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NEWS IN BRIEF

ENC to Host Homelessness Town Hall on June 10

The Encino Neighborhood Council and Public Safety Committee invite the community to a town hall on homelessness on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 via Zoom. Meet representatives from all your local officials such as Mayor Bass and Councilmember Raman, as well as the agencies and departments that deal with homelessness in Encino. Bring your questions and concerns for a conversation about the growing problem of homelessness and encampments in the community. Join the meeting at us02web.zoom.us/j/87338900211 and enter Webinar ID: 873 3890 0211 into Zoom.

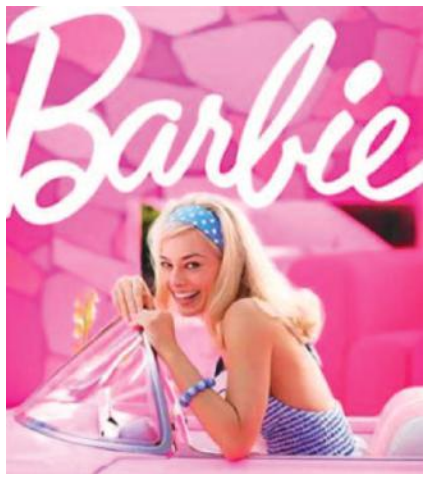
West Valley Regional Library Holding Used Book Sale June 8

The Friends of the West Valley Library will be holding a used book sale on Saturday, June 8, from 11 am to 5 pm. Browse through a large selection of children and adult nonfiction and fiction books, cookbooks, craft and gardening books, DVDs and CDs. Everything is half off and all sales are cash only. The library is located at 19036 Vanowen St. in Reseda.

Stolen U-HAUL Car Chase Plows Through Encino

A suspect led police through an interesting car chase earlier this week, not in a pickup, but in a stolen U-Haul truck towing a pickup behind it! Sparks could be seen coming from the rear of the pickup as the U-Haul sped through the streets. The chase began in Encino around 3 am and lasted for approximately 25 minutes before the driver stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. A K-9 team was called into the 8500 block of Penfield Ave in Winnetka where the suspect was found in a home in the neighborhood and taken into custody. It was not made clear the suspect's identity or what was possibly in the U-Haul worth stealing.

Music and Movies! NoHo Summer Nights Begins Saturday, June 22



Above, Locked Out of Heaven, the Bruno Mars tribute band and left, Barbie, one of the five movies been screened this summer.

Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian has teamed up with Valley Cultural Foundation (VCF) to announce the eagerly awaited eighth season of NoHo Summer Nights at North Hollywood Park.

This summer promises to be the best with a lineup of five concerts and five movies, all completely free of charge on Saturday nights!

Featuring a dynamic lineup, the series will showcase both emerging artists and tribute bands! Adding to the excitement will be an interactive arts area, local vendors offering their wares, and an array of delectable food trucks to tantalize taste buds. Get ready for a summer of music, community, and celebration!

Each NoHo Summer Nights concert starts with an opening act featuring a local Emerging Artist, adding an extra layer of excitement and discovery to the evening's entertainment. The summer schedule is as follows:

*June 22: Elton vs. Billy – A Musical Showdown, with Emerging Artist SorryWe'reLate

*June 29: *Top Gun: Maverick*

*July 6: Locked Out of Heaven - The Freshest Bruno Mars Tribute, with Emerging Artist Funky 80's Group

*July 13: *Paw Patrol*

*July 20: The Roaries (Oldies/*Grease* Tribute), with Emerging Artist Smitten

*July 27: *Grease*

*August 3: Element Band (Sounds of the Mediterranean), with Emerging Artists Armenian Dance Showcase

*August 10: *Barbie*

*August 17: Blank Space – The Taylor Swift Tribute, with Emerging Artist It's Britney Beep (Britney Spears Tribute)

*August 24: *Coco*

Concerts start at 7 pm with an opening act, followed by the headline act at approximately 8 pm. Movie nights will begin at dusk, around 7:30 pm.

NoHo Summer Nights will take place in North Hollywood Recreational Park at 11455 W Magnolia Blvd. (located on the south side at Magnolia and Tujunga, behind the Amelia Earhart Public Library). Parking is available in surrounding parking lots or street parking.

Craving more music options? Check out Valley Cultural Foundations' Summer Concerts in the Park Woodland Hills schedule. Their lineup is as follows:

June 16: Linda & Friends (A Tribute to Linda Ronstadt), with Emerging Artist The Rayford Bros.

June 23: The Soul Juice Band, with Emerging Artist Sarah Daye

June 30: Strange Days (A Tribute to The Doors), with Emerging Artist Eye of the Sun

July 14: Foreigner Unauthorized (Tribute to Foreigner), with Emerging Artist Abby Berman

July 21: Twisted Gypsy -Fleetwood Mac Re-imagined, with Emerging Artist Paper Citizens

July 28: Red Corvette (Tribute to Prince), with Emerging Artist Timothy J. Wilson

August 4: Wanted (Tribute to Bon Jovi), with Emerging Artist Saticöy

August 11: ABBA LA (Tribute to ABBA), with Emerging Artist Tomorrow's Tigers

August 18: Blank Space (The Taylor Swift Tribute), with Emerging Artist Abigail Fierce

August 25: Aeromyth (The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute Experience), with Emerging Artist American Superdrive

For additional info, see valleycultural.org/concerts-events.

CALENDAR

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Community Calendar

* Join the Sherman Oaks/Encino Chamber of Commerce for their "Lunch Break Live" on Thursday, June 13, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The networking lunch will take place at Islands (14141 Ventura Blvd.) and is being sponsored by Child Care Resource Center. Tickets are $30 for members and $45 for non-members before June 12. Sign up at shermanoaksencinochamber.org.

