



No 4th of July Parade this year?

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Meth Lab and Illegal Marijuana Growing Operation Discovered After Neighbors Report Smoke



Photo by David DeMulle

At approximately 8 PM on May 31, LAFD responded to reports of a house fire at 10071 Sunland Blvd. Firefighters from Station 77 & 74 found a single story house with light smoke showing from the rear of the structure. During the investigation of the fire, firefighters found an operational meth lab along with a possible illegal marijuana grow operation. Reports from the scene indicated that there was no fire, but strong fumes from the operation. Hazmat and the LAPD Foothill Division are conducting the narcotics investigation. Witnesses at the scene stated that they saw two men running away from the scene.

Erratic Driver Apprehended After Colliding with Fire Hydrant



Photo by David DeMulle

An almost hit & run driver was caught last Sunday night by LACo Sheriffs after hitting a fire hydrant and trying to leave the scene. Neighbors had been complaining about the driver of a Mercedes SL-320 convertible driving erratically on Hillrose. Although there was major damage to the front end of the Mercedes, the driver still tried to leave the scene of the accident.

After the Shaking Stops - the Deafening Silence Begins. Are You Prepared?

By George Eckart (KJ6LA)

California is destined to experience the big one at any time. After the shaking stops, how will you get in touch with loved ones across town or throughout the region when there is no power, no phone service, little if any cell coverage and no internet? Are you prepared to the silence that follows the big one? Amateur Radio Operators (or Hams) are poised to "make some noise" in the aftermath of a major temblor. Hams have the capacity and the skills to provide some of those initial vital links to those outside the affected area. When disaster strikes who will you call? You may want to contact a Ham radio operator or, better yet, even become one. Interested in learning more about what Amateur Radio Operators can do?

The Crescenta Valley Radio Club will be participating in National Field



Photo by Joseph Antczak

Day activities on June 23 & 24th in Verdugo Park (across from Glendale City College). On Field Day, amateur radio operators take their equipment and expertise "to the field" to make as many contacts as possible across the US and Canada over a 24 hour period. While Field Day has been termed ham radios "Open House" it's deeper purpose

is disaster preparedness as radio operators practice communicating under circumstances that mimic the displacement of a disaster.

Operators will be on duty beginning at 11:00 am Saturday morning and continuing for 24 hours. You are invited to visit, ask questions, and see how this wonderful pastime can play a crucial role in providing communi-

cation to the outside world when disaster strikes. You may even want to learn how to earn your own Federally granted amateur radio license and join the effort to serve those in need.

For over a half a century the Crescenta Valley Amateur Radio Club has been providing communication services to the community. Stop by and see how Ham radio today

is utilizing both the digital and analogue techniques and blending them together into new communication modalities. Ask to see how a seemingly simple hand-held radio can communicate with fellow operators literally around the world. You can talk to other Hams who are actively building a high-speed mesh network that is intended to provide back-up communications for essential county medical facilities in the aftermath of a disaster. It is a project created, funded and operated by Amateur Radio Operators of Los Angeles County.

The Crescenta Valley Radio Club meets every second Thursday of the month at Verdugo Hills Hospital at 7:30 pm. The meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend. For more information, contact Michael L. Lichtman (KF6KXG), Club President, through the club website at cvrc.club

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How to Safeguard This Big Investment

by Ed Castellanos



Purchasing a home is one of the largest financial commitments you'll ever make, and it's understandable to want to protect your investment throughout the purchase process. When you're ready to make an offer on a home, adding a contingency to your contract can give you time to assess the property and feel confident that it is a sound investment.

Here are five contingencies that can safeguard your investment:

1. A financing contingency ensures you're not on the hook if something goes awry with your loan. If you're unable to secure a mortgage or the terms and conditions change significantly during the contingency period, you can back out without any penalties.
2. An inspection contingency gives you a set time frame to have a professional home inspection done on the property. Should issues be found, you can negotiate with the seller to make repairs

or adjust the sales price to account for the home's condition.

