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Eavesdropping at City Hall

By Ruth SOWBY

The City of Glendale's video streaming service provides a window upon this week's announcements, resolutions and safety measures that also apply to the Foothill communities.

The City of Glendale and the American Cancer Society are teaming up to fight cancer at the first annual *free* Touch A Truck event on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The parking lot at the Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St., will be filled with police vehicles, fire trucks and trash trucks. The community is welcome to touch and climb in and out of the vehicles and take photos. Resource booths and preventive screening vans will be also available. Another highlight will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser and raffle tickets sold for prizes. It will be fun for the whole family.

Anyone with questions about this event or are interested about sponsoring a booth or to donate towards raffle prizes can call (818) 548-4015 or send an email to ATATE@glendaleca.gov.

Officer Ryan Insalaco of the Glendale Police Dept.'s Traffic Bureau offered the "Dos & Don'ts" of dropping children off at school.

Don't:

1. Drop off at bus stops.
2. Drop off at red zones.
3. Drop off in the middle of the street.
4. Pull into residential driveways.
5. Go around a stopped bus that is letting off children. (The fine is \$600.)

Do: Pull up to a designated drop off zone.

A special Civil Service Commission meeting was held on Aug. 24. The Commission members' goal for this special meeting was to reduce the entry level requirements of payroll specialists in order to increase the eligibility pool of job applicants. For the position of

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9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade

By Mary O'KEEFE

The community is invited to take part in a day to remember, honor and respect.

For the ninth year, Crescenta Valley members are organizing the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade.

"This is not a parade; it is a motorcade," said Dwight Sityar, a member of the Early Rodders car club and one of the event organizers.

Sityar stressed this is a remembrance motorcade to remember those who lost their lives in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and an opportunity to honor the first responders to the attacks.

"Remember-Honor-Respect" is the motto of the Patriot Day Remembrance Motorcade. Since Sept. 11 is on a Sunday this year, the motorcade will be held on Friday, Sept. 9 to include students attending local schools.

Sityar said the idea for the motorcade came after CV Chamber of Commerce members Steve Pierce and Jean Maluccio began talking about what the community could do



File photo
At a previous year's motorcade, students lined the front of their school to greet the motorcade as it passed by.

to honor and remember 9/11.

"That's how we [arrived at] the motorcade," Sityar said.

Sityar then brought in members of the Early Rodders group who have classic cars and hotrod vehicles.

The motorcade started with a few cars that drove past about six schools, with the help and support

of law enforcement and fire departments. It has increased to the maximum number of 50 vehicles, fire engines and law enforcement motorcycles and cars. The motorcade now travels 11.2 miles and winds its way through La Crescenta, far north Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. It will pass 13 schools with an expected number of about 8,000 stu-

dents taking part in the observance.

Glendale Unified School District shares an education plan concerning the 9/11 terrorist attacks and their aftermath with classroom teachers who can choose to participate in the lesson and the motorcade. About 90% of classrooms participate by making signs of remembrance and

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USC-VHH Recognizes Suicide Prevention Day

By Bethany BROWN

In recognition of Worldwide Suicide Prevention Day, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is holding its 7th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference – co-hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – is free to attend with registration in advance and will take place in the main hospital building, 1812 Verdugo Blvd. There is limited capacity and masks will be required upon entry. It will also be live-streamed virtually for those who cannot attend in-person.

Experts from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Teen Line and Didi Hirsch Mental Health



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The last in-person conference was held in 2019. This year's conference will be held in-person and live-streamed on Sept. 10.

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LENDER

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Baby, It’s Hot Outside

We are in a the midst of a mega-heat wave or, as a talk show host I listen to has said, “It’s a schvitz.” (A schvitz is Yiddish word meaning steam bath. It can also be verb: “It was so hot and humid we were all schvitzing.”)

However, the humidity has dropped – by half – so I don’t know if these next few days will be “schvitz-worthy.” What I do know, though, is that with temperatures hovering around 100 degrees, it’s going to be hot.

Thankfully, our air conditioning (which was interrupted on Wednesday due to an unexplained and unexpected power outage) is supposed to be working. For those who don’t have a/c, cooling stations will be open throughout Glendale including the Sparr Heights Community Center. (You can read more in this week’s paper about the city’s suggestions on how to keep cool.)

Wednesday’s power outage did bring to mind another dilemma if long-term electric interruptions occur: how does that affect electric vehicles?

We in California have been bombarded with messages declaring that the need to move away from fossil fuels to electric vehicles (EVs) is essential for the betterment of the climate. However, according to tech magazine The Verge, one of the problems is that EVs run on batteries, which need minerals like nickel, cobalt, and lithium.

“The U.S. has some of these minerals underground, and it wants to dig them up, expeditiously, so that it doesn’t have to rely as much on other countries, including China,” states The Verge article, “The shift to electric vehicles is about to overwhelm meager U.S. mining operations.”

But challenges are coming from tribal leaders and environmental groups that are concerned with how digging up these minerals will affect water quality and the land.

So, with California banning the sale of gas-powered vehicles beginning in 2035, will there be enough EVs to go around?

And I hate to be even more of a wet blanket but, after talking to

Pete Smith, general manager of Bob Smith Toyota in La Crescenta, while the intentions “are great” in owning an EV so the U.S. will be less dependent on fossil fuels, the challenge is getting there.

People think because they’re driving a battery-operated car they’re not using fossil fuels, he said. But consideration has to be given about the use of raw materials to create the car. Those materials have to be mined and mining creates greenhouse gases, not to mention refining the materials. While these are comparable to the manufacture of a gasoline car, the real tipping point is in the battery – its production and ultimate disposal. And affordability has to be factored in as well.

Finally, I question the reliability of a power source that we Californians are repeatedly told is unreliable.

There are a lot of questions that have to be answered before I climb aboard the (electric-powered) band wagon.

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Weather Watch
By Mary O’KEEFE

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

Okay, hang on, get your fans ready and set your air conditioner to “stun” – we are heading for a heat wave.

As any Trekkie knows, you don’t mess with the elements or aliens that design a flying planet. In “For the World is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky,” written by Hendrik Vol-laerts and Gene Roddenberry, the crew of the Enterprise is attacked by missiles. They trace the missiles to a location and, when they beam there, they find they are on what appears to be a gorgeous planet with trees, mountains and rivers. It appears to be perfect ... but that is only the facade, only what the alien race that populates Yonada and the Oracle want them to see. The crew is captured and an “instrument of obedience” is implanted in them (the Oracle is an alien computer so there is always an implantation of something). As they try to release themselves from control they are met with the alien’s weapon of choice: heat ... 120 degrees of heat.