* Support your local chamber by attending the United Chamber of Commerce's Mega Mixer on Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 8 pm. Attend the largest networking event in the Valley and make new business connections! The event will be hosted by Anheuser-Busch (15800 Roscoe Blvd.) and tickets are $35 for members and $30 for non-members if you RSVP by June 18. Get your tickets at unitedchambers.org.

* It's "Bubblemania" at the Encino Tarzana Library on Tuesday, June 11. Pop in at 4 pm for a STEM presentation in which children and parents will enjoy learning the science behind bubbles in this interactive presentation. You may even get to stand inside a giant bubble!

* The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society is hosting their 2024 Conservation Awards on Saturday, June 8, at 12 pm at Braemar Country Club (4001 Reseda Blvd). This year's honorees are Kris Ohlenkamp (who frequently hosts local walks) and The California Wildlife Center. Tickets are $35 and include a buffet lunch. Tickets available at buy.stripe.com/aEU5kVgsb7ctfkY288.

* The Encino Neighborhood Council will be holding their Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 pm. For more info, visit encinonc.org.

* Looking for a gift for your green-thumb dad? Come out to the Encino Tarzana Library on Saturday, June 14, at 4 pm to paint a garden pot for Father's Day. After painting, kids will also receive free fruit, veggie and herb seeds, plus an array of succulent cuttings to sprout!

* The Encino Farmer's Market is celebrating 30 years! Held rain or shine every Sunday, the market will be highlighting this milestone on Sunday, June 30, with a special program at 10 am. Mark your calendars and come out to celebrate and shop local! For more info, email event@onegeneration.org.

* The community is invited to a special Meet and Greet event supporting the Encino Property Owners Association (EPOA) on Sunday, June 23, from 11 am to 2:30 pm at The Stand. Come and meet the EPOA board members and connect with your fellow community! This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with the people dedicated to improving the neighborhood, share your ideas and enjoy great company. (20% of all proceeds from the event will benefit the Encino Property Owners Association.)

* Come along for a ride of color and form in "Visual Journey," a virtual online art exhibit that presents the work of 12 members of ARTIST CO-OP 7, in conjunction with the San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center. For information on artists, visit sfvacc.org.

* The Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for their Health and Wellness Committee to host Bingo for the residents of Los Angeles Jewish Health Eisenberg Village in Reseda (18555 Victory Blvd). Bingo will take place on Wednesday, June 19, from 5:45 to 7:30 pm. Each volunteer brings $20/15-20 prizes such as rolls of quarters, tissues, candy, soap, sprays, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, socks, stuffed animals, hats, etc. You can purchase these items from the Dollar Store/99 Cent Store. Those interested in participating are asked to email vickie@shermanoakschamber.org.

People in the News

The **Sherman Oaks - Encino Chamber of Commerce** had record numbers attend the most recent Community Disaster Preparedness Drill! The annual event preps community members to work with disaster response teams, including LAPD and LAFD, in faux situations to learn how best to handle various emergencies if they should occur in real life. Participating agencies included the Los Angeles City and County Fire Departments, Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Sherman Oaks Hospital, Encino Hospital & Medical Center, Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center and LA Recreation & Parks Department. More than 175 volunteers made the time to learn or train in essential disaster response skills.

Mark Sterling, left, a valley community leader, owner of World's Greatest Promotional Stuff in Tarzana and Membership Fun Coordinator at Braemar Country Club, is entertaining residents in a new role.

Sterling plays the hatmaker in Valley Opera & Performing Arts production of the classic *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The play will take the stage at the Sally Field Performing Arts Center, 17000 Haynes Street in Lake Balboa on June 8 and 9. Directed by VOPA's co-founder and resident stage director, Dylan F. Thomas, this rendition of *Fiddler on the Roof* promises to dazzle audiences with talent worthy of New York's Broadway stages.

Tickets are available for purchase online at VOPArts.org or by calling (747) 463-3358.

English Channel

By Rodger Sterling

English Channel offers the best of the late editor Rodger Sterling's columns that ran continuously in the local papers since 1968.

* For fans of a certain age, can you recognize these musical directives?

-things we didn't do:
- -start the fire
- -shoot the deputy

-things we did do:
- -built this city
- -shot the sheriff

-things we want to do:
- -break free
- -hold your hand

-things we will do
- -rock you
- -survive
- -anything for love

-things we won't do
- -that

*Isn't it funny that "take out" can mean food, dating or murder?!

* At a recent talent show, the theater director stood up on stage and asked the audience if anyone was named Michael to please stand up. After a couple of men stood up, the director then leans in and declares, "That concludes the mic check, let's get on with the show!"

*Bibliophile Andy Smith checks in with the yuck yuck that he wants to record an audiobook that is eight hours of quiet breathing and page turning. Then right at the end, suddenly declares, "Oh, you mean out loud?!"

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Local Reseda Schools Tutoring Refugees, Teaching All Involved the Importance of Resilience

Each Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm nearly a dozen middle and high school students at Magnolia Science Academy-5 (MSA-5), a Grade 6-12 STEAM charter public school in Reseda, stroll back into the classroom; this time as teachers offering free English tutoring to refugees from around the world via Zoom.