3. An appraisal contingency protects you if an appraisal comes in below the sales price. When this happens, it's up to you to make up the difference, either by securing additional financing, paying it out of pocket or renegotiating the deal. If none of these methods work, the contingency allows you to back out without losing your earnest money.
4. A home sale contingency is crucial if you're selling an existing home while buying a new one. Essentially, it says your purchase relies on your ability to sell your current home by a specific date. If you haven't accepted an offer in that period, you can withdraw and get your earnest money back.
5. An occupancy contingency protects you should you need to move into your new home by a specific time. It gives you possession of the home on the date you specify. It's no secret that today's housing market is a competitive one, and bidding wars can be intimidating. Get in touch today to ensure that your bid stands out and your investment is protected.

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ArcadiaPoliceFoundation.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the FOOTHILLS

Sierra Nelson graduates from Cornell College

Cornell College conferred degrees on 216 students during its annual Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 13, 2018, including Sierra Nelson of Tujunga, CA (91042).

After years of studying and lots of memories with classmates and faculty members, the Class of 2018 gathered in the

Richard and Norma Small Multi-Sport Center for an indoor ceremony.

Caitlin Stieber, a graduating senior from Sterling Heights, Michigan, gave the student address. She focused on the power of the 18-day block plan.

"Many of us have had academic experiences and successes that we could not

even have dreamed of in high school," Stieber said. "We have learned subjects that have led us to our passions and what we plan to pursue in the future. Through our hard work and dedication, we have been able to accomplish things that most undergraduates can only dream about."

Tujunga Student Graduates from the University of San Diego

Dylan Sunga of Tujunga graduated from the Uni-

versity of San Diego on May 27.

Sunga earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy.

Local Scholar Initiated into The Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Salinay Abramyan of Tujunga, California, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Abramyan was initiated at California State University, Los Angeles.

Abramyan is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent

of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do facul-



ty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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WOW!

Another “week that was!” week. Just when I thought that things were slowing down, an arsonist was cruising up and down the 210 freeway setting 6 fires. The TSA told me that Sonia Tatulian wasn’t on the “No Fly” list and that she could come home. Damn. We had a Meth-House go bang on Sunland and crazy drivers going out of their way to do stupid things and killing people. Yup, it was quite a week.

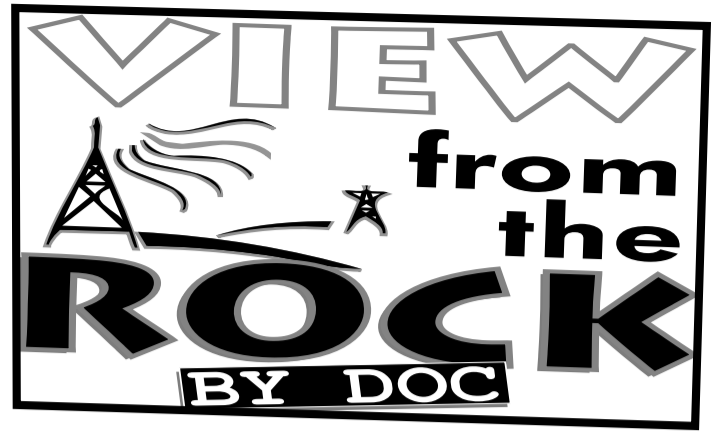
On the bright side, the Chamber of Commerce got their act together and

raised enough money to guarantee a free 4th of July fireworks event for the community. The Rotary Club on the other hand is having a difficult time running the 4th of July parade. It appears that they don’t have enough members (4 years running) to qualify for event permits, insurance and crowd control.

4th of July is supposed to be a fun celebration with people HAVING FUN. Not be punks throwing frozen water balloons at the equine entries and marchers. With Michelle Ramage running the Rotary Club

behind the scenes, it has gone to hell in a handbag. Last year she tried to ban 2 entrants from the parade because she didn’t like them. Let’s talk “FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.” Anyway, the hooligans and peckerwoods will be there, trying to hurt people. I was told that The War Zone will be in front of Taco Bell this year.

I’m looking forward to seeing what is going to happen this year. If there really is a 4th of July Parade with the theme “Honoring Our Local Zeros,” maybe we could have the police fly-over dump



water on everybody? Oh well, just a thought. There is going to be a surprise for some people this year. (Read MAJOR WATER CANON) Snicker Snicker.

Lion’s Club member Brenda “Boo” Douglas said that she won’t be in the parade because she was

sexually harassed last year. Damn, I missed that. But HEY! Don’t let that stop you, this is Tujunga where anything goes. If you survive it, you’re going to have fun.