I have been thinking about this episode – honestly, I can relate anything to “Star Trek” – but this episode in particular as the temperatures rise in our area and I realize the aliens were right: heat is a really good weapon.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 700 people die from extreme heat every year in the U.S. As it gets hotter, the body’s blood vessels open up, which can lead to lower blood pressure that can make the heart work harder to do its job of circulating the blood around the body.

Some will suffer from heat stroke or other heat exhaustion ailments without realizing they are heat-related. Symptoms can include dizziness, nausea, fainting, confusion, muscle cramps and headaches. Bottom line: extreme heat makes our bodies work harder to keep

its core temperature at 97.7 to 101.3 degrees Fahrenheit. When temperatures rise, the body works harder to keep its core temperature down.

For the rest of this week and next, your body is going to be working hard to stay cool.

“It is obvious these [temperatures] are above normal but we are at the hottest time of the year,” said Joe Sirard, meteorologist with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Agency) in Oxnard. “We are looking at temperatures to be pretty hot today [Thursday], about 101 to 103, Friday [slightly cooler] with 97 to 99, then on Saturday 100 to 103 again and Sunday, right now, looks to be the hottest day with temperatures of 107 to 110.”

But wait! There’s more.

“Overnight lows are going to be quite warm in your area,” he added. “In the mid-70s at least by this weekend.”

NOAA has released an Excessive Heat Warning so, no, there will not be a cooling down for us and, unlike the residents of “Star Trek’s” Yonada, the Earth-type spaceship can not just turn on the air conditioner. We must take precautions, so use common sense, drink plenty of water and NOAA recommends no hiking during this warning. Try to stay in an air conditioned area or in a cooling station. Unfortunately Spock, Kirk and McCoy will not save us and this Earth is not slowly heading toward a brighter paradise. We are going to have to get used to more heat waves as our planet heats up and use not only common sense when it comes to staying cool but common sense when it comes to combating climate change.

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NEWS

CV Chabad Hosts Torah Dedication Ceremony



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum blew the shofar in preparation of the crowd making its way to the chabad with the new Torah.

TOP RIGHT: The Torah was carried under a chupah to the chabad.

RIGHT: A father carries his child to the chabad.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sunday, the Chabad of the Crescenta Valley held a Torah dedication. A generous supporter donated the new Torah and the celebration included the dedication and then dancing through the streets of La Cañada Flintridge, from Olberz Park at La Cañada Flintridge City Hall to the Chabad a few blocks away.

The Torah is the compilation of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible; the Zohar is 12 volumes of Hebrew Scriptures.

Rabbi Mendy Grossbaum said the Torah has 600,000 letters and there are 600,000 Jewish souls.

“When the Jewish people circled around

Mt. Sinai to accept the Torah there were 600,000 Jewish souls,” he said.

There were and are many more Jewish people but the 600,000 souls are broken into pieces, each piece resting with a Jewish person, he explained.

“The Zohar [teaches] us a lesson that together, as a nation, the Jewish people make up a Torah scroll. We all make up one spiritual Torah and, just like in a physical Torah, if even one letter is missing the entire Torah is disqualified. The same is with our people. We all have our unique letter, our unique mission, in this world that only we can accomplish. No one else,” said Rabbi Grossbaum.

“The dedication of a new Torah scroll is traditionally celebrated with great festivity.

The source of this custom is the biblical account of King David welcoming the Holy Ark into his capital,” according to chabad.org.

The Ark was celebrated with cheers and the sound of the shofar [ram’s horn]. Rabbi Mendy blew the ram’s horn as people prepared to follow the Torah to the Chabad while live music was played from the bed of a truck. The Torah was carried under a chupah [canopy] and everyone followed the chupah to the Chabad, singing and dancing all the way. Once they arrived there was a table of food and all were invited to join in the celebration.

As the parade celebration made its way

through the streets, some neighbors came out and shook hands with those walking by. Sharing this dedication with the community is an outreach that Rabbi Mendy is working on.

“[My goal is] bringing Jewish awareness and Jewish life to a city that never had a Jewish institution permanently in La Cañada,” Rabbi Mendy said. “We have been so welcomed with open arms and [everyone] has been so friendly.”

Information on the Chabad of Crescenta Valley can be found at cvchabad.org or by calling (323) 308-5727.

IN BRIEF

ADJUSTED OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for CV Weekly will be adjusted to 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, Wednesday, Sept. 7 and Thursday, Sept. 8. On Sept. 9, we will revert back to regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Sept. 3. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP CANCELED

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue off-ramp, scheduled for Sept. 10, has been canceled due to ongoing construction in the area.

INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS NEEDED AT GCC

Glendale Community College’s Career Education counselor team is seeking industry professionals willing to share their career stories and industry knowledge with GCC students remotely or in-person.

The goal of these sessions is to increase students’ exposure to the world of work, foster their connection with their desired industry and help them better prepare for obtaining post-college employment in their field of study. An honorarium of \$150 will be offered by the Glendale foundation for the professionals’ time.

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By Mary O'KEEFE

For the sixth year, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has launched its Field of Flags campaign that will honor veterans by flying flags in the field.

Although the actual “fields” are in Kentucky flags can be purchased locally and fly virtually, said Victoria Short, DAV spokeswoman.

The campaign will run through Sept. 11. Through donations to DAV, the public can honor veterans through the Field of Flags campaign in several ways including purchasing a virtual flag, a flag placed at the

park or a garden flag for their home. Every \$1 donated to DAV leads to \$179 in direct benefits to veterans of all generations through the organization's free programs and service, according to DAV.

The DAV provides several services for American veterans including rides to and from medical appointments and mental health support including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The need for mental health care has increased for those who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998 are eligible

for free medical care through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for five years following their discharge," according to the DAV.

The DAV holds events annually for veterans throughout the nation. For information on local DAV support call (310) 235-5472, DAV Federal Building, 11000 Wilshire Blvd. Room 509, Los Angeles, 90024.

To support veterans and the DAV with its Field of Flags campaign visit tinyurl.com/4dpcribp.

