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News in Brief

4th of July Fireworks at Shepherd Church

Shepherd Church will host a "4th of July Spectacular" on Thursday, July 4, from 5 to 10 pm. Celebrate our nation's independence with their annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, a day filled with fun for the whole family! Enjoy activities for the kids and delicious food options from a variety of vendor - there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. Doors open at 5 pm and fireworks start at 9 pm. Shepherd Church is located at 19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch. The event is sponsored by UCLA Health, Assemblywoman Pilar Shiavo, Councilman John Lee, Congressman Mike Garcia and Shapell Properties.

Valley Pride March and Block Party June 29

The second annual San Fernando Valley Pride March and Block Party will take place Saturday, June 29, in Van Nuys. Presented by Senator Caroline Menjivar, a rally will kick off the event at 11 am at Van Nuys Blvd. and Gault Street, followed by a march down Van Nuys Blvd. to the Van Nuys Civic Center at noon. From 1 to 5 pm a block party will be held at the Civic Center, 14410 Sylvan Street. Menjivar said she proudly hosts the Pride March and Block Party, continuing a lifelong dedication to uplifting LGBTQ+ folks and amplifying the voices of marginalized communities.

Illegal Fireworks Spark Danger

With July 4th right around the corner, it's a time for celebration...and illegal fireworks. The County of Los Angeles Fire Code, Title 32, Section 5601.3 states that it is illegal to store, manufacture, sell, use or handle all forms of fireworks without a valid permit. Each year, thousands risk their safety, and that of the community, through uncontrolled explosions. State law fines at least $500 and/or a year in jail upon conviction for violating fireworks laws. Those in possession of any fireworks are asked to turn them over to your local fire department and anyone who wishes to report illegal fireworks going off in their neighborhood are asked to call the LAPD nonemergency number at 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

No Need to Panic!

No need to panic! The Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion 15, Ventura County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department will be conducting their annual brush firefighting training on Sunday, June 30 (8 am to 1 pm) in the Department of Water and Power-owned land in the Chatsworth Reservoir area on the border of CD3 and CD12. "Live fire" will not be utilized. The majority of this training will consist of a "show and tell" of helicopter operations, dozer operations, and water tender operations. The last portion of the exercise will consist of fire resources deploying hose lines to a fictitious fire to ensure interoperability.

DWP Responds to Residents' Complaints About "Moldy" Water Taste

North Valley residents took to social media this week to complain about their water tasting and smelling "moldy."

Facebook posts said people were checking their plumbing, calling their neighbors and calling DWP to find out why their water tasted musty.

Twitter user Michael Sakamano posted that for the last three days his tap water has had an "earthy, pond-water smell." Another Twitter user, Rena Durham, tagged LADWP, asking "What's going on with the water? It tastes like moldy dirt... what are you doing about it?"

DWP responded that they were aware of the issue and stated, "Our initial testing has confirmed that this is due to a natural, seasonal presence of algae that does not pose any public health or safety concern."

Drinking water imported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta occasionally will have a noticeable taste and odor, depending on the time of year and the source of the water.

Algae blooms can cause the "moldy" taste residents are noticing, especially during hot weather. It's because algae grows quickly in warm water with lots of sunlight and nutrients. The algae produces compounds called geosmin and methylisoborneol that can change the taste of the water.

DWP treats the water to kill the bacteria that cause these compounds, but sometimes the compounds themselves may remain.

Sometimes a slight swimming pool taste or odor can also be discerned, due to the chlorine used in the disinfection process.

LADWP said it's working on treatment to fix the problem and continues testing "out of an abundance of caution." They will continue to monitor the water and keep residents updated.

In a statement LADWP said, "Your tap water continues to be safe to drink and does not have any impact on the safety of your water. The odor can also be improved if you run the water through a filter pitcher or refrigerator filter."

Join the Community Clean-Up

All Street Clean Up Reseda Blvd. June 29

Volunteers Cleaning Communities is coordinating an all-street clean up event of Reseda Boulevard on Saturday, June 29.

The all-volunteer crew will clean the street from the 118 Freeway to Ventura Blvd. in just two hours.

Volunteer as an individual or form a team. "You'll have fun and meet your neighbors - and make a difference," said Jill Mather, founder of VCC.Tools will be provided and portions of the street will be assigned upon registration. Register to volunteer at volunteerscleaningcommunities.com.

Sponsors of the event include Councilman John Lee, Cavaretta's Deli, Senior Resources, Inc., Colleen King Insurance Agency, Kiwanis Club of Chatsworth, M Media and Steve and Georgia Altmayer.

Volunteers Cleaning Communities is a community-based nonprofit 501c3 organization focused on helping make the world around us a better, cleaner, environmentally friendly, litter-free place. With the help of community volunteers they organize cleaning events to rid local streets of litter, and through the Adopt-A-Highway Program they clean a three-and-a-half mile section of the 118 Freeway from the on and off ramp of Tampa to the on and off ramp of Balboa both the north and south sides. They also clean illegal dumping site, abandoned homeless encampments, and an adopted section of the LA River.

COMMUNITY

Community Calendar

GRANADA HILLS: Have "coffee with a cop" on Tuesday, June 25, at 11:30 am. LAPD Devonshire Station officers will be available to answer your questions on local crime and enforcement. The event will take place at Petit Park 10640 Petit Avenue.

CHATSWORTH: Chatsworth West UMC will host a movie night on Saturday, June 22, at 7:30 pm. The movie screened on the church lawn will be *Elemental*. Bring your own picnic basket and snacks to 10824 Topanga Canyon Blvd. For information visit chatsworthwestumc.com.

GRANADA HILLS: Los Angeles Fire Department 87 and the Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on Saturday, June 22, from 8 am to 2 pm. It will be held at the station, 10124 Balboa Blvd. To register visit redcrossblood.org.

PORTER RANCH: Straight from the world-famous Magic Castle, Allen Oshiro presents an outstanding, well polished act with astonishing sleight of hand and fun comedy for all ages, with lots of new tricks like the amazing floating table and plenty of audience participation. His magic show reaches the hearts of kids, young adults, and families. He will appear at the Porter Ranch Library, 11371 Tampa Avenue, on June 26, at 10:30 am.

VAN NUYS: 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.). Get tickets at unitedchambers.org.

NORTHRIDGE: Learn "urban line dancing" at the Northridge Library on Saturday, June 29, at 10:30 am. Come have fun dancing to great soul music... you don't need a partner! Learn easy dances like the electric slide, the wobble, and the cupid shuffle. This program is great for adults and teens! Wilbert McZeal has taught line dancing and other dances in Los Angeles and on cruise ships since 1997. The library is located at 9051 Darby Avenue.

SEPULVEDA BASIN: San Fernando Valley Audubon Society is continuing to work with partners, the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) on the ongoing habitat restoration efforts in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. This group will gather on Saturday, June 22, from 8 to 11 am to work and weed. If you would like to get involved and get your hands dirty, this is for you! Plus, there will be a guided Audubon walk after the work! For more info, and to sign up, visit sfvaudubon.org/events/sbwr-habitat-restoration-4.