It’s a great little town we have here, but you better not drink THE WATER!

The National Neighborhood Watch Offers a New Way for Families to Reduce Their Risk of Burglary.

The National Neighborhood Watch offers a new way for citizens to reduce their risk of burglary. It’s called Super Grip Lock a patented \$10 deadbolt accessory that stops anyone from unlocking your door at home or when staying in a hotel or motel.

Formerly the Security Travel Strap tested by the National Locksmith evaluating locks for the Lock Industry since 1929 who reported even when using a working key and a pair of pliers the key broke but the deadbolt remained locked and stating, “This is a product locksmiths should carry

in their shops and vans and perform a public service for those that need them.” -- “There is an unlimited potential for customers and the \$10 retail price is definitely right.”

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L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger Presents “Live at the Arboretum” With Trace Adkins, June 16

Pasadena, CA – Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger proudly presents the second annual summer concert festival “Live at the Arboretum” with country star and veterans’ advocate Trace Adkins on Saturday, June 16 at 7pm at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Tickets start at \$15 and gates open for picnic dining at 5:30pm. This summer’s Live at the Arboretum concert follows the success

of the inaugural 2017 debut with LeAnn Rimes, and is presented by Supervisor Barger, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation, the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation and the Pasadena POPS.

A three-time Grammy-nominated member of the Grand Ole Opry, Trace Adkins’ trademark baritone has powered countless hits to the top of the charts. A veritable jack of all trades, Trace is a TV personality,

actor, author, and most proudly a spokesman for the Wounded Warrior Project and the American Red Cross, for whom he raised more than \$1.5 million dollars as winner of NBC’s All-Star Celebrity Apprentice. In recent years, Adkins has performed for our service men and women across 12 USO Tours. Adkins’ film credits include The Lincoln Lawyer, Deepwater Horizon and Moms’ Night Out . Spacious circular table

seating with linens and lawn seating are both available for picnicking. The venue also features a variety of food trucks and two beverage centers serving fine wines, beer, coffee and soft drinks.

Tickets are available for \$15, \$25, \$35, and \$55 and are available by calling the box office at (626) 793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org, or at the Arboretum on the day of the concert.



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Quinoa Salad with Serrano Chiles

By Chef Randy



Quinoa is pronounced "keen-wah". When I journeyed to Peru a couple of years ago with our son, Robert, he and I enjoyed this traditional grain salad on the balcony of a small restaurant about an hour from Cusco at 11,000 feet in elevation.

While waiting for our food we noticed a bowl of small green leaves on our table. We were told that these "coca" leaves were a powerful stimulant and should be added to our hot tea if we had trouble acclimating to the local eleva-

tion. I tried them in my tea but our son did not. I can't say I liked the sensation. I can say I liked the Quinoa salad they served. When we returned, I tried to duplicate it and think I got close. I like to serve on a bed of crisp, cold butter lettuce.

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups red Quinoa
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 Serrano chiles (remove stems and seeds; chop)
- 1/3 cup grape seed oil
- 2 medium cucumbers (peeled, seeded, cut into ½ inch cubes)
- 2 firm medium tomatoes (chopped)
- 8 green onions (chopped – use white part only)
- 1/3 cup fresh parsley (minced)
- 1/3 cup fresh mint (minced)
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper (to taste)

Directions:

Rinse the Quinoa and combine in a sauce pan with 2 quarts water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for approximately 12 to 14 minutes or until all the grains of Quinoa are translucent. Drain Quinoa and transfer to covered bowl. Place in refrigerator to chill for about 30 minutes.

Whisk together lime juice, chiles and oil. Set aside (be sure to wash your hands with plenty of soap and water after handling the chiles). Combine chilled Quinoa, cucumber, tomato, green onion, parsley and mint in large bowl. Mix gently. Pour juice mixture over the top of this mixture and toss to mix. Add salt and fresh ground pepper to taste.

Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. This recipe makes a bunch of salad and will put a smile on many hungry friends at your next potluck gathering.

Tip: If you do not have grape seed oil this tastes just fine with a good extra-virgin olive oil.