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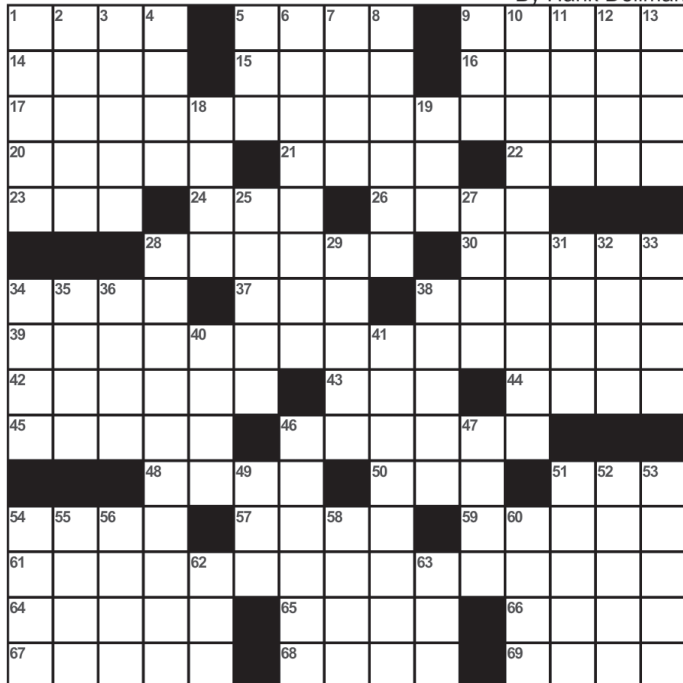
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- 9) Its first is for fools
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- 16) Grass unit
- 17) Director's place
- 20) Sister of Calliope
- 21) Just a smidge
- 22) Draws a bead
- 23) Chem. classroom
- 24) A Bobbsey twin
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- 34) Europe's highest volcano
- 37) Morning riser
- 38) Deliberately snub
- 39) Cap-a-pie
- 42) Venetian master
- 43) Half the width of ems
- 44) "___ Make a Deal"
- 45) Fish market presence
- 46) Spine-tingling
- 48) "You betcha!"
- 50) "It's ___-win situation!"
- 51) CEO's degree, sometimes
- 54) "Money ___ everything!"
- 57) Shakespearean king
- 59) Depth charge target
- 61) They show you where
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- 64) Fibber of old radio
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- 69) "Two Years Before the
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- 2) Work at the Met
- 3) Betty Ford Center offering
- 4) Ramp sign
- 5) Gave grub to
- 6) Relishing
- 7) Canyon sound effect
- 8) Achilles' mother
- 9) "Dancing With the Stars" network
- 10) In an enjoyable manner
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- 27) Small building block
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- 31) Mechanical routine
- 32) Gait faster than a walk
- 33) Skirt lines
- 34) Immature salamanders
- 35) Light haircut
- 36) Post-it message
- 38) "Peer Gynt" dramatist
- 40) "A ____ of Two Cities"
- 41) Like a Las Vegas bandit
- 46) Brie or feta
- 47) Rain cats and dogs
- 49) Thrilla in Manila boxer
- 51) Money, in slang
- 52) Title for Munchhausen
- 53) Participating in a yacht race
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- 58) Struck with wonder
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- 62) Doggy doc
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By Hank Dellman



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With High Temps Expected GWP Reminds Customers to Conserve Energy

The National Weather Service has issued an “Excessive Heat Watch Warning” for much of California that started yesterday, Wednesday, Aug. 31 and continues through Monday, Sept. 5. Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is taking steps to ensure it can continue to provide reliable power to its customers by encouraging conservation during these dates. With continuous days of high temperatures, and not too much cooling down in the evenings, power outages are common during this type of heat wave that has any power system working around the clock to keep up with the increased demand of HVAC use, which can overload transformers and strains the electrical system.

GWP wants to avoid any interruptions in service while keeping the safety and health of family and pets in mind. Residents are encouraged to turn up their thermostats to 78 degrees when home between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and put off the use of large appliances until after 8 p.m.

“During continuous days of high temperatures, making small conservation changes really make a big difference, and lessen the strain on our electrical grid,” stated Mark Young, general manager of GWP. “Our crews will be available to address any power outages that occur; however, we are relying on Glendale residents to do their part and conserve as much as possible.”

Business customers should also turn off unnecessary lights and cooling to unoccupied conference and storage rooms and warehouse spaces, but always keeping the safety of employees and customers in mind. Retail stores that usually have doors

propped open during business hours, letting cool air out, should close doors to keep HVAC usage minimal.

GWP has already called a “Peak Event” for its Peak Savings program enrolled customers. The Peak Savings program automatically turns up the smart thermostats a few degrees of its enrolled customers to conserve energy. The first Peak Day event is today, Thursday, Sept. 1 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

To help conserve energy during the heat wave, customers can do the following:

- Limit appliance use during peak hours of the day. Use them in early morning hours or after 8 p.m.
- Adjust air conditioning thermostats to 78 when home and set thermostats to 80 degrees when not home, keeping in mind the health of family members and pets.
- Use a ceiling fan instead of the a/c whenever possible. Remember fans cool people not rooms.
- Close all curtains and blinds to keep out direct sunlight and keep homes cool.
- Make sure all HVAC vents are clean and filters have been replaced.
- Turn off lights to rooms that are not in use.
- Use LEDs wherever possible since they don’t give off heat and are more efficient.
- Air dry dishes to avoid using the dishwasher.
- Keep refrigerators full; a full one uses less energy. Don’t open the refrigerator during outages.
- Unplug “energy vampires” – cellphone chargers, DVD players, microwave ovens, and other appliances with digital

clocks that use energy even when turned off or in sleep mode.

- When possible, businesses should shift power-intensive work processes to morning or evening hours

GWP crews are on standby and prepared to respond to heat related outages if they do occur. Customers can sign up to receive outage text alerts by visiting GlendaleCA.gov/OutageTextAlerts, or visit the GWP outage map online at GlendaleWaterandPower.com for all outage updates. To prepare for, and in an event of an outage, keep flashlights handy, ensure cellphones are charged and keep the refrigerator door closed. Remember: customers can always check GWP’s website for outage information.