ONLINE: 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.

CHATSWORTH: The Chatsworth Library will host a showing of *The Boys in the Boat*, a movie about nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The screening will be held on Thursday, June 27, at 1:30 pm at the library, 21052 Devonshire Street.

NORTHRIDGE: Northridge Library will host a "Teen Tuesday" for those aged 11 and older on June 25 from 4 to 5 pm. Fashion trends come and go, but tie-dye in the summer is forever! Join them for a colorful afternoon of tie-dye. One T-shirt per teen will be provided, but you are welcome to bring one additional item to add to your new tie-dye collection. The library is located at 9051 Darby Avenue. For more information call (818) 886-3640.

VAN NUYS: LAPD will hold a "No Shoplifting" meeting for retailers on Wednesday, July 3, at noon. Come talk to burglary and theft detectives and other retailers. The meeting will be held at 6240 Sylmar Avenue in the Community Room.

GRANADA HILLS: The new Granada Hills Certified Farmers Market takes place every Friday from 6 to 9 pm. Enjoy farm-fresh produce, food, treats, pop ups, arts, crafts, food trucks and more. The market is held at Chatsworth Street and Yarmouth. For more information call (818) 767-1413.

People in the News

The United Chambers of Commerce hosted their annual Small Business Breakfast on June 7. Each of their 19 chambers, which represent 154,000 businesses valley-wide, nominated their most outstanding small business member. UCC Chair Annie Nepomuceno said the awards are a "special recognition of their vision and contributions to their communities."

The Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce nominated Abyssmal Entertainment, a multi-media filmaker, as their Small Business of the Year. Abyssmal founder **Steven Shea** was recognized as one of the "most professional" people he's met by Chatsworth Chamber board member **Julio Galvez**, owner of We Can Be Heroes Comics. Chamber president **Nick Montano**, owner of Los Toros Mexican Restaurant, said the chamber has only gotten better because of Shea's involvement. Above from left, Montano, Shea and Galvez.

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The North Valley Regional Chamber nominated Madcap Balloons as their Small Business honoree. Madcap is the award-winning one-stop shop for all things balloon-related, from balloon twisters to decorative balloon columns, arches and garlands. North Valley Chamber's Jessica Sanders said, "They bring joy to every event!" Above, owners **Seth Harding** (an actor who became a clown then balloon master) and wife **Theresa Harding**, who ran children's theatre before they started the business.

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• As writers constantly on the hunt for unusual words we found these tantalizing definitions:

- The dot over an "I" or a "J" is called a tittle.
- The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
- The armholes in clothes where the sleeves are sewn is called armscye.
- And illegible handwriting is called dysania.

Baffle someone tomorrow with a quiz!

• We like to print this once in awhile to remind ourselves of famous folks who started out as newspaper carriers in their early years and then made it big. Like Walt Disney, Martin Luther King Jr., Red Skelton, Tom Brokaw, Bing Crosby, John Wayne, J. Edgar Hoover, Jackie Robinson, Bob Hope...and our own L.A. corporate attorney Eric Reimer.

• Didja hear about the fellow who had a photographic mind but it was never developed?

• Here's an idea for those folks who promote special diets. Just sell refrigerators with handles two inches from the floor!

• Here are two short reads we know you can get through easily. *Things I Can't Afford*, by Bill Gates, and *My Guide to the Pacific*, by Amelia Earhardt.

• A female friend who will go unnamed reports that sex is now a misdemeanor. "The more you miss the meaner you get!"

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Word on the Street

----------From Kathleen Sterling

Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and charm and gaiety to life - Plato.

I grew up in a household where my mother and father sang opera to each other and my aunt was a pianist who played Carnegie Hall, the White House and the Hollywood Bowl.

I remember my parents going to see her at the Bowl, and how they dressed for the occasion. Even when they took a young me to a concert I put on a velvet dress, tights and maryjanes.

Having just gone to the Hollywood Jazz Festival last weekend, I guarantee you I left the velvet dress behind, but the thrill of hearing live music in person is still the same.

I've seen some of the greats - from Rosemary Clooney, Tony Bennett, Jascha Heifetz, Placido Domingo and Izhak Perlman to the Rolling Stones, Herbie Hancock and Lady Gaga.

I like all kinds of music (except rap) and having played classical piano for years love to just sit back and let the notes wash over me.

I have season tickets and this year chose the classical series - but I'm also going to opening night's tribute to Henry Mancini with Michael Buble and the July 4th Spectacular with Harry Connick Jr.

The jazz festival this past weekend was amazing - the weather wasn't too hot or too cold, the seats were up close and personal, and the jazz was outstanding.

It's one of the best tickets in town. I've sat in the boxes, and in the nose-bleed seats up top. There's really no bad seat because they now have jumbo trons that broadcast the performance.

If you can, buy a ticket, bring a picnic, people-watch and let the music fill you.

Closer to home we have the amazing Valley Cultural Foundation which puts on free concerts in Warner Park.

It's one of the best tickets in town. I've sat in the boxes, and in the nose-bleed seats up top ...and there's really no bad seat.

Tens of thousands come out every summer to hear tributes to The Doors, Foreigner, ABBA, Fleetwood Mac and more.

The park is filled with music lovers - families, children, dogs, those in wheelchairs, those in strollers. You can see folks singing along or up and dancing, just enjoying the evening and the vibe.

We have to bring you all kinds of news - good, bad and ugly - and these last few weeks have been brutal.

So I wanted to lighten it up and remind you to sit back, relax, and just listen to the music.

Tune in, zone out, and let the troubles of the world be pushed away as you nod to, dance to or sing along with whoever's on stage.

Enjoy and happy first day of summer!

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Investing to Grow: How Businesses Spend Money to Make Money

By Miri Rossitto

When it comes to business, the age-old adage "You have to spend money to make money" rings true. Whether a startup or a well-established corporation, businesses must continually invest in various aspects to drive growth, enhance efficiency, and maintain competitiveness. This strategic spending, referred to as capital and operating expenditure, includes a wide range of investments from marketing and infrastructure to employee training and research and development.

Marketing and Advertising

One of the significant areas businesses allocate major tresources to is marketing and advertising. Effective marketing strategies enhance a company's visibility, attract new customers, and retain existing ones. From traditional mediums like broadcast media and print to modern digital platforms like social media and search engines, businesses must invest in these channels to reach their target audience

A well-executed marketing campaign not only boosts sales but also builds brand recognition and loyalty. For instance, tech giants like Apple and Google spend billions on advertising to maintain their market positions and introduce new products. The return on investment (ROI) from these campaigns often justifies the expenditure as increased sales and market share directly correlate with these efforts.

Technology and Infrastructure

Today's fast-paced, tech-driven world necessitates investing in technology and infrastructure. To improve their operational efficiency, businesses need to keep up with technological advancements to improve their operational efficiency and deliver better customer experiences. This includes upgrading both hardware and software, adopting cloud computing solutions, and enhancing cybersecurity measures. Nowadays, this also means keeping up with advancements in AI technology.

