunday, Aug. 23. The upcoming season will feature the music of Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Stravinsky, Williams and more.

The GYO performs three concerts each season at the Alex Theatre. Members range in age from 12-20 and must participate in their school music program (if there is one).

All audition information and materials can be found at glendaleyouthorchestra.com.

Questions? Please email glendaleyouthorchestra@gmail.com.

MUSICAL KIDS, HAPPY PARENTS (AND TEACHERS)!

The Suzuki Music Parent Information Night will be hosted over Zoom by the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Monday, Aug. 24 from 8 – 9:15 p.m. Pacific. All adults are invited to attend. To register, go to bit.ly/Suzuki-Parent-Info

This event is free to all adults, registration is needed in order to receive the Zoom link information.

The new “Suzuki Ensembles” program and the Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues and the SMPLA organization will be discussed in detail. Those who have trouble registering can contact www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html.

For more information, visit www.suzukimusicofla.org.

CLASSIC FILMS UNDER THE STARS

Classic Films Under the Stars Series at the Doctors House in Glendale is presented by the Alex Film Society, the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, Brand Associates and The Glendale Historical Society. On Saturday, Aug. 29 the film “My Man Godfrey” will be screened.

Gates open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Picnicking encouraged!

Admission is free, but RSVP requested. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/366cyya4.

The Doctors House is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

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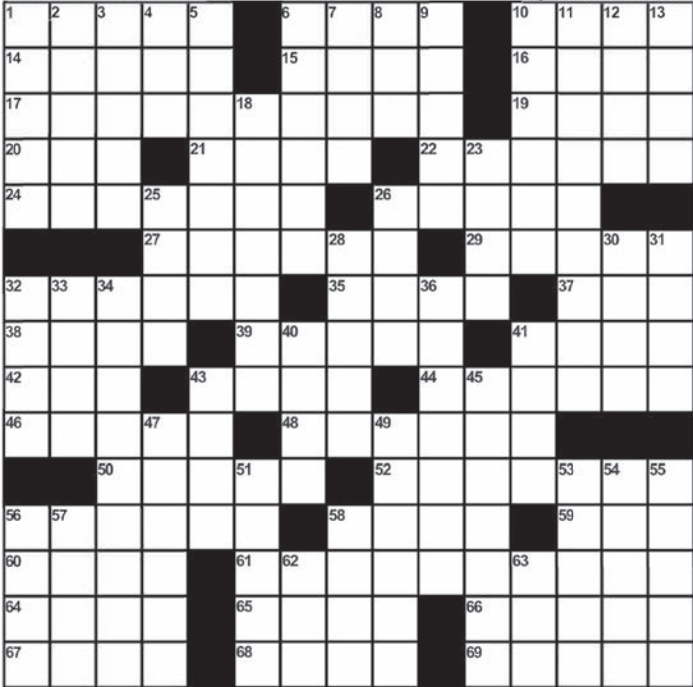


ACROSS

- City of pilgrimages
- Superlative suffixes
- "I need it yesterday!" letters
- Improvise verbally
- Ostrich's look-alike
- Small coin
- Foreign monetary unit
- "How clumsy of me!"
- Go astray biblically
- Study all night
- Noted Italian tenor
- Implore
- Fancy watch
- One way to get out of prison
- Broad scarf
- Word in some magazine titles
- Burden
- Abbr. on a clothing reject tag
- Pastoral verse (Abbr.)
- Firebug's crime
- Needle case
- Sleep stage, initially
- Sad color
- "Because ____!" (parental explanation)
- Cushy course
- Clear soups
- Ships' bottoms
- Fashionable apparel brand
- Shangri-La
- Separate into groups
- Trinity third
- Baseball field cover
- Welcoming facial feature
- Play opener
- Blackthorn fruit
- Express verbally
- It may go to blazes
- NYC wagering parlors, once
- Monetary unit of India

NAMING NAMES

By Hank Dellman



DOWN

- Billiards stroke
- Reagan attorney general Meese
- Mr. Eastwood
- USSR successor
- Inflamed swelling
- Book mistakes
- Fake pillow cover?
- Number to count up to
- Vanzetti's partner in anarchy
- Thinks the world of
- Port in Iowa
- Rock blasters
- Cuban bread?
- Geometric figure with a repeating pattern
- "Sorry to say ..."
- Angler's need
- Truckee stop?
- Tough riddle
- "It's either them ____"
- Small musical group
- Desperate
- Result of brainstorming
- Athletic wear
- Indivisible
- Gives a massage
- Where the sun comes up
- Island east of Java
- Quits yapping
- Stereotypical Beemer driver
- Words before "toes" or "best behavior"
- Cowboy's apparatus
- "Lord, ____?" (Last Supper question)
- Natalie and Nat King
- The end of ____ (legend's retirement)
- Provo's place
- Mexican fare
- Nose-in-the-air type
- To the max, for short
- N.Y. transit org

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My Alfa Romeo’s Dashboard is Falling Apart and the Warranty Won’t Cover It

Jay Catelli’s Alfa Romeo dashboard is defective. He has a warranty that covers interior damage but the company says his specific part is on a secret exclusion list. Can he get the \$14,000 repair covered?

Question: I own a 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio SUV covered by a Mopar MVP MultiCare Plus Service Contract. This policy expressly provides protection for interior and exterior damage.

The dashboard in my vehicle is currently separating from the air vents, resulting in a significant gap. The interior section of my policy covers reconditioning, repair or replacement of surfaces damaged due to normal wear and tear, including loose seam stitches, rips and tears.

Despite these terms, Mopar has denied my claim. It says the specific part number is on an “exclusion list.” However, my policy documents make no reference to an exclusion list by part number nor does it list the dashboard as an excluded item.