Residents can also access various cooling stations in Glendale through Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of Pacific Community Center and Maple Park Community Center being closed on Monday, Sept. 5 as it is a holiday. Below is the information for each of the four cooling centers available:

Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, 91208; (818) 548-2187; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado St., 91205; (818) 548-3775; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Maple Park Community Center, 820 E. Maple Ave., 91205; (818) 548-3783 or (818) 548-3694; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Closed on Monday, Sept. 5

Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., 91204; (818) 548-4098; 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Closed on Monday, Sept. 5

Portantino’s Drinking Water Protection Bill Headed to Governor’s Desk

Senate Bill 230, an environmental protection measure authored by Senator Anthony J. Portantino to improve drinking water by investigating Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) is headed to the governor’s desk for signature.

“SB 230 is designed to improve consumer protection by helping the State Water Board gather information to understand the public health risk of contaminants in drinking water,” stated Senator Portantino. “Garnering this information is critical in order to implement best environmental practices and strategies. I look forward to the governor’s signature.”

Constituents of Emerging Concern are a diverse group of synthetic or naturally occurring chemicals or microorganisms that are not currently regulated in

drinking water. In recent years, scientists have discovered new ways to detect CECs in very small amounts. Given this capability, researchers will continue to detect new, unregulated CECs that could include pharmaceuticals, personal care products or industrial chemicals in trace amounts.

SB 230 requires the State Water Board to establish and maintain a dedicated program for CECs to proactively improve the understanding of their occurrence and public health significance in drinking water sources. In addition, the State Board could create a science advisory panel for a period of three years to gather and develop information for the program and provide a report to the legislature on the work of the panel by June 1, 2026. The bill requires the program to provide opportunities for public participation through

periodic stakeholder meetings and workshops. After five years, the state board would decide whether to sunset or continue the program.

Senate Bill 230 builds on Portantino’s record of protecting the water supply. Previously, he authored legislation to require the study of micro plastics in drinking water and to task the California Ocean Protection Council to develop strategies to preserve and protect precious ocean resources.

“As public concern grows about the potential health risks of CECs in drinking water, SB 230 will help build a comprehensive body of knowledge regarding their occurrence and threats to public health, allowing regulators to prioritize action on the most critical CECs,” Metropolitan Water District General Manager Adel Hagekhalil said. “I am grateful to see PORTANTINO on page 5

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PORTANTINO from page 5

Senator Portantino and the legislature for their leadership on measures to protect water quality and urge the governor to sign the bill.”

SB 230 would also establish in the State Treasury the CEC Action Fund, which upon appropriation would be administered by the State Water Board. Monies

in the fund could be used to establish and maintain the panel, collect occurrence data, develop standardized analytical methods to detect CECs, and support research to fill information gaps. In addition, the bill authorizes the Board, upon appropriation to provide financial assistance to certain public water systems

upon a showing that the costs of testing drinking water in compliance with this act would impose a financial hardship, with eligibility preference given to public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 individuals.

Metropolitan Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association are sponsors of SB 230.

Obituary

Eleanor “Ellie” Baker



Aug. 30, 1938 – Aug. 13, 2022

Eleanor “Ellie” Baker passed away in Glendale on Aug. 13. She was 83.

Ellie was born in Los Angeles and in the fifth grade moved with her family – mom Dolores, father Pilar and brothers Michael, Paul and John – to Glendale where she lived her entire life.

She attended Holy Family Grade School and Holy Family High School, graduating in 1957. She continued to attend Holy Family Church her entire life.

Ellie was a real estate broker for over 40 years starting her career at Los Feliz Properties. She then moved into a management position at Red Carpet Realty in Beverly Hills before landing at Dorn, Platz & Company in Glendale.

She had a heart for the less fortunate and was particularly active with the Glendale Board of Realtors where she could be found every holiday season working on its can tree drive or ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettles.

Ellie was an expert crafter making wreaths, sweatshirts with appliques and other arts and crafts items that would be donated for various fundraisers (though she did make sure to hold back some items for family).

Ellie had a great sense of humor and lit up any room she entered.

Married in 1958 to Ronald Baker, they divorced in 1973.

Ellie is pre-deceased by her parents and her brothers Paul and John. She is survived by her brother Michael Martinez; son Ron (Patti) and daughter Rhonda; two granddaughters, two grandsons and one great granddaughter and one great grandson.

A service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 209 E. Lomita Ave. in Glendale. Burial will be held on Friday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery, 4201 Whittier Blvd. in Los Angeles.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Holy Family Church “Building Our Future” campaign.



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Obituary

Sheila Marie Nolan Reeve



Aug. 26, 2022

Sheila Marie Nolan Reeve peacefully passed away on Aug. 26 with her family beside her. Sheila was an incredible wife of 67 years to her husband Chuck. She was a loving and generous mother and grandmother to her two children and three grandchildren.

Sheila grew up in Los Angeles, one of three children; her father was a professional football player for the LA Buccaneers. She attended Los Angeles High School and Wright and McMahon Secretarial School and married in 1955 at the Santa Barbara Mission.

The newly married couple lived in Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Altadena until moving to La Crescenta in 1965 where they lived for 23 years and raised their two children. After retiring from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where she worked for 29 years, Sheila moved to Truckee in 1988 with Chuck to be near their daughter.

In her retirement, she continued to work at various businesses in Truckee over the years and was involved in her community. She was an active member of the Tahoe Forest Hospital Auxiliary and was on the Cookbook Committee to publish the Serendipity Cookbook. She was instrumental in starting the hospice program at the hospital many years ago. She was also an active member of the Assumption Parish in Truckee and enjoyed the knitting ministry and prayer group. Even two months before her passing she was going to her prayer group and book club meetings.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, whether it was taking care of the grandchildren, attending their events, cooking up a feast during the holidays or dinners at the beach. She loved the outdoors, skiing, snowshoeing, tennis, camping, fishing and traveling six times with her husband to Alaska in their RV! She loved coming home but always wanted to go back!

Sheila lived her life always seeing the positive and she was always up for new things. She was always there to help her family, friends, community and church when needed. She faced her last couple of years with courage and a strong will.

Sheila is survived by her husband of 67 years Chuck Reeve of Truckee; her daughter and family, Kathy (Reeve), Ben and Ethan King of Truckee; son and family, Michael and Robin Reeve of South Carolina; and granddaughters Paula (Reeve) Zorensky and Christine Reeve, both of Washington, DC; brother Thomas Nolan of Thousand Oaks and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sheila will be greatly missed and will live in our hearts forever.

Services will be held at the Assumption Parish Catholic Church in Truckee on Friday, Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. All who knew her are welcome to attend.

Following the funeral service, there will be a gravesite service at the Truckee Cemetery and reception at the home of Kathy and Ben.