Investing in modern infrastructure like an efficient supply chain system can lead to significant cost savings and productivity improvements. As an example, Amazon's continuous investment in its logistics and delivery network enables it to offer faster delivery times, attracting more customers and increasing sales.

Employee Training and Development

A business' workforce is one of its most valuable assets. Investing in employee training and development programs ensures employees possess the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their roles effectively. This enhances productivity and boosts employee morale and retention.

Companies like Google invest heavily in continuous learning and development programs, recognizing that a well-trained workforce is the key to innovation and growth. By fostering a culture of learning, businesses stay ahead of industry trends and maintain their competitive edge.

Research and Development

For businesses in sectors like pharmaceuticals, technology, and automotive, research and development (R&D) is a cornerstone of growth and innovation. Investing in R&D allows companies to develop new products, improve existing ones, and stay ahead of competitors. This investment is often risky and requires substantial financial resources, but the potential rewards can be immense.

Customer Service and Experience

Customer expectations and demands are on the rise and investing in customer service and experience is an important consideration. Businesses must ensure that their customers have positive interactions at every touchpoint. This involves investing in customer service training, advanced CRM systems, and responsive support channels. By prioritizing customer satisfaction, businesses can differentiate themselves from competitors and drive long-term growth.

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Spending money to make money is not just a business strategy; it is a necessity in the competitive landscape of today's economy. Strategic investment in the areas of marketing, technology, employee development, research and development, and customer experience can yield significant returns. However, businesses need to carefully plan and manage these expenditures to ensure they align with their overall goals and deliver their desired outcomes. By doing so, businesses can thrive by sustaining and expanding their respective markets.

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North Valley and Chatsworth Chambers Joint Meeting

A multi-chamber networking breakfast will bring the North Valley Regional Chamber and the Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber together.

The multi-chamber breakfast will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 8 am at Pillars Cafe,19700 Rinaldi Street in Porter Ranch. The cafe is located with the Shepherd Church Campus.

Cost is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. To register visit nvrcc.org or call Jessica Sanders at (818) 349-5676.

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KidsYoga at The Vineyards at Porter Ranch

Bring your kids for a summer of fun and relaxation at The Vineyards at Porter Ranch Kids Yoga Summer presented by YogaSix! Held at the Town Green in front of Gus's BBQ on the last Saturday of each month, these interactive and engaging yoga classes are specially designed for kids to stretch, strengthen, and unwind.

Cost is $30 for the first student, then $10 for each additional child. Price includes an exclusive YogaSix kids backpack and access to all 4 Kids Yoga Summer classes. Call the studio to register at (747) 218-

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Kick Off Summer at Topanga Social With "Summer Social"

Kick off summer with food trucks, live music and amazing deals at Topanga Social from Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23, 2 to 7 pm daily.

Celebrate with the entire family and enjoy free samples, tastings from their eateries, a SLAB BBQ Smoker, spin wheel, prizes, special cocktails, live bands and DJ'S.

The event will be held right outside Topanga Social at Westfield Topanga. Music Friday is from The No Chasers, Saturday from L.A. Dollz and Sunday from King Chris.

For more information visit westfield.com/topanga.

Gadgets on the Go Free Event for Kids

Lakeshore Learning at 17072 Devonshire Street in Northridge is hosting a "Gadgets on the Go" free event where kids can create contraptions and set them in motion - from windmill and balloon-powered cars to robots and smooth-rolling magnetic tile builds! Ages 3+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration needed.

Richard Thomas stars in To Kill a Mockingbird

To Kill a Mockingbird Comes to the Stage

The American Theatre Guild will present To Kill a Mockingbird, Academy Award® winner Aaron Sorkin's new play, directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher and based on Harper Lee's classic novel.

Emmy Award-winning actor Richard Thomas is starring as Atticus Finch for the history-making production.

This production will close out the 23–24 Broadway in Thousand Oaks series at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center. The play will be staged June 25 to 30. Set in Alabama in 1934, Harper Lee's enduring story of racial injustice and childhood innocence centers on one of the most venerated characters in American literature, small-town lawyer Atticus Finch.

The cast of characters includes Atticus's daughter Scout, her brother Jem, their housekeeper and caretaker, Calpurnia, their visiting friend Dill, and a mysterious neighbor, the reclusive Arthur "Boo" Radley. The other indelible residents of Maycomb, Alabama, are Bob Ewell, Tom Robinson, prosecutor Horace Gilmer, Judge Taylor and Mayella Ewell.

Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch has been embraced by critics and audiences alike. His performance has been called "Easily the most powerful work I've seen from Richard Thomas" (BWW Charlotte), "A memorable performance rarely seen in a touring Broadway production" (Curtain Up Phoenix), and "Sheer perfection - this role was made to be played by Thomas" (Around the Town Chicago). The Buffalo News proclaims "Both modestly human and divinely heroic. All rise for Richard Thomas," and the

Emmy Award-winning actor Richard Thomas is starring as Atticus Finch for the history-making production.

Dallas Voice declares "Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch is at the height of his career."

Since its tour launch in March 2022, the First National Tour of To Kill a Mockingbird has played more than 500 performances in 44 cities, seen by more than one million theatergoers, and hailed as "A must-see" (Northwest Herald, Chicago), "The most powerful telling of this story you'll ever experience" (St. Paul Pioneer-Press) and "Amazing – a perfect 10!" (KOA News Radio, Denver).

Tickets to Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird are available for purchase at BroadwayInThousandOaks.com and BAPACThousandOaks.com. Group ticket savings for 10+ are available by contacting Groups@ ATGuild.org.

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Oscar Wilde "Comedy of Manners" Opens at West Valley Playhouse

The Oscar Wilde "comedy of manners" *Lady Windermere's Fan*, open at the West Valley Playhouse June 28.

The production, under the direction of Jon Berry, stars John Alexenko, Barbara Jean Dumont, Diane Le Moine, Paula K. Long, Malikah Pinder, Bill Prescott, Tony Nguyen, Rob Rush, Lara Salem, E.K. Sandoval and Zena Yen Wozniak. Costume design is by Tamarah Ashton.

The play is staged Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sunday at 2:30 pm at 7507 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park.

For information and tickets visit wvplayhouse.com or call (818) 884-1907.

The Reel History of the Valley

By Martin M. Cooper

Walt Disney: The Truth

The most famous person who ever worked in the San Fernando Valley was Walt Disney.

His name has appeared on countless motion pictures, television programs, merchandise, theme parks, streaming services, and much more. His name is so ubiquitous that you can mention "Uncle Walt" nearly anyplace in the world and people will know who you are talking about…and more often than not, proffer a smile at the mention of his name.