I have escalated this to Alfa Romeo, a division of Stellantis, which also owns Mopar. Alfa Romeo issued my policy. It agrees that the dashboard should be replaced under the policy terms. However, the representative has been unable to secure an agreement from Mopar to authorize the repair.

The cost to replace the dashboard exceeds \$14,000. Given the explicit terms of the policy and the absence of any referenced exclusion list in my contract, I’m trying to get this covered. I have written a letter to Stellantis North America Customer Experience but have received no response. Can you help me?

– Jay Catelli, Swampscott, Massachusetts

Answer: Mopar should have fixed your dashboard. If your MVP MultiCare Plus Service Contract explicitly covers “interior surfaces” and “wear and tear,” and your dashboard is doing a slow-motion separation, then it’s an open-and-shut case.

Service contracts – often called extended warranties – are usually one of two types: inclusionary or exclusionary. An inclusionary policy lists exactly what is covered. If the part isn’t on the list, you are out of luck. An exclusionary policy covers everything except what is

specifically listed as not covered.

If you have an exclusionary policy, you read the fine print and checked the list. The dashboard wasn’t on it in your case.

Then Mopar claimed that even though the dashboard isn’t listed as an exclusion in your contract the part number is on an internal exclusion list.

Come on! You can’t be bound by a secret list of part numbers that you never saw and didn’t sign.

You did an excellent job trying to resolve this yourself. You kept a thorough paper trail. You contacted the dealership, which agreed with you. You contacted Alfa Romeo, which also agreed

with you.

In fact, an Alfa Romeo representative told you she tried to reason with Mopar but Mopar insisted the part was excluded. It is rare to see two divisions of the same parent company – Stellantis – bickering like this over a customer’s repair.

When you hit a wall with the normal customer service channels, you can usually appeal to a higher authority. I list the names, numbers and emails for the Stellantis executives on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

You sent a certified letter to the senior vice president of North America Customer Experience

at Stellantis. That was a smart move. But when you didn’t hear back, you contacted my team.

You were looking at a bill of more than \$10,000 for a problem you paid good money to insure against. That is enough to make anyone’s blood boil – and apparently your dashboard melt.

My advocacy team contacted Stellantis on your behalf. A few days later, you received a call from Stellantis. A representative said the company reviewed your case and reversed its decision.

“Stellantis informed me that [it] reversed [its] initial denial and acknowledged that the leather dashboard should have been covered under the plan,”

you told me.

The company approved the full cost of the dashboard replacement. It’s nice to see Stellantis standing behind its product even if Mopar had to be dragged to the finish line. Next time, let’s hope the dashboard – and the warranty – hold together a little better.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>.
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Question: I'm over 60 and I am really struggling with all of this "social media." I don't like, or understand, "AI" and I find myself believing everything I see online is real. I go on TikTok or Facebook and I suddenly realize that four hours have passed! I get so upset when I see the wars, politics and violence. I used to be a pretty cheerful person but now I go to sleep and wake up in a bad mood, and I feel like I'm sinking into a pit of despair.

What can I do to keep my spirits up and still be aware of what's really going on in the world?

Doom Scroller

Answer: Dear Doom Scroller, As a spiritual counselor, I hear more and more people tell me they are experiencing the same feelings you're having. It seems like we are all trying our best to navigate the challenges of social media, as well as the technology of Artificial Intelligence (AI), but it isn't easy. Like you, I have also had to work hard to keep

myself positive. I truly believe that until all of us are healthy, happy and free, none of us are because we are all connected. Quantum physics tells us that changing our outer conditions starts by changing our inner conditions – the truth of what we think about ourselves and how we treat ourselves. Our work as evolving human beings always begins with consciously creating new belief systems, resulting in better choices and actions. Our brains develop new neural pathways (habits) over time and some of those habits aren't actually good for us.

Scrolling on social media has even become a type of addiction for some people. It releases brain chemicals that create a "high" similar to a gambler placing a bet or an addict taking a drug.

The good news is that any behavior can be changed if we are willing to believe, think and act differently. Abstinence from all media is a choice some folks are making but you also want to stay informed. Here are some tips that have worked for myself and others: Set a timer to limit your social media time. It's a

good way to start to climb out of the pit of despair. Carefully choose the things you watch and respond to. We know that once we "like" or comment on any content, the algorithm (fancy term for the way the app works) will keep giving us more of what we like to interact with. What we give our attention to grows and therefore we get more of whatever that is – for better or worse. Read a book to inspire you first thing in the morning, and de-stress you last thing at night. I love the bestseller "Book of Awakening" by Mark Nepo. Boost your spiritual, religious or mindfulness practice by focusing more on it, growing it and being of service to others. Get your body moving and heart-centered with yoga or tai chi. You will feel more like your pre-social media cheerful self again when you laugh out loud watching a funny movie.

The good is always within each of us and can be found everywhere in every situation. We just need to be conscious in how, and where, we are looking for it.

Dr. Karen L. Mitchell

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CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Michelle Gillette. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

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

The Center for Spiritual

Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF ISSUES INVITATION

LCIF invites all to attend Sunday worship at 10 a.m., led by Pastor Viv Vega. Children's Church is held concurrently and includes a Bible lesson, games, craft and a snack.

For more information on all church events, or to receive pastoral care, visit lcifoothills.org, 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.

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15 at Highlands Church (4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta).

If interested, please contact the church at (818) 405-0763 or call Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or email lyndahessick@gmail.com. The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6 to have the book you select ordered for you.

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Families in the community are welcome at this free event, hosted by LCPC Children's Ministries. Parents must stay with their children for the entirety of the event.

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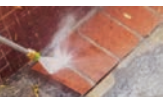
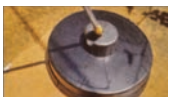
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