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9/11 from Cover
signs that read “Thank you” for emergency responders. The students line up in front of their schools as the motorcade passes by. In the past, the students were excited about seeing the classic cars and yelled “Thank you” as emergency responders drove past.

The event takes a lot of planning as California Highway Patrol, Glendale Police Dept. and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. all work together to not only keep participants in the motorcade, and other drivers and students safe, but also honor their fallen brothers and sisters.

“The World Trade Center was a 16-acre commercial complex in lower Manhattan that contained seven buildings, a large plaza and an underground shopping mall that connected six of the buildings. The centerpieces of the complex were the Twin Towers. On Sept. 11, 2001, the entire complex was destroyed in a terrorist attack that has come to be referred to as 9/11,” according to the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. “Nineteen terrorists from al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex and a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Twin Towers ultimately collapsed because of the damage sustained from the impacts and the resulting fires. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back, and the plane was crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C. The attacks killed 2,977 people from 93 nations: 2,753 people were killed in New York; 184 people were killed at the Pentagon; and 40 people were killed on Flight 93.”

Among those victims were 343 New York City firefighters, 23 New York City police officers and 37 officers of the Port Authority.

In the past, motorcade organizers would host a 9/11 memorial at Bob Smith Toyota where those who were directly affected by the terrorist attacks would share their memories of that day. The pandemic affected that evening memorial, however, and is still a factor in this year’s planning.

The organizers hope to bring back the 9/11 evening memorial in 2023.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION from Cover
Services Suicide Prevention Center will discuss how to provide support to someone who is suicidal, how to listen so teens will feel comfortable sharing their feelings, coping with suicide in a digital world and facilitating support groups for survivors of suicide attempt, among other topics.

Deborah Weirick – director of Community and Donor Relations – acknowledged that there is much stigma around mental health/suicide and said USC-VHH is committed to making a conscious effort to break down that stigma and ultimately open lines of communication for people so that they can feel comfortable in this community talking about their experiences.

“It’s never a problem to talk about cancer or diabetes, but if someone has a mental health issue or has made a suicide attempt or has died by suicide there’s a lot of shame around,” she said. “You don’t see that with other diseases the way you do with mental health. Our goal is to normalize and encourage conversation of the topic.”

According to the CDC, suicide rates have been steadily increasing since 2000, which can be attributed to reasons such as pressures surrounding social media and recently the heightened anxiety and depression associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Suicide remains the 12th leading cause of death in the U.S. overall and the second leading cause of death for 10- to 14-year-olds and 25- to 34-year-olds.

“It is a serious public health issue in our country,” Weirick said. “More people should be talking about it.”

She stressed the hope that attendees will walk away from the conference with more knowledge and confidence in their ability to help others and help themselves. Additionally, she hopes they will gain the tools needed to recognize the signs of distress in those who may be unable or afraid to speak up.

“We’re a healthcare organization and taking care of peoples’ health, both physically and mentally, remains the top priority always,” she added.

Registration for in-person attendance is open until Sept. 7 and registration for the live webinar is open until Sept. 9. Register for either at tinyurl.com/prhpwpsj.

Gary Schaedler’s 1956 Chevy 3100

Zippping Around Town: The Early Rodders



By Mary O’KEEFE
The Early Rodders car club is a key component of the 9/11 motorcade. It is a group of classic car and hot rod enthusiasts who support the community throughout the year in various ways. They bring their vehicles to assisted living and nursing homes creating mini car shows in the locations’ parking lots. They collect car and truck loads of toys during the holidays in support of the fire departments’ Spark of Love collection event, as well as many other events where they share their love of their vehicles. This past weekend members of the Early Rodders held one of those mini car shows in the parking lot of Twelve see EARLY RODDERS on page 19

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Starr Barnum, One of La Cañada’s Pioneers

Starr Barnum – what a great name, worthy of a rock and roller or a film persona – is actually the name of an early La Cañada resident who is often mentioned in histories of La Cañada. Starr is a family name, passed down through the generations. In fact, the Barnum ranch was named “Ad Astra” (To the Stars).

The Barnum family came to La Cañada from Connecticut in 1891 when there were just 50-some families living in the rural community of La Cañada. They purchased 40 acres of citrus orchard in what is now upscale Alta Canyada, at the top of Alta Canyada Road. Their property was bounded on the north by what was then called the “grant line,” the northern boundary of the Verdugo Rancho. The next year, 1892, the land above them became the San

Gabriel Timberland Reserve, the first federal reserve (national forest) in California. (Today it’s Angeles National Forest.)

In a 1972 interview, Starr recalled, “Dad helped our friend Mr. Dunham set out all the palm and olive trees in 1892 on Palm Drive where his (Dunham’s) house was, and all the trees on Alta Canyada, too. The land bordering our ranch at that time was all sagebrush. The Hall family cleared it and set it out to wine grapes. I remember my mother asking Mr. Hall if he thought it worthwhile. It was, since their wine was known far and wide.”

It was during Starr’s boyhood years that he was drawn to the idea of becoming a forest ranger. John Opid at that time was a forest ranger for the new San Gabriel Reserve.

“I remember Opid riding through the ranch,” recalled Starr. “He used

to ride the lower part of the forest down to our ranch boundary. He was a fireguard in the summer for the Forest Service. The Forest Service only paid \$90 a month and a ranger had to own his own horse and his equipment on that money.”

John Opid retired in the ’teens and in 1914 opened Opid’s Camp in the San Gabriel Mountains. Opid’s and Switzer’s were the two most famous mountain resorts of that era.

Drought struck the valley from 1897 to 1900, and the Barnum family, with young Starr in tow, returned to Connecticut. But that dream of working in the forests stayed with Starr. As soon as he turned 18, he joined a logging outfit in northern California, working a logging train engineer.

“But working 18 hours a day on the mountain railway was rough,” he said. “My health got ragged and I needed something easier.”

He was back in La Cañada again when WWII finally gave him the chance to have his dreamed-for ranger position. He patrolled Big Santa Anita Canyon, above Sierra Madre.

“We used burros to pack into the canyon in those days from the station below. I rode lookouts in the back country and policed deer hunters,” he recalled.

Starr did this job happily through the war years. But after the war, when he was tasked with fighting fires, his enthusiasm waned. He moved to the Antelope Valley where he farmed wheat.