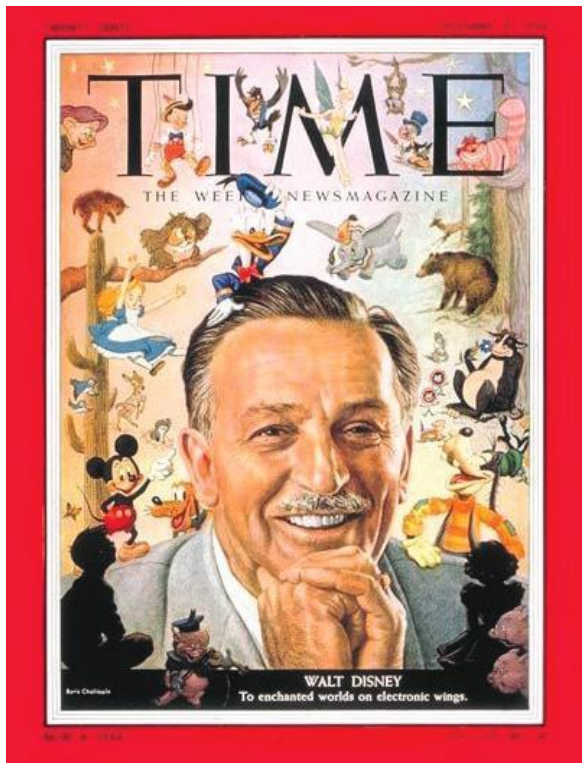
Not surprisingly, a number of myths have arisen about his name and company. It's time to look at some of the Walt Disney myths.

Disney was frozen. False; many people think that he had an interest in cryogenics. He actually was cremated and was interred at Forest Lawn Memorial following his death on December 15, 1966. His memorial site is located in the Court of Freedom at Forest Lawn Cemetery, not far from the studio that bears his name. It's a small garden with a memorial plaque for him and his family. The "Walt was frozen" story probably emanates from a pair of biographies, 1986's *Disney's World* by Leonard Mosely and 1993's *Walt Disney—Hollywood's Dark Prince* by Marc Eliot that posited his interest in cryogenics would have led to having his remains frozen.

Disney was fascinated by the new. True. Disney wanted to hear about everything that he might incorporate into his films, Disneyland, or his other ventures. He loved hearing of new inventions and processes.

Anaheim was Walt Disney's first proposed location for a theme park. False. The initial idea for a new type of family entertainment came about when Disney was visiting Griffith Park in Los Angeles with his two daughters, Diane and Sharon.

When I was Disneyland's Advertising & Promotion Manager, in the 1960s, engineers from Bell Aerosystems developed the Bell Rocket Belt. They brought it out to the studio and Disney and a group of executives, including me, watched a demonstration as the Bell technician strapped the dual rockets to his back and actually flew up and around the studio parking lot. Disney was so excited by the Rocket Belt that he wanted to try it himself; we talked him out of it.



Walt Disney and but a few of his famous creations on the cover of Time Magazine on December 27, 1954.

The Disney Studio was designed so it could be a hospital. False. The success of 1937's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* provided Disney and his brother Roy the funds to build their own studio in Burbank. The myth of a studio designed to be converted into a hospital was either created or propagated by Richard Schickel in his 1968 book, *The Disney Version*: "Delighted as they had been by Snow White's acceptance, Disney's bankers were still not absolutely certain he was here to stay. They would advance him money for a new studio only on condition that its principal structure could easily be adopted to some other use. This particular section of Burbank needed a hospital, and so the bankers insisted that the building be constructed for easy conversion into such a place."

The Disney Archives executives insist the studio's main building was designed for optimum use as an animation factory, not a hospital.

Anaheim was Walt Disney's first proposed location for a theme park. False. The initial idea for a new type of family entertainment came about when Disney was visiting Griffith Park in Los Angeles with his two daughters, Diane and Sharon. While watching them ride the merry-go-round, he came up with the idea of a place where adults and their children could go and have fun together, though this idea lay dormant for many years.

When Disney first conceived of a theme park that would be the antithesis of the sleazy carnies that were prevalent at the time, he thought of putting it across Riverside Drive from his new studio in Burbank.

According to the *Los Angeles Almanac*, Disney's initial name for his vision was Mickey Mouse Park: "In 1951, Walt brought in artist Harper Goff to illustrate his vision for the park. In 1952, the proposed $1.5 million park development for Burbank was announced to the public and Walt incorporated an organization around the park development project. When Walt finally presented his plans to Burbank's city council, the plans were rejected because local politicians didn't want to bring a 'carny' atmosphere into Burbank. This and the reality that Walt's expanded vision for the park had quickly grown far larger than 16 acres, compelled Walt to look outside Burbank."

He then retained Buzz Price and his company, Economic Research Consultants, to find the optimum place for what was to become Disneyland.

Burbank's loss, Anaheim's gain.

Martin Cooper, President of Cooper Communications, supervised public relations for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for 10 years; held executive positions with Disney and Universal Studios; and served as Chairman of the Board of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. An award-winning author, he has written four books, two of them on the San Fernando Valley. He is currently researching his next book, the history of motion pictures in the Valley.

The Disney Family Garden at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California, just a stone's throw from the Disney Studio.

Released at the end of 1937, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was such a blockbuster that it allowed Walt and Roy Disney to fund their own studio in Burbank, today the home of the largest entertainment company in the world.