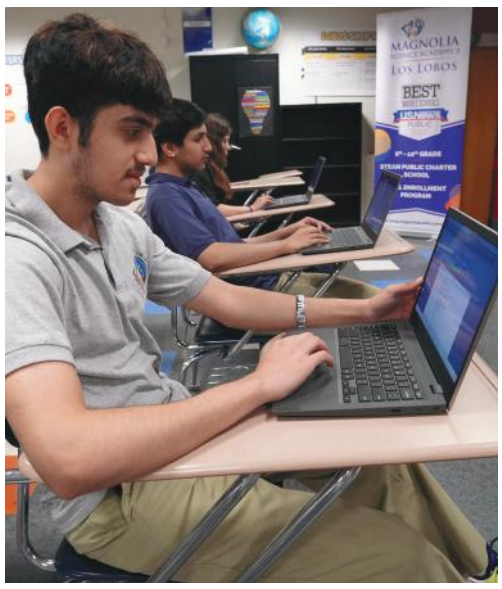
They are part of the First Bricks Education Project created by Embrace Relief, a nonprofit organization that provides international humanitarian aid including the First Bricks Online Academy, and adopted by MSA-5 to meet its Student Learning Outcomes global citizenship goal. MSA-5 is located at 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda.

Our student teachers are simultaneously tutoring, learning and mentoring students.

Participating students range in grades from middle and high school, to college and beyond, and hail from countries such as Greece, Turkey, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, and others. The ratio of MSA-5 student teachers to online students ranges from 1:30 to 1:123 with an average of 3-10 student teachers.

"It's great to see our student teachers volunteer and help others in this way," said Ali Kaplan, MSA-5 principal. "It's a program where educator volunteers train students to become teachers, and refugees around the world become the students. Our student teachers are simultaneously tutoring, learning and mentoring students. The program aligns with our school's five pillars, which include: innovation, creativity, literacy, growth mindset, connection, and, especially global citizenship," added Kaplan.

The online academy volunteer program, which starts a new cohort every eight weeks, helps displaced underprivileged children and adults around the globe access free online lessons and tutoring, while offering MSA-5 student-teachers an opportunity to complete volunteer service hours toward a Congressional Award Program (CAP), established by Congress in 1979 to get kids involved in leadership and public service. Thirty-two students have participated in the program since its launch at MSA-5 in 2019. Last year, a student teacher received a Congressional Award gold medal in Washington D.C.



Students participating in the program. Photo: Evelyn Aleman, Media Image PR.

"It's gratifying to see first generation students who are also learning English, connect with immigrants and refugees around the world," said Doganay. "We started with 6-7 kids who are now in college, and have growing interest among students who wish to participate. We prioritize seniors, but also make the program available to students in other grades," he added.

The program uses curriculum established through Voice of America Learning English, a multimedia news source that offers English newscasts as a way of helping people around the world learn English. MSA-5 Counselor, Mr. Ibrahim Doganay, checks in with his team of student teachers each Friday, and serves as the initial contact leading the first online sessions over the course of several weeks until students improve their English-language skills or achieve the program's "Ready To Go" level. Once they achieve levels 1 and 2, they are ready to be paired with a middle or high school student teacher.

Keyri Villatoro Echevería, a 10th grader from El Salvador and English learner says she's only been in the U.S. five years and is excited to this year be a part of First Bricks. "It feels great to teach students in other countries, because we are learning together," said Villatoro Echeverría. "Students are teaching me that age doesn't matter when you want to learn. I thought it would be hard, and never thought that I would be teaching English," she added.

The MPS instruction model ensures all students, especially underserved and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations meet rigorous State academic standards. Statewide assessments show gains exceeding those of the L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD), Santa Ana Unified (9 out of 10 schools are located within these districts), and San Diego Unified.

To learn more about the First Bricks program and how MPS brings quality STEAM education to underserved communities, contact Evelyn G. Alemán at evelyn@mipr.net or 818.943.2481. You can also visit magnoliapublicschools.org.

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Guest Editorial: Sherman Delivers Federal Funding to Local Community Projects

Congressman Sherman

Over the years, I've fought and secured millions in federal funds to address vital needs across our community - improvements to our environment, transportation, public parks, schools and more. This month, I met with three recipients of these funds.

Most of the fire stations in my district are over 50 years old and are in dire need of repair. Our firefighters courageously risk their lives in service to our community, and these funds will help ensure that these heroes are equipped with the facilities they need to do their jobs as effectively and safely as possible. On May 29, I joined LAFD Chief Kristin Crowley to present a $3 million check to improve local fire stations and increase public safety.

"Hope The Mission" currently operates 23 interim-housing shelters with over 2,700 beds and will be adding 11 more projects in 2025. I have repeatedly supported Hope's efforts through federal funding, securing $2 million in 2022 for homeless services and $2 million in 2023 for mental health services. I met with Hope The Mission leadership on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on May 7 following their bike ride across the country to raise awareness for homeless services. I was glad to present them with an additional $850,000 for construction of 30 modular supportive housing units in North Hills.

Construction underway on the campus of the West LA VA represents the most significant effort to deliver housing to our nation's homeless veterans. Nearly 500 new units are projected for completion by the end of this year and 730 by the end of next year. On May 31, I participated in the groundbreaking of Buildings 158 and 210 at the West LA VA Campus, which will provide another 87 units of permanent supportive housing to our nation's veterans. I'm proud that the $1.5 million in federal funds that I secured will help these vital efforts to provide housing for veterans in need.

Although I'm pleased to have secured funds for some of our community's critical needs, more work remains, and I continue to work with my colleagues to bring resources that will help enhance our quality of life and create new opportunities for all.

Critical Red Flags in Purchase and Sale Agreements

By Janice L. Miller, Esq

When entering purchase and sale agreements, vigilance and attention to detail are paramount. A purchase and sale agreement (PSA) is a legally binding document outlining the terms and conditions of a sale between a buyer and a seller. Despite its common use in various transactions, including real estate and business transactions, a PSA can be fraught with potential pitfalls. Understanding and identifying red flags in these agreements mitigates risks and ensures a fair deal for all parties involved. Here are some key areas to pay close attention to and red flags to watch out for:

Incomplete or Vague Terms: One of the most significant red flags is a PSA containing incomplete or vague terms. Every aspect of the transaction should be detailed and spelled out, leaving no room for misinterpretations.