But Starr returned often to the Cañada Valley because of his great love for local history and his large collection of memorabilia, which he shared often in the old local paper, the Ledger. One particular gem was a 1912 stagecoach schedule. It advertised service between La Crescenta and Los

Angeles by horse-drawn tallyho. The route started at Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues. It went up the hill to the La Crescenta Post Office at La Crescenta and Foothill Boulevard, then east on Foothill to the La Cañada Post Office. It then began the journey down Verdugo Canyon on North Verdugo Road, past today’s Glendale College, on to San Fernando Road and finally to downtown LA. It ended at 530 South Los Angeles Street, an old brick building that is still there. Forty-five cents for a round trip or, for the daily commuter, 10 rounds for \$2. This line was replaced by the Glendale and Montrose Railway, an electrified trolley line.

The march of progress goes on. So much has changed.

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

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Making An Impact

I know I am not alone in my growing concerns about where our country is headed. Each day, we see new problems spring up

that affect our ability to provide for our families or cause us to feel less safe. The enormity of it can be overwhelming especially when

most of what is happening around us is beyond our control. We can vote and we can work hard but what impact can we really make

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As many of you know, I often write about intimate details of my personal life, which may seem a little strange for a small-town newspaper. I’ve shared some joy as well as anguish with the goal that someone might need a particular story at a particular moment in time, to feel inspired or to feel comforted knowing that someone else has gone through a similar situation. I never know how my stories might affect a reader. Thank you for continuing to indulge me and let me share what is on my mind.

One of the most difficult articles I ever wrote was in 2020 following the loss of my son Ben to an overdose of fentanyl and benzodiazepines. It was such a time of incredible grief but my thoughts immediately went out to all the other families in our situation who shared that same heartache brought on by drug use or mental breakdown. I felt compelled to reach out to comfort them and, in turn, it comforted me to write what was in my heart. Our family still struggles with how we could have prevented the tragedy or changed the trajectory of Ben’s path. I do know we tried with everything we had. When talking to families who have lost their loved ones, we learned that, although our stories are similar, there are many ways to approach addiction and treatment. The one thing that I feel certain about, though, is that we need to keep talking and sharing our experiences in order to help each other heal.

One of the local organizations that is helping to facilitate comprehensive treatment is the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation - LA. Formed by parent Victoria Da Salla Malone and inspired by Chace’s closest friends following his passing in 2021, the foundation seeks to address the complex needs of those suffering from addiction, often exacerbated by mental health and social issues. With the support of therapy, coaching and a designated personal steward, individuals receive guidance and tools to navigate through anxiety, depression, recovery, sober living and wellness. Their vision is a safe and healthy community, free from the tragedy of addiction. That is our goal, too. Ben and Chace were friends who died one year apart. Our family is proud to support the efforts of this fledgling organization to honor their memory and to help others through their difficult journey.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the CTM Impact Foundation - LA will host its second annual golf tournament as a fundraiser for the important services it provides. It will be held at Scholl Canyon Golf Course at 3800 E. Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale. Check-in at 8 a.m. and play at 9 a.m. There are opportunities for individual golfers, foursomes and a variety of sponsorship levels. To apply or for more information, go to <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/>. I will be volunteering at this event on behalf of struggling families in our community.

In the meantime, I realize the problems of the world will continue with or without my input and that it is important for me to stay focused on the change I can influence right here in my community. If we work together, though, maybe our collective efforts can create a wave of droplets that will impact the beautiful sea called humanity.

*Susan Bolan
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Understanding the Shutdown

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The Impact on Communities

All affected communities are being called on to suspend outdoor watering for 15 days. Metropolitan is working closely with its member agencies, local retailers, residents, businesses and local elected offices to communicate this message and provide important resources to the public.

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Helping Prepare for the Shutdown



Metropolitan thanks its local communities in advance for their cooperation as we repair this critical pipeline. Following are tips to help manage the watering restriction. Metropolitan encourages residents and businesses to take the necessary steps to help protect their landscapes and trees until restrictions have been lifted.



Before Sept. 6, water lawn according to the normal watering schedule and deep-water trees and shrubs.



Set sprinkler timer to "OFF" the evening of Sept. 5.



Take 5-minute showers, run full loads of dishes and laundry and turn the water off when brushing teeth.



To help retain moisture, surround your plants and trees with mulch three inches from the base.




Place a bucket to collect water as the shower warms up. Use this water for the lawn or plants.



Remember, two weeks of no watering won't kill the lawn. It may look yellow, but it will improve once the previous watering schedule resumes.






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CV Weekly and CV Chamber ‘Mix’ It Up



ABOVE: From left President Mike Riley, CVW Publisher Robin Goldsworthy, Donna Libra and Robert Manciero.
MIDDLE: New chamber Teri ‘Maddie’ Madison with Chamber President Mike Riley.
RIGHT: Tony DiGiovanni provided music at the mixer.



On Aug. 11, the Crescenta Valley Weekly hosted the monthly networking mixer of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. Around 40 people attended the event, which was held in the outdoor parking lot of the offices of the CV Weekly. The theme of the event was baseball and food, prepared and presented by Gail O’Connor of Gourmet A Go Go, included “Dodger” dogs, roasted

peanuts, nachos and ice cream sandwiches plus an assortment of beverages. Keyboardist Tony DiGiovanni provided music and members brought in opportunity drawing prizes. “We had fun and Gourmet A

Go Go provided delicious food,” said CV Chamber president Mike Riley. “It was great to have a theme and having people dressed in their team colors. A highlight was hearing Tony play, ‘Take Me Out to the Ballgame.’

All in all, it was a fun night and I thank CV Weekly for hosting.” To learn more about the CV Chamber of Commerce, visit www.crescentavalleychamber.org.
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Jenna

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Veterans Corner September 2022

Biden Signs Legislation to Expand Benefits for Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits

BLAKE HYFIELD

President Biden signed bipartisan legislation into law on Aug. 19 saying it's the "least we can do" for countless military veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits during their time in service. During an event in the East Room, Biden called the legislation "the least we can do for the countless men and women who suffered toxic exposure while serving their country." The PACT Act will expand eligibility for Veterans Affairs health care, make it easier for military veterans to qualify for VA services, strengthen toxic exposure research and improve care for veterans exposed to toxins. Eligible veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors can apply for PACT Act benefits. The bill recently passed both chambers of Congress with bipartisan support. Biden vowed to swiftly sign it into law, saying the burn pits issue is personal for himself and his family. Burn pits have been used by the military to remove household trash, as well as more toxic substances, including paint, metals, plastics and human waste. The fires burned toxic chemicals and were often close to areas in which service members lived and worked while overseas. The measure would be the biggest expansion of veterans' benefits since the Agent Orange Act of 1991, which increased access to care for Vietnam War veterans who had been exposed to the toxic see VETS CORNER on page 19

TRAVEL & LEISURE

One Land Explored, Others Warned in ‘Motherland’

By Mary O’KEEFE

“Motherland” is a new documentary by Vic Gerami, journalist and editor/publisher of the web magazine “The Blunt Post.”