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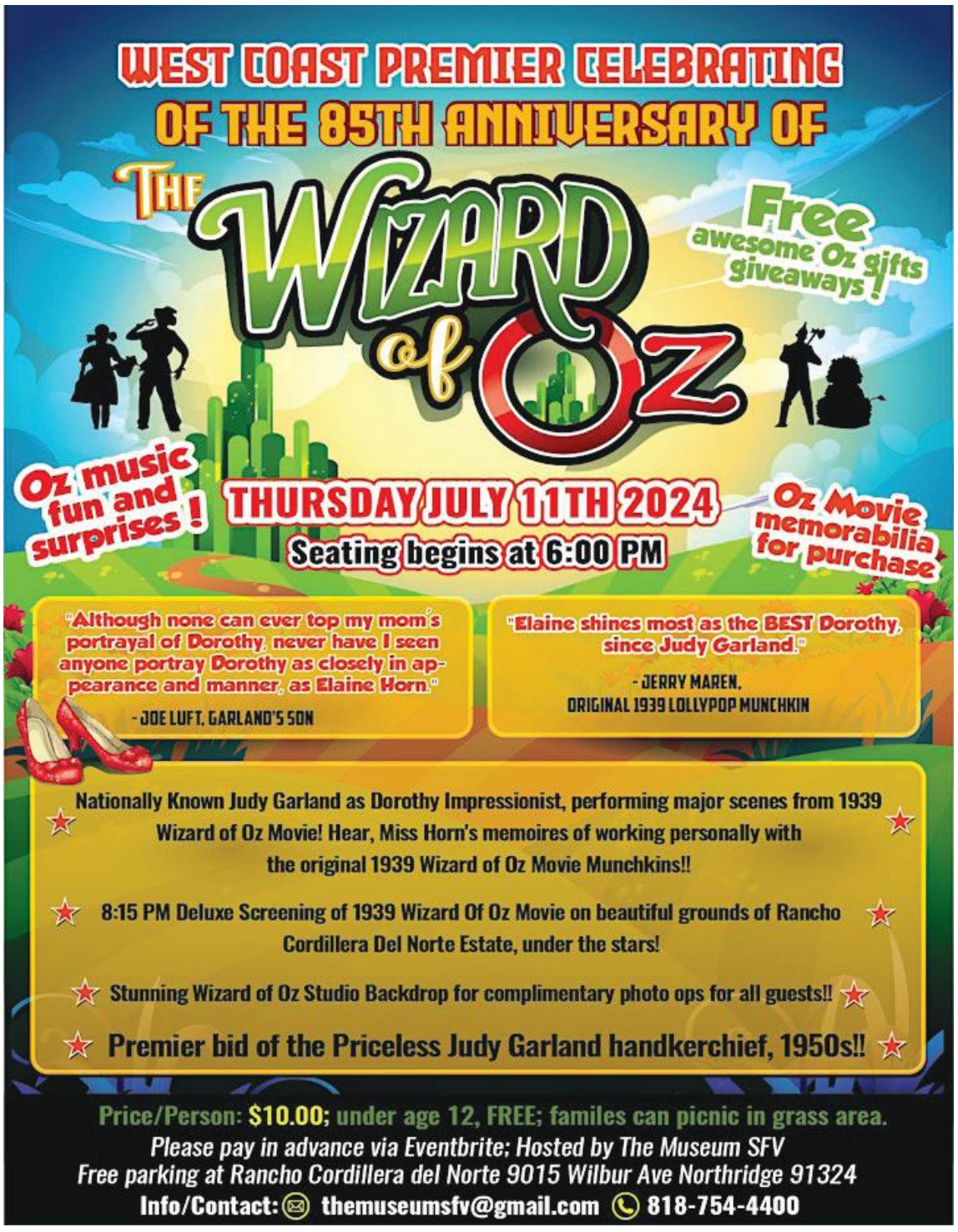

85th Anniversary of The Wizard of Oz at Museum of the San Fernando Valley

Elaine Horn as Dorothy.

To celebrate the 85th anniversary of the movie *The Wizard of Oz,* the Museum of the San Fernando Valley is holding a gala event on Thursday, July 11.

There will be a deluxe screening of the 1938 movie and nationally known Judy Garland as Dorothy impressionist Elaine Horn will perform major scenes from the movie. Hear Horn's memories of working personally with the original 1938 movie munchkins!

Joe Luft, Garland's son, has said of Horn, "Although none can ever top my mom's portrayal of Dorothy, never have I seen anyone portray Dorothy as closely in appearance and manner as Elaine Horn." Jerry Maren, an original 1939 Lollypop Munchkin, said, "Elaine shines as the best Dorothy since Judy Garland."

There will be a *Wizard of Oz* studio backdrop for complimentary photo ops for all guests, plus Oz movie memorabilia for purchase, Oz music and surprises and some free Oz gifts giveaways.

There will be an auction for a priceless Judy Garland hankerchief from the 1950's.

The event will be held at the Rancho Cordillera Del Norte Estate under the stars. Seating begins at 6 pm and the movie begins at 8:15 pm. Price is $10 per person, under 12 are free. Families can picnic before in the grassy area on the museum grounds.

There is free parking at the Rancho, located at 9015 Wilbur Avenue in Northridge. For more information about the event and the museum and to make reservations email themuseumsfv@gmail.com or call (818) 754-4400.

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Country and Culinary Adventure in the City of Music

By Katie Sterling

It has to be said that if you extend an invitation that requires a plane to get there, I am more often than not looking at flights before the full details are even relayed. Any chance to explore a new city, or revisit a favorite one, is the only excuse I need. Life is short, buy the plane ticket! In the case of this specific trip, the life we were invited to celebrate was the impending arrival of a family friend's baby in Nashville – a city I was eager to return to and which my travel companion had yet to explore. With our tickets booked and our itinerary set,

this mother-daughter duo set out to celebrate the newest mother-daughter duo and have a few adventures along the way. In the immortal words of Shania Twain, "Let's go girls!"

After an airline delay, we landed in the City of Music not quite in the mood to boot scootin boogie, but rather rest and recharge before the full weekend ahead. Thankfully our hotel, Tempo by Hilton Nashville, was the perfect choice to ignite our excitement for our country-fueled weekend while still allowing the opportunity to sit back and soak in the amenities.

Having only opened a few months prior, Tempo by Hilton stands just minutes from the bustle of Broadway and evokes a stylish, more contemporary take than traditional Hiltons. Leaning into the city that surrounds it, Tempo is outfitted in an art-deco design that mirrors the art and architecture of Nashville's past and present. It even goes so far as to craft the country aspect by paying homage through art to the greatest female country artist… you've never heard of. Mary Louise, a completely fictional singer, is brought so vividly to life through the hotel's décor, it comes as a shock to visitors to learn of her true history. It's not only a clever marketing tool, but a message that in this city, any and all singers can get their moment in the spotlight.

Famished from the flight, we settled in to the Lovelorn Lounge, located adjacent to the fifth-floor lobby, which afforded sweeping views of the city. Not too tired to indulge in our first meal of Southern specialties, we ordered Nashville hot fried calamari and crispy chicken fritter sliders off a menu expansive in options. Thankfully, the bar rotunda requires no reservations, making it the ideal stop for weary travelers like ourselves or those looking for an afternoon indulgence. Satiated, and on the precipice of exhaustion, we simply had to take the elevator up a few floors to our room. Expertly designed and quite spacious, the double-queen room had everything a traveler could need to settle in for their stay; from heavenly-scented Apotheke shower amenities to a Bluetooth speaker mirror ready to blast those country tunes and dare I say, perhaps the most comfortable hotel bed I've ever slept in.

With a full night's sleep, we woke up refreshed and ready to hit the first stop that only seemed appropriate for these newsies: Hatch Print Shop! After all, Hatch is a working letterpress print shop that still uses vintage type and hand-carved blocks to create one-of-a-kind posters, the same technique old newspaper printing presses utilized. While glass windows allow passing patrons to see the press machines being put to use, we opted for the official tour where guests are taken behind the scenes for a thorough breakdown of Hatch's history with the city and the chance to create your own letter-block souvenir. Hatch is located just adjacent to the Country Music Hall of Fame, a must-see museum for first timers as it perfectly encapsulates the history of this musical city and the evolution of country music itself. We were delighted to discover that one of the current exhibitions happened to serendipitously be about the roots of Los Angeles country-rock, highlighting the crucial role country tunes played in reinvigorating the rock scene throughout Laurel Canyon and local nightclubs. We had left LA to learn about Nashville and circled back to a little history of our own home!