Description of the item or property: Ensure that the item or property being sold is described precisely, including model numbers, condition, and any included accessories or fixtures.

Price and Payment Terms: The total price, payment schedule, and method of payment must be explicitly stated. Avoid contracts and agreements with ambiguous phrases like "price to be determined."

Timelines and Deadlines: Important dates, such as the closing or delivery date, must be clearly outlined. Vague timelines can lead to disputes about when obligations should be met.

Lack of Contingencies: An agreement lacking essential contingencies is a red flag. Contingencies protect both

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HEALTH

A Spoonful of Olive Oil Keeps the Dementia Away

The Mediterranean diet has long been praised as one of the healthiest regimens an individual can follow. It is a way of eating based on the traditional cuisine of countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and heavily relys on vegetables, fruits, whole grains and healthy fats. However, one recent study found that a critical component of the diet is key to brain health: olive oil.

In a new study published in JAMA Network Open, results found that consuming approximately half of a tablespoon of olive oil daily could help reduce the risk of dementia. This is the first study to investigate the relationship between diet and dementia-related death.

The study followed 90,000 participants over 30 years and discovered that around seven grams of olive oil consumed daily was linked to a lower risk of death from dementia. Researchers found that those who consumed more than half of a tablespoon of olive oil each day had a 28% lower risk of dying from dementia, compared to those who never or rarely consumed olive oil. While dementia is classified as part of Alzheimer's disease, it is considered fatal since there is no cure. Approximately six million Americans suffer from dementia.

"Our study reinforces dietary guidelines recommending vegetable oils such as olive oil, and suggests that these recommendations not only support heart health but potentially brain health, as well," presenting study author Anne-Julie Tessier, RD, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, said. "Opting for olive oil, a natural product, instead of fats such as margarine and commercial mayonnaise is a safe choice and may reduce the risk of fatal dementia."

While olive oil is certainly not a cure, some antioxidant compounds found in the oil seem to be able to cross the blood-brain barrier, therefore having a direct effect on brain health. Regular olive oil consumption has also shown to lower the risk of heart disease, reduce inflammation and lower the risk of diabetes.

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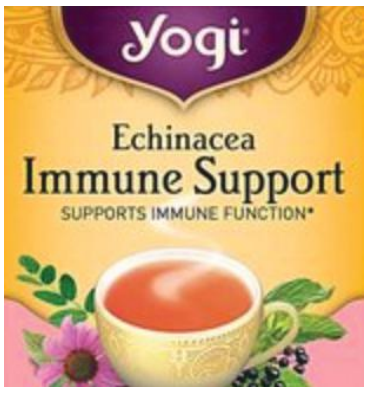


Popular Tea Recalled Due to Pesticides

"Yogi" tea from East West Tea Company has recalled more than 54,000 boxes of their Organic Yogi Echinacea Immune Support tea due to traces of pesticide found. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released a voluntary recall early March that is still ongoing.

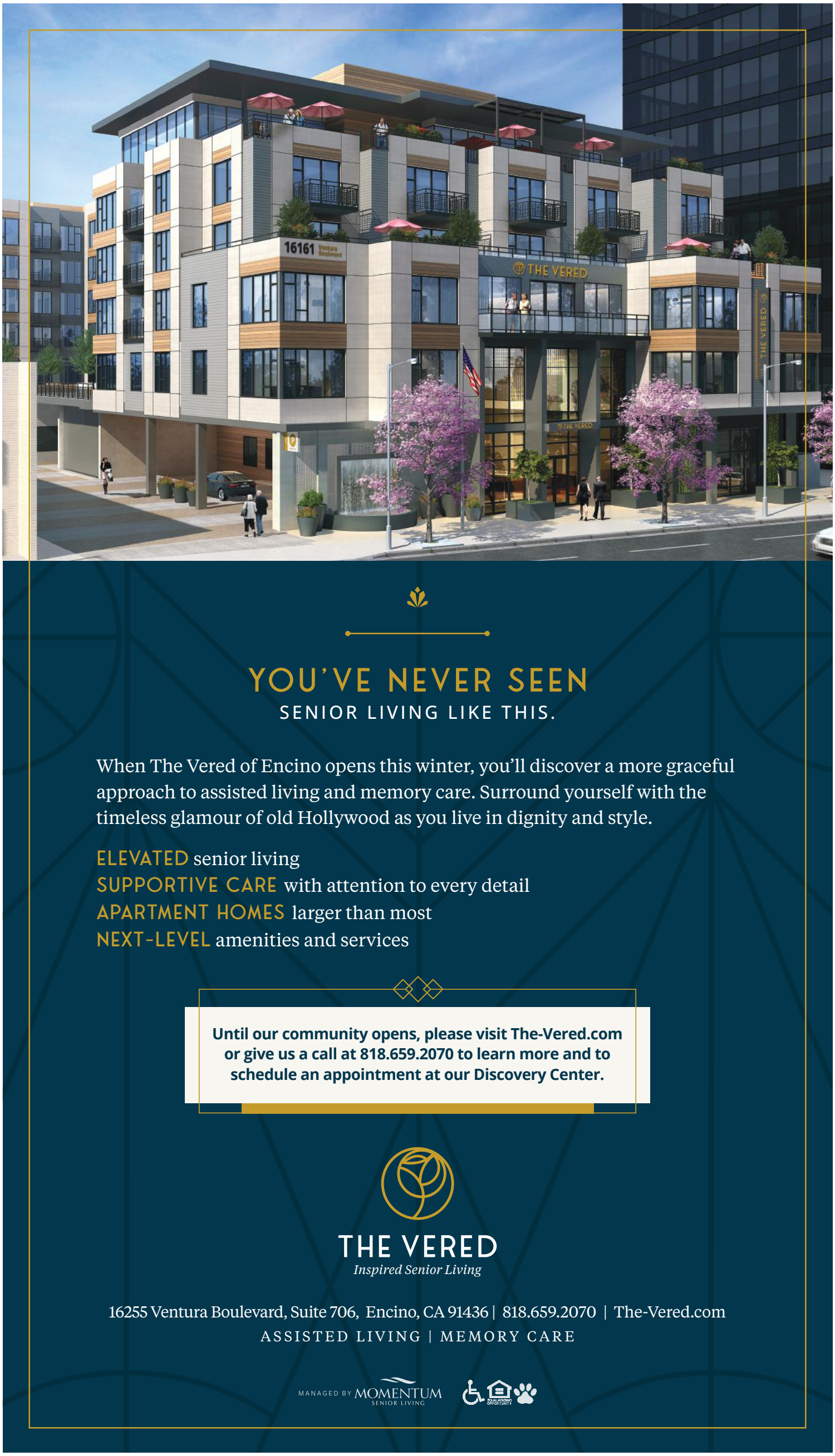
The products that were found with traces of pesticide have the UPC number 0 76950 45010 3 and were sold in boxes of four or six packs, with 16 bags per pack. This recall is considered a Class III recall, which according to the FDA, is "a situation in which use of or exposure to a violative product is not likely to cause adverse health consequences."