The film is described on IMDB (Independent Movie Data Base) as “following the 2020 unprovoked genocidal attack against Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) Armenians by Azerbaijan and Turkey that killed 5,000 Armenians. Journalist and activist Vic Gerami travels to Armenia to document his ravaged Motherland.”

But the film is so much more than this explanation. It is a history lesson, a tale of war and a warning for the future.

It begins with a history lesson of Artsakh, Armenia and the Armenian people. The first thing shared is that these people have been fighting to keep their culture for well over a millenium. They have faced foes from just about every border including Turkey and Russia.

The landscape that Gerami walks through takes the audience into the beauty of this land and the rich history that has been scattered among the warring parties that seem to attack without warning. This has been going on for years but the people of Artsakh

continue to pick themselves up and keep going. Then in 2020 things changed.

It began in September 2020 when Azerbaijan’s forces attacked Nagorno-Karabakh. Gerami pulls the audience into the political battle of this region and the world’s seemingly indifference, except for a few voices, as the attacks escalated and became more brutal.

“I was just covering it the best I could,” Gerami said in an interview with CVW. “The international community was so cavalier about it.”

If this film were seen prior to the attack by Russian forces in Ukraine it would have been impactful; however, seeing it now, with the coverage that has been given to the Ukraine battle so fresh in people’s minds, it is even more powerful.

“Motherland” includes several interviews with journalist experts in the region and elected officials who have been longtime supporters of the region and its people. It also spotlights those in government and business who have turned their backs on the atrocities that have been well documented.

But it is the interviews with those who served in battle that brings the humanity to this most inhumane attack. Those interviews bring a personal face to the war zone.



Photo provided Vic GERAMI
Filmmaker Vic Gerami, right, talks to California Representative Adam Schiff regarding the worn-torn country of Artsakh.

Make no mistake: This film has a definite point of view; however, the evidence that is presented is compelling. There are disturbing images of torture and even beheadings of those defending Artsakh. Then there are stories of those fighting for Azerbaijan, many of the fighters hired mercenaries, taking phones of the dead and tortured, taking photos and sending those images to victims’ families. The more the audience listens the more familiar it all

sounds. It’s not just the genocide focus of this culture but also the stories of how this war played out. It’s the hired mercenaries, the indiscriminate bombing of schools and churches and the connection to Russia that makes it seem it is not a coincidence that what happened in 2020 Artsakh is what is happening in Ukraine now. This type of warfare may be happening a world away but, in truth, it is a warning sign for all.
With Russian support, a

ceasefire was brokered in November 2020 but that doesn’t mean there is stability in the region. Armenia and Azerbaijan are still in conflict, and Azerbaijan holds several prisoners of war.
“Armenia is very vulnerable,” Gerami said.
The end of the film poses a question: If you are a witness to war crimes, will you speak for people robbed of their voice?
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Armenian Singing Star Harout Pamboukjian to Perform at Glendale Restaurant Grand Opening



Legendary Armenian singer Harout Pamboukjian, a mariachi band, a live DJ, giveaways, as well as an ice cream truck and traditional Armenian coffee (made using hot sand) will greet visitors at a public Block Party Street Fair at the new Massis Kabob location this Saturday, Sept. 3 in Glendale. The 12 - 8 pm event at 301 South Glendale Ave. will mark the grand opening of the first-ever standalone Massis restaurant location in Glendale. The eatery specializes in Armenian and Persian-influenced cuisine.

THEN & NOW

Flintridge Prep

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

Then » The private school that would eventually become Flintridge Prep was started at this site at Foothill and Crown in 1932 and in 1937 became Flintridge Preparatory School for Boys. This original rustic building was from the estate of Dr. Ronald Skillen, whose son and grandson graduated from the school.

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Help! Hertz sent me a 10-year-old bill – and then banned me.

Hertz sends Marcus Hall a 10-year-old bill. But it can’t substantiate the \$6 charge. Now he’s on the Do Not Rent list. Can I help him untangle this?

Q I recently received a \$6 bill from Hertz for toll charges from 2012. The company told me that a third party, Toll Processing Partners, conducted an audit during which it discovered a previous unpaid invoice. I contacted Hertz and it suggested that I get in touch with Toll Processing Partners about the outstanding invoice. I called but, after keeping me on hold for 20 minutes, the company said it could not provide an invoice. I can’t make payments on charges that are not correctly invoiced. It’s unfortunate their accounting system allowed this issue to occur but it is their issue to resolve, not mine. I just attempted to book a reservation through Hertz. It appears I am now on the Hertz Do Not Rent list. Hertz would prefer to lose business rather than simply write off a \$6

charge. Can you help me get this straightened out?

– Marcus Hall, Simi Valley

A: I can’t believe this happened. Sending a 10-year-old bill is highly unusual. But banning someone by adding them to the Do Not Rent list over \$6 is absurd. You’re a frequent business traveler, so Hertz stood to lose a lot of money by putting you on the Do Not Rent list. And yet it did. It wasn’t your responsibility to chase down a third party involved in the transaction. After all, you rented a car from Hertz, not Toll Processing Partners. If you don’t get a valid invoice, you should not have to pay. How long can a car rental company hold you liable for your toll charges? Most businesses write off a debt after two years. (The government requires federal agencies to write it off after 24 months under most circumstances.) So Hertz

was going way, way beyond normal business practices. And how about your banning? Hertz is, of course, free to put anyone it wants on its Do Not Rent list for any reason. But sending you into exile for \$6 seems petty. Someone didn’t check to see how much business you were giving Hertz. If they had, they would have quickly forgiven the debt. I think you could have easily resolved this with a brief, polite email to Hertz. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Hertz executives on my consumer advocacy site. I contacted Hertz on your behalf. A

representative contacted you by email shortly afterward. “Please accept my sincere apology for the delay in this toll charge being brought to your attention,” the Hertz representative said. “Due to this, we have advised our Toll Processor to zero out the balance and not attempt to collect. We have also reinstated your rental privileges.” Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 29, 2022 - September 4, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
You’re a lot more interested in getting to the heart of health matters now. Working out on a regular basis is one of the best things you can do to release tension. It has a cathartic effect that helps you let go of powerful emotions. This will certainly improve your well-being.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
This is a good time to dip into books or browse online with the purpose of finding ideas on improving your health. There’s a focus on your spiritual zone, so practices like yoga or tai chi may appeal to you. They provide ways to health as well as philosophies that can guide you through life. Yoga could be a great way to start.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
You may prefer to exercise with your partner or a buddy now. Working out alone may not be nearly as satisfying. You enjoy having someone to compete against, even on a friendly basis. Your commitment to achieving your health goals will help your training partner achieve his or hers. You’re a real inspiration!