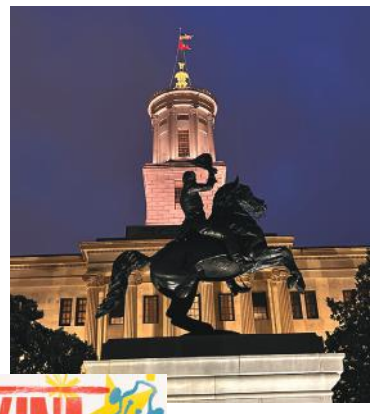
Our historic tour of Nashville continued with an excursion to Andrew Jackson's famous manor home, The Hermitage, a short ride from downtown. Having previously toured Belle Meade Mansion (highly recommend), we chose this trip to learn a bit more about the seventh president by touring his manor, museum and expansive grounds. Tours are offered throughout the day to explore the home itself, but perhaps the highlight of The Hermitage is the freedom to walk the property, through the cemetery where the Jacksons are laid to rest, and the beautiful gardens.

With heads now full of history and legs weary from walking, we set out for perhaps the most important item on our agenda: dinner. Sperry's is an old school steakhouse, and dare I say, a Nashville institution, made famous for opening in 1974 with the city's first-ever salad bar. Seeing as how we were meeting up with our family friends, this local haunt in Belle Meade was an ideal spot to cozy up in the corner of the dimly lit steakhouse and catch up over wine and old-school favorites. When you step into Sperry's, you could be stepping back into time where the food isn't fussy, but instead hearty classics that only solidify why this establishment is a much-beloved spot. To end the evening, as any newspaper editor should do, we ventured to Printer's Alley. In its heyday, 13 publishers and 10 printers were located in this alley before it became a hotspot for speakeasies during Prohibition, and now serves as a lively option for live music and late-night drinks.

If Friday was for tourism, Saturday was for exploring local haunts…in more ways than one. With the sun shining, we headed out to Nashville's Farmers Market, a year-round establishment that has farmers and artisans selling their wares outside with an expansive food hall inside. It's an ideal spot to do a little local shopping and then recharge with a hearty lunch.

But, as any local or recurring visitor knows, the weather in Nashville can take unexpected turns. Since we needed to wait out the rain, we decided to head back to Tempo to try out their virtual TopGolf, one of a myriad of games on offer. It's an ideal spot to grab a drink or a bite and still be active when the weather acts up.

Leaving our clubs behind, we ventured out to familiarize ourselves with another female rockstar making waves not in the country world, but the culinary one. Co-owner and Executive Chef Maneet Chauhan opened Chauhan Ale & Masala House in 2014 to combine Indian flavors with traditional Southern dishes. Let's just say you'll never know how much you need tandoori chicken poutine in your life until you've dined at this establishment. Celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, Chauhan's menu offers diners a plethora of traditional dishes with options to customize based on your favorite curry.



Along with the poutine, we ordered the tandoori chicken and tamarind lamb chops in a korma curry, all washed down with a Taj Mule beverage. Each dish was fresh, easily shareable and as beautifully presented as it was exceptionally flavorful. And as anyone knows, dessert feeds the soul not the body, so we had to top the night off with their spiced mirat Nashville rum cake topped with salted caramel cardamom and sprinkled with pistachios. Chauhan Ale & Masala House is an ideal spot for those looking to venture away from the traditional BBQ the city romanticizes and instead, dine on flavorful dishes that exude individuality.

With just an hour to kill post-dinner and before our next excursion, we popped into Rudy's Jazz Room which was one of the most unexpected delights of our trip. When in doubt of how to spend your time, always ask a local! We never would have known about this spot if our wonderful waitress at Chauhan hadn't recommended it. An intimate space, serving Prohibition-era cocktails and live jazz, we only wish we had

a bit more time to spend here. But, ghosts were calling! That's right…our last stop of the day was a haunted walking tour of Nashville with Ghost City Tours. While some smirk at the idea of a ghost tour, I find it a fun and frankly, fascinating way to hear the history of a city and see famous monuments at night when they're beautifully lit up and devoid of the usual daytime crowds. Equally entertained and spooked, we returned to Tempo with a bit more local knowledge and cheeky stories to regale.

While our last day was mostly filled with baby shower duties, we did sneak out to visit one more classic Nashville spot. Since 1910, The Hermitage Hotel in downtown Nashville has been a cultural institution thanks to its political history, infamous ghosts and "Best Restroom in America" award thanks to its distinctive tiling.

After wandering the five-star hotel, we settled in for their afternoon "Spillin' Tea with Draper James" served in the grand lobby and veranda. This traditional three-course tea, with a Southern flair, was the ideal way to decompress from a weekend of exploring and sightseeing. As modern as The Hermitage Hotel is, you can still feel the rich cultural history of the space, a sentiment that I feel applies to most of Nashville. It's a city constantly evolving, but still recognizing the importance of holding onto its roots.

Those that travel here will no doubt sense this juxtaposition, especially if you're willing to go off the beaten tracks a little. After all, it's in the unexpected detours where we found the Southern charm of the city shined the brightest.

From top: Seeing the city by night, a Hatch poster, tandoori chicken poutine, tamarind lamb chops, the Lovelorn Lounge and artwork of Mary Louise.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center Receives "LGBTQ+ Equality Leader" Recognition 2024

Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) has been recognized as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 2024 Healthcare Equality Index (HEI). NHMC has previously been recognized with this designation.

"As a mission-driven organization founded to provide care for all, providing welcoming and knowledgeable care for LGBTQ+ patients are important priorities," said Paul Watkins, NHMC President & CEO. "This recognition from HEI is a testament to the dedication of our compassionate care teams, who are committed to helping make sure that our LGBTQ+ patients feel welcome, heard, and safe at our hospital every day."

The HEI is the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees. The HEI evaluates and scores on detailed criteria falling under five central pillars: non-discrimination and staff training; patient services and support; employee benefits and policies; patient and community engagement, and responsible citizenship.

In the 2024 report, a record 1,065 healthcare facilities actively participated in the HEI 2024 survey and scoring process. Of those participants, 384 received the top score of 100, earning the "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" designation. LGBTQ+ patients have historically faced significant and longstanding challenges to accessing the care they need, and NHMC is committed to providing welcoming, compassionate care for LGBTQ+ patients and their families.

As part of the HEI process, NHMC underwent a comprehensive review of LGBTQ+ care policies and practices within the organization. NHMC updated dozens of policies to support LGBTQ+ health care outcomes, expanded training for staff and clinicians, updated patient forms and IT patients and preferred pronouns and solicit feedback from LGBTQ+ patients, and clarified wording in employee benefits to be explicitly inclusive of LGBTQ+ employees – to name just a few examples.

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Staying Hydrated and Healthy This Summer

Extreme heat kills, on average, twice as many people annually than other natural disasters. While the elderly and small children are at a higher disadvantage, dehydration can cause heat-related illnesses in all. As the Valley begins to heat up this summer, it's imperative to recognize the symptoms of dehydration and incorporate ways to combat it.