While the recall did not specify which pesticides were detected, or how they got into the tea, those bags should be thrown away out of an abundance of caution.

Is There a Most Productive Time of Day?

While many individuals are quick to classify themselves as either an early bird or a night owl, polls suggest that there may actually be a time of the day that is most productive for all. Well, there's a reason that there is a saying that "the early bird catches the worm." Early mornings tend to have the least number of distractions, allowing individuals to concentrate on tasks at hand before the day gets truly underway. Those fresh off a full night's sleep have higher concentrations of creativity and focus, which helps boost job performance.

While there is a most-productive time of day, there is also a least-productive time of day, and naturally, that occurs during the post-lunch slump. The foods you eat can play a major role in how we feel, with unhealthy choices making you feel groggy or sluggish when you return to work. Due to our circadian rhythm, one's ability to focus naturally dips between 2 and 5 pm, with productivity reaching its lowest point between 3 and 6 pm. Some may get a "second wind" later on in the evening, but productivity never truly matches that of the early-morning workflow.



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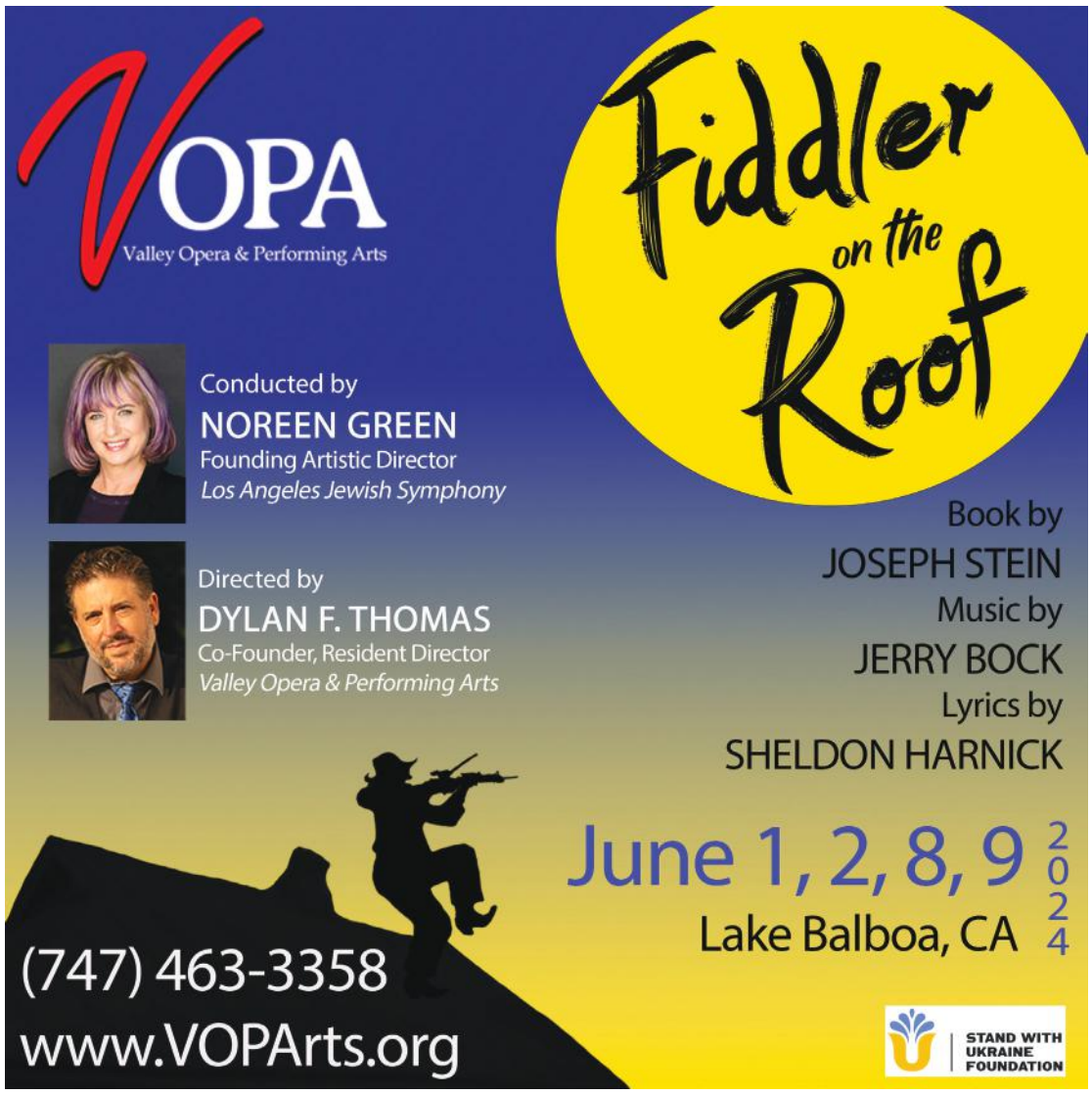

Los Angeles Zoo Honors Encino Charity at Annual Beastly Ball

The Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) recently celebrated their annual Beastly Ball, a fundraising event in support of wildlife care and conservation.