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Dear Rusty: I worked in my career, but I now get Social Security disability. My husband retired in 2015 at age 66 and took his Social Security at that time. When he is 70 can I get spousal benefits from his Social Security or is that not allowed? And if I can't get them when he turns 70, can I get them if he dies before me? I am 5 years younger than my husband, but my health is up and down, so if I die before him can he get spousal benefits from my Social Security? Signed: Kentucky Woman

Dear Kentucky Woman: Since your husband is already receiving his Social Security retirement benefits, you are eligible to collect spousal benefits at any time after you reach age 62, even though you are collecting Social Security Dis-

ability benefits (you don't have to wait until he's 70); however, if you start those spousal benefits before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) they will be reduced. How much of a reduction depends upon how soon before your full retirement age that you claim your spousal benefit. If you claim at or after your full retirement age (66+2 months) your spousal benefit would be 50% of your husband's full retirement age benefit; but if you start earlier than your FRA it would be less. If you file for spousal benefits at age 63, you would get 37.5% of your husband's FRA benefit, instead of 50%.

Please note too that your Social Security Disability Insurance benefits will automatically convert to regular Social Security

benefits when you reach your full retirement age but will continue at the same amount you were receiving on disability (including the spousal portion). If your husband predeceases you, and you have already reached your full retirement age, you will get 100% of whatever Social Security benefit he was receiving, instead of any disability benefit or spousal benefit you may be receiving. If he passes and you claim survivor's benefits before you reach your full retirement age, those benefits will be reduced to something less than 100% of the benefit he was receiving. How much of a reduction depends upon how many months before your FRA that you start the survivor's benefit. If you were to predecease your husband, he would

get survivor's benefits from you only if that benefit is higher than the amount he is already receiving from his own work record.

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Good Shopping At Goodwill

By Denise Garcia

Where do you go to step into a state of total delight? Where do you go to buy a thrill? Well. The answer is Goodwill, since September of 2000 this Goodwill Store located at 6545 Foothill Boulevard has been a successful operating business and a haven for its customers. Having an insight on this store from having been was once an employee here, I realized how truly special and unique this place is.

Hundreds of people walk in and out of its doors on a daily basis unaware of what is going to happen or what one might find. The Tujunga Goodwill (what some people call "Good Willy") is a place

where many go to melt away stress, say hello to those you know and don't know, find what might be trash to one but treasure to another, and of course feed the shopaholic in all of us. What you will find here is never known and I personally believe that mystery keeps things exciting. As new merchandise is put out several times each day a wave of customers gather around the products searching for an item which fits their individual interests. The motives why people come to Goodwill all differ very much like the products sold at this very interesting place there is always something new, always something exciting, always something fun.



Guns and Roses Sweet Child of Mine is playing on the radio and as usual, I curiously scan through the store for something eye catching. But above all I remind myself I am here to write a story. Leaning on the blazer rack notebook and pen in hand I run into a familiar face I

greet her "hello" and we begin a conversation about random topics. I ask her if she would like to answer a question for The Paper, and if she would like her name included in The Paper.

She shyly tells me she would answer the question but prefers to remain anonymous. I agree and I ask her "Why do you like to shop at this Goodwill?" She answers enthusiastically "I am very glad to shop here because the prices are cheap, and I find very nice stuff which I send to my country, this makes them very happy." I wonder across the shiny blue and light green flooring, walking by rows of colorized sweaters, blazers, skirts, pants and a colorful selection of ties. I run into a tall blonde lady who politely told me she didn't want to be interviewed earlier. She glances at the jewelry, which is known to attract female clientele. I stand next to her and ask her if she is sure she doesn't want

to answer the question, and she finally gives in. YES!

When I ask her "Why do you like to shop at this Goodwill?" her face lights up and she answers by telling me "Shopping at this goodwill is a joy. I thank her for her input and walk away yet to find myself with yet another known face at Goodwill, I walk over and say" hello Recordman" and I ask him to answer a question and, he agrees. When asked the question why do you like to shop at Goodwill? He answers happily "ok I am going to break it down, I am less of a collector and more of a hunter. The thrill is getting a record I like for a buck" Whether you collect watches, jewelry etc. there is a sort of magic here! I get a tremendous amount of happiness shopping here it's like a buzz! , It's an addiction.