Dehydration occurs when your body doesn't have the adequate amount of water to function properly and can leave you feeling thirsty, tired, disorientated and sick. Mild to moderate dehydration symptoms include dry skin, fatigue, decreased urine output or dark yellow urine, dry mouth, lightheadedness, increased heart rate and muscle weakness or cramping.

Severe dehydration symptoms includes low blood pressure, lethargy, cracked lips, lack of urination, sunken eyes, confusion or loss of consciousness. In extreme cases, if your internal organs are not receiving enough blood flow thanks to dehydration, complications like kidney failure or liver injuries could occur.

Unless one's dehydration falls into the severe or extreme category, it can easily be rectified by drinking plenty of fluids such as water, coconut water (which contains electrolytes), or a sweet drink to replace lost sugar in addition to a salty snack to replace lost salt. If you're feeling ill, start with small sips and gradually drink more. Avoid any caffeine or alcohol as this can make dehydration worse. If symptoms are severe, an individual should head to urgent care where they can administer iv fluids if necessary.

While dehydration can affect anyone, especially during heat waves, the best way to combat it is to stay on top of hydration. A few methods to encourage you to incorporate more fluids in your diet are as follows:

1. Carry a refillable water bottle at all times. Most public places have dedicated water fountains or refilling stations so you can always ensure a full bottle of water. While Stanleys have become quite popular as portable drinking vessels, there are a myriad of options available depending on the size or material you would like in a bottle. There are even water bottles with specific demarcations that coach you on how much water you should have had by a certain time of day!

2. Set alarms on your phone. As silly as it sounds, setting frequent reminders throughout the day can help you remember to drink more water. This is especially true for athletes or those working in outdoor conditions. While people can get swept up in errands or meetings, an alarm will bring you back to your water intake goal.

3. Add flavor or electrolytes. So many individuals who don't drink enough water claim the taste is boring. Try adding fresh fruit or mint to make the water taste a bit more enticing. There are also a plethora of sugar-free, electrolyte additives you can add to your water such as Liquid I.V. that not only change the taste of the water, but infuse it with added vitamins and minerals.

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REAL ESTATE

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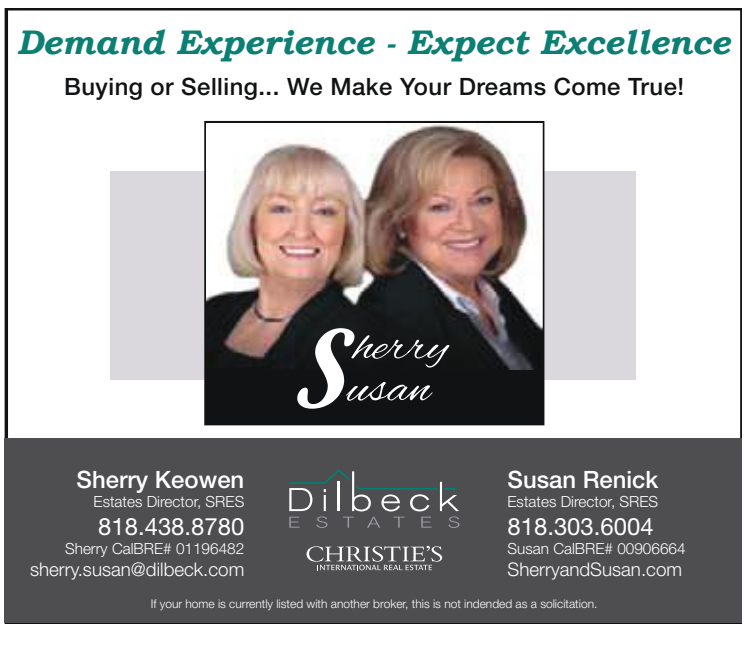

REAL ESTATE

Putting Your Home on the Market? Home Improvements That Help Sell!

By Cindy Libonati

Thinking about selling your home? Have you been wondering what should be done to help it be more appealing and get the highest value when you do sell? Maybe these suggestions can help you.

In today's post-pandemic world, many people are working from home. Do you have a room that could be staged as a home-office? Maybe it's being used for a bedroom and you have four or more bedrooms so this is a good idea.

Less is more! I highly suggest going through your home and de-cluttering before meeting with a Realtor or before you go on the market. You want the potential buyers to look at the features in your home, not your personal photos and your "stuff."

The front yard is the first thing people see when they drive up to a potential property that a buyer might be considering. How does yours look from the street? This is critical and doesn't cost a lot to clean it up, plant some color and today, succulents and drought tolerant plants are popular and practical. Indoor-outdoor living is key these days as well so I suggest making your backyard attractive and inviting.

Bathrooms and kitchens are focal points. If they are old, you might invest in updating these key rooms. These are rooms that will for sure make a difference in your sale.You will benefit with less time on the market and more return on your investment.

- Cindy Libonati

If your paint needs to be touched up, that is so worth it! - inside and out! I suggest that you drive around and see what paint colors appeal to you in today's neighborhoods. Preferences have changed over the last 10+ years and it's good to do some research. Before painting, if you haven't had a termite inspection in many years, I suggest you do that first. If you have old wood and there is wood rot, you don't want to paint that, you want to have it replaced and then paint.

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If you have worn wood floors, have them refinished. If you have carpet, you might consider replacing it with some quality vinyl flooring, which is what is popular with buyers today.

I have really good sources so if you need referrals for quality contractors in all fields who are licensed and insured, please reach out to me. I have them and happy to share with you. I love putting good people together and helping small businesses! I would love to be your Siri!

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REAL ESTATE

After the Rains...It's Time to Clean Your Drains!

Maintaining yard drains during the summer in Southern California is essential due to the dry climate and occasional summer storms. Dry debris, such as leaves and dirt, can accumulate and clog drains, leading to blockages. When unexpected summer storms occur, clogged drains can cause flooding and water damage.

Regular maintenance ensures that drains remain clear, preventing these issues and protecting your landscaping and home foundations. Additionally, clean drains help prevent stagnant water, which can attract pests like mosquitoes. By keeping yard drains well-maintained, you ensure proper drainage, protect your property, and maintain a healthy outdoor environment.

Your sewer line is also a critical component of your home and requires upkeep.

If your home is connected to a sewer system, there is a sewer line that links your home's drains to the main sewer drain. This line is located underground and is considered part of your home's plumbing system and your responsibility for maintenance and repairs. Sewer lines are typically four to six inches wide and slope downwards to push the flow of wastewater away from your home and into your city's sewer.

If your drains start to smell funky and you smell gases and foul odors, that is usually a sign that the wastewater isn't moving correctly and there may be an issue in your sewer line.

Getting a sewer line inspection for older homes or those with more trees is a good idea. Because the sewer is not visible, most homeowners don't think about theirsewer pipes until there is an actual problem.

How often you should have your sewer lines cleaned depends on your home's plumbing. There is no set time frame for sewer line cleaning; however, if you start to see the signs of a blockage or problem, you will want to get in front of it before you have a mess on your hands.