"Each year, this fundraising event serves as a way to honor the zoo's achievements in conservation and to acknowledge outstanding individuals and organizations dedicated to conservation and supporting the zoo's ongoing role as an educational destination," said Dawn Petersen-Amend, Interim President of GLAZA. "This event is vital in furthering our mission, allowing GLAZA to sustain its support for the zoo's initiatives in wildlife conservation, community outreach programs, and advancements in animal care and veterinary medicine."

This year's ball honored the Encino non-profit the Angela D. Collier Foundation, which focuses on funding animal welfare charities and developing park space for zoos, and its president, Mohammad Virani.

The foundation has made significant contributions to the Los Angeles Zoo, including funding the Angela Collier World of Birds Theater, home of the spectacular World of Birds Show.

In celebration of the birth of a female western lowland gorilla in 2020, the newest troop member was named "Angela" in honor of the late Angela Collier, a devoted animal advocate.

"We thank Mohammad Virani and the Angela D. Collier Foundation for the contributions that have provided countless opportunities for the communities we serve to connect with wildlife and nature," said Denise M Verret, LA Zoo CEO and Zoo Director.

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parties if certain conditions are not met.

Inspection Contingency: This allows the buyer to have the property inspected and negotiate repairs or price adjustments based on findings.

Financing Contingency: This ensures that the buyer can back out if they cannot secure financing, especially in real estate.

Appraisal Contingency: This ensures that the property's value is as expected, allowing the buyer to renegotiate or withdraw if the appraisal is low.

As-is Clauses: Though "as-is" clauses are common, they can be problematic if not fully understood. Be sure you know what is covered by the "as-is" clause. Some agreements may use this to avoid any responsibility for defects, leading to unforeseen repair costs. Conduct thorough inspections and research, even with an "as-is" clause. If the seller discourages this, it is a red flag.

Unusual Termination Clauses: Termination clauses outline the conditions under which the agreement can be canceled. Be wary of overly one-sided clauses, favoring the seller's ability to cancel the agreement without similar provisions for the buyer. High penalties for terminating the contract can indicate an attempt to lock the buyer into unfavorable terms.

Dispute Resolution Mechanism: A good agreement must outline how disputes will be resolved. Ensure any arbitration clauses are fair and don't heavily favor one party. Confirm that the jurisdiction specified for legal disputes is practical for both parties. An agreement requiring disputes to be resolved in a distant or inconvenient location is a red flag.

Hidden fees or costs: Be cautious of agreements that do not transparently disclose all costs. Ensure all fees, such as administrative or processing fees, are initially disclosed. Understand any ongoing maintenance costs and who is responsible for them.

Refusing Review by Legal Professionals: An unwillingness to allow legal review is a red flag. Insist on having the agreement reviewed by a legal professional. It is a serious warning sign if the other party discourages or pushes for a quick signature without review.

Purchase and sales agreements are foundational documents in any transaction, requiring careful scrutiny. Identifying and addressing these red flags early safeguards your interests and ensures a fair and transparent deal. Always approach agreements with a critical eye. Seek professional advice, when needed, to navigate complex terms and conditions effectively.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Doubtfire Sweeps into Pantages

Broadway in Hollywood has announced that the smash hit musical comedy *Mrs. Doubtfire*, currently playing to sold out houses in London's West End, is coming to Los Angeles at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre from June 11 to 30.

Out-of-work actor Daniel Hillard will do anything for his kids. After losing custody in a messy divorce, he creates the kindly alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphegenia Doubtfire in a desperate attempt to stay in their lives.

As his new character takes on a life of its own, Mrs. Doubtfire teaches Daniel more than he bargained for about how to be a father. A hysterical and heartfelt story about holding onto your loved ones against all odds, *Mrs. Doubtfire* is the musical comedy we need right now - one that proves we're better together.

The critically acclaimed production features beloved, Tony-nominated Broadway leading man Rob McClure, reprising his "exhilarating, star-making performance" (*The Telegraph*) as Daniel Hillard / Euphegenia Doubtfire (everybody's favorite Scottish nanny). McClure is joined by renowned actress and real-life wife, Maggie Lakis as Miranda Hillard.

Joining McClure and Lakis are Giselle Gutierrez as Lydia Hillard, Aaron Kaburick

Rob McClure as Euphegenia Doubtfire.

as Frank Hillard, Nik Alexander as Andre Mayem, Leo Roberts as Stuart Dunmire, Romelda Teron Benjamin as Wanda Sellner, Sam Bird and Axel Bernard Rimmele as Christopher Hillard, and Emerson Mae Chan and Charlotte Sydney Harrington as Natalie Hillard.

The cast also includes David Hibbard, Alex Branton, Jonathan Hoover, Sheila Jones, Julie Kavanagh, Jodi Kimura, Ian Liberto, Marquez Linder, Naderah Munajj, JP Qualters, Alex Ringler, Bianca Rivera-Irions, Lannie Rubio, Neil Starkenberg, Joey Stone, Gina Ward, Lauryn Withnell, and Julia Yameen.