The other day I bought records, which were worth a lot of money for only a buck! Everyone enjoys a good deal!" I thank him for his time and ask him if he would like his name in the newspaper he says "no" but instead he says in a cool manor "put me down as the Record-man." Making customers happy is a reflection of the hard work and dedication which employees of Goodwill truly value. Take a break from the day's stress and visit goodwill, you'll have fun.

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DISTRICT 18 **SENATOR ROBERT M. HERTZBERG**

Hertzberg Bill to Shine Light on Bail Surety Industry Passes Senate Floor

Bill would tighten requirements for and authorize study of the bail insurance market

SACRAMENTO – Senator Bob Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, today announced that his legislation to further his ongoing examination of the state’s bail industry, Senate Bill 898, cleared the Senate Floor and is headed to the California State Assembly.

SB 898, which is co-authored by Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), shines a light on the bail industry’s lending practices by authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to examine the bail insurance market, their profits, and the relationship between the risk assumed by the insurer and the rates charged to those seeking a bail bond.

As Sen. Hertzberg and Asm. Bonta continue to work with stakeholders to fine tune the details of SB 10 (the California Money Bail Reform Act of 2017), it has become clear that bail companies routinely exploit their customers not in the name of public safety but, rather, their bottom line. The Pretrial Detention Reform Workgroup convened by the California Chief Justice has also noted that beyond basic licensing information, relatively little statewide data are available on the bail industry’s operations in California.

“The number one duty of government is to pro-

tect the people,” said Sen. Hertzberg. “The for-profit commercial bail industry does not protect the people – it preys on the poor. Bail insurers reap the rewards of their clients’ misfortune, while shouldering virtually none of the risk.”

Commercial money bail requires people to pay nonrefundable deposits to private companies in order to secure release from jail; usually a 10% premium to a bail bond agent. If the charges are dropped or the defendant is found to be innocent, the fee is still never returned. This creates a great risk for working Californians who could potentially lose their job and housing.

A study by the UCLA School of Law released last year revealed that the industry enjoys unfettered power over their customers, who lack any semblance of consumer protections. After analyzing the fine print in more than 100 contract documents online corresponding to 10 sureties, the UCLA study identified 20 problems with the contracts that violated common notions of fairness and justice.

SB 898 would also require bail contracts to be posted online and be made available in additional languages, and requires bail companies to submit information about

their lending practices to the California Department of Insurance.

It now heads to the Assembly, where it awaits committee assignment.

For more information, visit Senator Hertzberg’s website and follow @SenateHertzberg on Twitter.

Bob Hertzberg, chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, represents nearly 1 million San Fernando Valley residents of Senate District 18, which includes part of Burbank and the following communities in Los Angeles: Arleta, Granada Hills, Hansen Dam, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, part of Northridge, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, part of Sun Valley, Sylmar, Toluca Lake, Valley Glen, Valley Village, Van Nuys, the City of San Fernando and Universal City. See a district map at <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/district>. After serving in the Assembly from 1996-2002, including two years as Speaker, Hertzberg invested in solar, wind and electric-car projects; and worked for structural changes in government through the Think Long Committee of California. Learn more at www.senate.ca.gov/hertzberg.

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Arriving at around 9 AM, we were impressed by the size of the crowd and more-so by how large the Rose Bowl actually is. I spent so much time taking photos of people and the wares for sale that I almost forgot to buy something. But leave it to me to find a bench vice that weighed 20 pounds. (Mine had broken last week)

I had planned my day around what I thought was going to be a brush fire day, so I got there early to see what there was the I just couldn't live without. When you go, it would help to make a list of what you really want. Things can get so exciting that you forget why you actually there.

And don't worry about food, the Rose Bowl vendors have some of the best "Pulled pork fries" that I've ever had. I'd suggest that you bring your own drinks because they tend to get pricy there, but they are there if you really need to

get hydrated. OH! Don't forget to bring cash in small bills, it makes it easier for everyone.

Bring a small cart. You never know what you're going to buy, and you'll be happy you did. The Flea Market closes at 4pm and vendors will start packing up around 3pm, so plan accordingly. You can get some of the best deals when you can save the vendor having to pack it up to leave. The flea market is there every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Make it a day trip, and above all, get ready for fun!