If you continue to have issues with drains clogging and have multiple drains throughout your home with issues, there could be a problem with your sewer line.

Nothing is worse than a sewer backup in your home. If you are at the point where wastewater is starting to come up through your drains, there is a serious problem and you need to call a professional plumber immediately.

If your drains are draining slowly, that could be a warning sign of a sewer line clog in formation.

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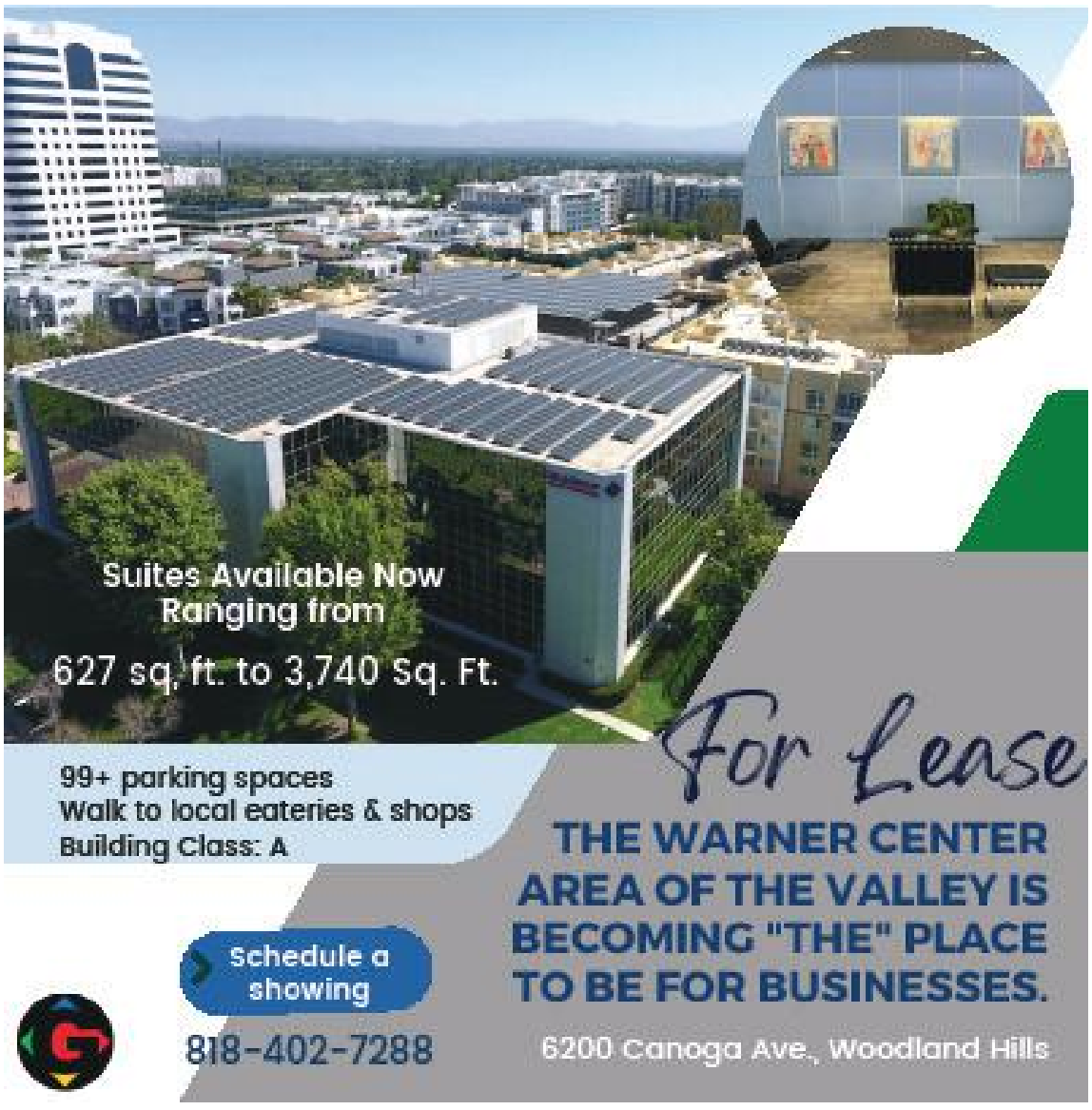
The sewer main clean out is a pipe/s with a cap that provides access to the sewer line so that blockages can be easily removed. If you open your sewer line clean-out and see it's flooded or find soggy ground around it, you likely have an obstruction somewhere in your sewer line.

Ideally you should clean your sewer line at least every two years.

For drain and sewer line inspection and cleaning call The Drain Co., serving the San Fernando Valley since 1969. They offer all plumbing and drain cleaning services. Call (818) 442-0966 or visit thedrainco.com.



Young Mountain Lion Killed on the 101

A young mountain lion was found dead on the side of the 101 Freeway near Liberty Canyon, ironically near the site of the uncompleted wildlife crossing.

A necropsy will be performed to find out more about the male cougar who was around three years old. He was not collared, so biologists at the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area don't know much about him. Young male lions tend to roam, however, to find a territory of their own.

Getting hit by a car is tragically the number one cause of death in the cougar population.

The wildlife crossing over the eight lanes of the 101 will connect natural habitat on either side of the freeway, and allow cougars and other local wildlife to cross the freeway safely.

The Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing should be completed in early 2026.

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Dry Weather is Time for Roof Repair and Solar Panel Cleaning

Skies are dry, so now's the time to tackle your roofing projects and repairs.

Leaky roof? Broken skylight? Rotting wood? Aquaguard Roofiing can handle all your needs. Owner Donny Ritter, a licensed general contractor, has been in the roofing business for over 18 years, and has spent 30 years in the construction, painting and carpentry industry

Aquaguard offers complete re-roofing, as well as roof repairs from a family of sub-contractors.

Ritter explained that many contractors will not offer repairs, they will only offer complete re-roofing, which can be extraordinarily expensive. Many also do not offer water intrusion and leak detection.

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Ritter says that dirty solar panels can take away about 20% of your solar power. Aquaguard cleans them with a very light glass chemical designed for solar panels. That and a jet brush clean muck and grime from pollution, tree debris and more.

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Ritter prides himself on prompt and professional service and the highest quality materials.

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His complete range of services includes wood replacement, energy efficient coatings and alternatives, painting and refinishing as well as gutter and spout repair and replacement.

To reach Aquaguard call (818) 895-6356.

Granada Hills Centennial Celebration Seeks Input

The Granada Hills Community Centennial Celebration committee is holding an open discussion and meeting on Wednesday, June 26, at 6 pm. Representatives from all Granada Hills community, civic and religious organizations are invited and encourage to attend to start thinking of ways to join in the festivities and excitement.

The meeting will be held at the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce office, 17723 Chatsworth Street.

For more information and questions email John Ciccarelli, Chairperson, at jcicarelli@aol.com.

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