With direction by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks, the new musical comedy features a book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell and music and lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick, the Tony Award nominated team behind *Something Rotten!*

Mrs. Doubtfire is produced by Kevin McCollum, Jamie Wilson, Gavin Kalin, Hunter Arnold, LAMS Productions, Nicole Eisenberg, Boyett/Miller, James L. Nederlander, Ayal Miodovnik, Sing Out Louise Productions, Bob Cohen, Isaac Hurwitz, Independent Presenters Network, Timothy Lacyznski, Bard Theatricals, and Lucas McMahon.

Tickets are now available for purchase in Los Angeles at BroadwayInHollywood.com or Ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre box office at 6233 Hollywood Blvd. For box office hours office see website.

Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival Blows Into Town June 15 & 16

Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival is celebrating 44 years this coming Father's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16. The festival is co-curated by jazz titans Herbie Hancock and Kamasi Washington, frequent collaborators who performed together at the Bowl in August 2017.

Oscar and 14-time Grammy winner Hancock is the LA Phil's Creative Chair for Jazz and has been performing at the Bowl for seven decades and continues to reimagine jazz. Bringing the lineage of hard bop and spiritual jazz into the 21st century with a decidedly contemporary musical approach, Grammy- and Emmy-nominated LA native Hancock is not scheduled to perform at the festival, but will be returning to the Bowl August 14.

Comedian and talk show host Arsenio Hall will host both days of the festival, which starts at 3:30 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's lineup includes Jodeci, Christian McBride, Charles Lloyd with Jason Moran, Larry Grenadier, Brian Blade, Mulatu Astatke,

Kamasi Washington, above, and Herbie Hancock curated the festival.

Alex Isley, Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz Performance at UCLA and The LA County High School for the Arts Jazz.

Sunday's performers include Kamasi Washington, Robert Glasper with special guest Yebba, Cory Henry, Soul Rebels with special guest Seun Kuti, Baby Rose, Brian Blade & the Fellowship Band, Aneesa Strings and LAUSD Beyond the Bell All-City Jazz Big Band.

Tickets for the Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival are available online at hollywoodbowl.com or by phone at 323-850-2000. Programs, artists, dates, prices and availability are subject to change.

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How to Protect Yourself From Hidden Cameras

By Jamshid Javidi

With technology deeply embedded in our lives, privacy concerns are more pressing than ever.

Hidden cameras in places like hotel rooms, rental properties, and public restrooms can seriously compromise your security and peace of mind. Recent incidents, such as a hidden camera found in a planter by an unsuspecting homeowner in Calabasas and another in a fake rock in Chino, show how burglars are using these devices to stake out homes.

There is practical advice on detecting hidden cameras and protecting your privacy. Whether you're traveling, staying at an Airbnb, or using a public facility, these tips will help you safeguard your personal space.

What to Look Out For

Hidden cameras can be very small and easily disguised, making them difficult to detect. However, there are some common signs and places to check:

-Unusual Objects: Be wary of objects that seem out of place or have an unusual appearance. Hidden cameras can be disguised as everyday items like alarm clocks, smoke detectors, air purifiers, or even decorative items.

-Visible Wires: Look for any unnecessary wires coming from devices, especially if they lead to something that doesn't require power.

-Small Holes or Lenses: Hidden cameras need a line of sight to record. Look for tiny holes or lenses in walls, ceilings, or objects.

-Glowing Lights: In the dark, hidden cameras might emit a small light. Turn off the lights and look for any unusual glowing spots.

-Sound: Some hidden cameras make a faint noise when they operate. Listen carefully for any unfamiliar sounds in your surroundings.

-Suspicious Mirrors: Test mirrors in private spaces to see if they're two-way. Place your fingertip against the mirror; if there's no gap between your finger and its reflection, the mirror might be a two-way mirror.

-Oddly Positioned Items: Check for items that are unusually positioned to get a better view of the room, such as a book on a shelf or a clock placed on a high ledge.

-Outlets and Power Strips: Examine electrical outlets and power strips for any modifications or extra components that seem out of place.

How to Protect Yourself

Here are some proactive steps you can take to protect your privacy:

-Conduct a Thorough Sweep: When you enter a new space, do a thorough visual inspection. Check common hiding spots such as smoke detectors, air vents, and electronic devices.

-Use a Camera Detector: Consider investing in a camera detector. These devices can be purchased on sites like Amazon.com and detect the RF signals that cameras emit or the reflective lens of a hidden camera.

-Turn Off Unnecessary Electronics: Turn off and unplug devices that seem out of place. This will prevent any hidden cameras from recording.

-Cover Suspicious Objects: If you suspect an object might contain a hidden camera but can't remove it, cover it with a cloth or tape.

-Report Suspicious Activity: If you find a hidden camera, report it to the property owner or local authorities immediately. Do not touch or tamper with the device, as it could be evidence in a criminal investigation.

-Check Wi-Fi Networks: Use your phone or a network scanner to check for any unusual devices connected to the local Wi-Fi network. Hidden cameras often need to transmit data over the internet.

-Use Physical Barriers: Place personal items, such as bags or clothing, over any suspected camera locations to obstruct their view if you cannot immediately address the issue.

Privacy is a fundamental right, and in our interconnected world, it's more important than ever to be vigilant about protecting it. Hidden cameras pose a significant threat, but with the right knowledge and tools, you can safeguard your personal space. By conducting thorough inspections, using detection tools, and staying aware of your surroundings, you can help ensure that your privacy remains intact. If you have any concerns or need assistance with privacy and security, please don't hesitate to reach out. Stay safe and vigilant!

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Nighttrek: What to See in the June Sky

By Neill Simmons

In the early morning of June 3, before the Sun comes up, the five planets – Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus – will appear to be in a straight line in the east. This can be seen with the naked eye, but binoculars will be helpful. Make sure to see this between 4 to 5 am.

Last month, the Sun sent us an aurora borealis light show that was seen as far south as Kern County. The aurora is caused by activity on the surface of the Sun. Solar storms on the Sun's surface give out huge clouds of electrically charged particles resulting in beautiful displays of light in the night

sky. Astronomers are predicting another "bigger" solar eruption in June. Hopefully, keep your figures crossed, it will be seen in the San Fernando Valley.

FUN FACT: A great place to see auroras is on the planet Mars! On Earth, auroras can only be seen at night. NASA reported that Martian probes are seeing the display in the day sky also.

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"Spring up and fall down" is a way to remember the orientation of the Big Dipper constellation. The seven bright stars that make up Ursa Major are high in the spring and slowly dip down during the summer to their lowest point in the autumn. Canadian Indian tribes tell the story that the great bear hit his nose on a rock and the resulting blood turned the leaves red in the autumn. The second star of the handle is actually two stars, Mizel and Alcor, appearing as one. On a clear dark night, both stars may be visible.

June brings the giant "Summer Triangle." This star pattern is so bright we can even see it from Dodger Stadium during a game! The Summer Triangle is not a constellation. It is an asterism, which is a fancy name for a pattern of stars. Although the Summer Triangle is brightest during the summer, it continues to be visible until December.

Vandenberg Space Force Base and Space X have been launching many rockets this year to put satellites into orbit. Elon Musk is funding the program. Watch their websites for further information as to when the next launch is.

Griffith Park Observatory is have a Star Party on the front lawn on Saturday, June 15. There will be lots of telescopes set up for your use. This is a FREE event.

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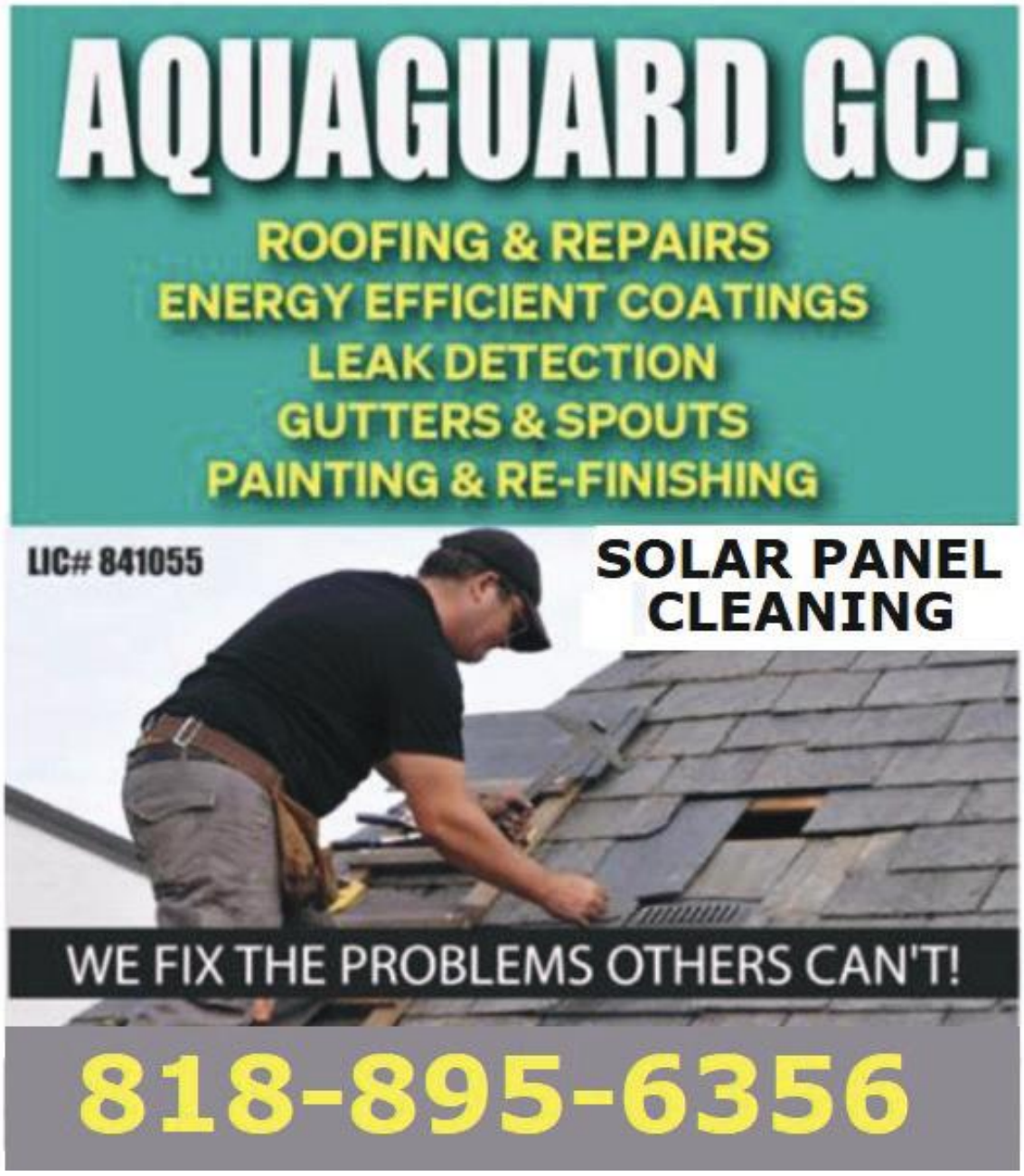

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