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
Going on vacation may be your chance to get back in touch with your body. If you’re stressed and overworked, there’s a good chance you need to give your mind a rest and relax deeply. Walking, swimming, dancing, and generally enjoying the outdoors will center you in your body and help you feel good again. Keep up the healthy habits when you get home!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
You’re currently very motivated to exercise more. If you haven’t worked out for a while, it’s best to start slowly and increase your pace as you get stronger. The tendency is to dive in and burn out, which ultimately achieves nothing. Find someone to help create a program just for you that will help you stay on track.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
You may be more aware of the limitations caused by health issues than of the many possibilities for healing. Try to shift your focus to available treatments, as this may encourage you to think about recovery. You may want to research the unusual and more esoteric methods to discover

what’s out there. If you start a fitness routine, you might want to find a workout buddy. The support will be invaluable.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
It’s time for you to knuckle down and take responsibility for your health and well-being. If you’ve been eating too much rich food and hoping your body won’t notice, it’s about to catch up with you. It’s time for action!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
The Universe is encouraging you to reflect on your overall state of health. This is a good time to notice your self-talk and how it impacts you physically. If you’re always in a positive frame of mind, this will have a wonderful effect on your energy. If you’re often resentful or angry but try to hide it, your body will reveal the truth.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You may find that a subtle sense of anxiety that has been with you for some time begins to ease off. It’s as though you’ve been living on your nerves, and this has caused you to be more tired than usual. You may feel as though a weight has been taken from your shoulders over the days and weeks ahead.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
You may be inspired to make changes to your kitchen in order to streamline food preparation. This is a good time to think about the gadgets and utensils you might need to help you eat better and cook the kinds of meals that encourage optimum health. A short detox might also help your system.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
You may feel motivated now to get the necessary help to lose weight and get into shape. You may find it useful to join an online group or local health club where you can get the support you need. It will be easier to maintain a disciplined approach if you’re working through issues with others.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
Your search for balance in life may lead you to some interesting areas, especially those associated with your health and wellness. This is the perfect time to look at your daily habits and determine which ones are helpful and which are working against you. If you’re suffering from any symptoms, part of the cause may be an imbalance that you’re unaware of.

CALENDARthis

GLENDALE KIWANIS DARK
The Sept. 2 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale will be dark in observance of the Labor Day weekend. The Club meets most Friday afternoons at noon at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado Blvd. in Glendale.

SINGERS: LEND US YOUR VOICES
The Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus (VHWC) is in need of women’s voices to round out its chorus. Soprano, second soprano or alto all are welcome to join the chorus, which has entertained residents of La Crescenta, Glendale, La Cañada, Pasadena, Monrovia, Sunland-Tujunga and beyond. The group entertains at club meetings, church groups, schools, senior facilities and more.

Ki Park, a collaborative pianist who has worked with classical singers, instrumentalists and choruses throughout the Los Angeles community, is VHWC music director. VHWC has been a chorus of 35-plus active singers. The members meet at St. Luke’s of the Mountains Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta on Monday mornings September through June at 9:15 a.m. The chorus is not associated with the church but uses its facilities for rehearsals. Anyone interested can contact Arlene Massimino at (818) 624-1111 or Ki Park at (818) 720-6465.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PRESENTATION
Betina Loudermilk will be making a presentation about building a garden for butterflies. She’ll teach attendees about some common butterflies that will be found and what plants to put in a garden to attract them. She’ll discuss the differences between natives and non-native plants and their value to butterflies.

The community is invited to attend the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club for this joint presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. To register for this upcoming one hour webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/2p93shsd>.

SUZUKI WAY PARENT ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT
The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its “Making Music the Suzuki Way – Every Child Can Learn!” parent orientation and information night on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend. For more information, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org. To receive the Zoom

link, RSVP at <http://www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html>. The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING
Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation. For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

BURRO FLATS
Beautiful polychrome pictographs created by local early populations and listed on the National Register of Historic Places are just a part of more than 150 archaeological sites in the Burro Flats area. Sites include numerous Chumash, Western Ranching and Space Age period locations spread across 2,850 acres in the Santa Susana Mountains at the west end of the San Fernando Valley.

Al Knight, speaker for the Sept. 10 program, will present his 25 years of research on the Burro Flats area. Knight has over 40 years experience in archeological, anthropological and historic fieldwork, research and writing and is the author of numerous published and unpublished reports. He has participated in over 250 projects in Southern California, including work leading to the creation of the nearby Stonehurst community HPOZ.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. The program is on Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from the Little Landers Historical Society by calling (818) 352-3420 or visiting BoltonHall.org or emailing llhs@boltonhall.org.

COME LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING
A beginner’s modern square dancing class is starting 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The first two classes are free. Meet new people while getting exercise for both your body and mind. Proof of vaccination required; masks are optional at the present time. More info by emailing illi313@yahoo.com or visiting www.setsinstep.org.

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NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » “OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS”

Remember, Honor and Respect

Our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Early Rodders classic car group are proud to present a morning of remembrance on Friday, Sept. 9. At precisely 8:45 a.m., the annual 9/11 Remembrance Motorcade will leave the La Crescenta Ralphs Marketplace to “Remember, Honor, and Respect” the thousands of lives lost on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 during the terrorist attack on America.

With guidance from the California Highway Patrol, Glendale Police Dept. and Crescenta Valley sheriff deputies, the Motorcade will travel past five fire stations, the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station, Montrose Shopping Park and local La Crescenta and La Cañada schools. While our nation remembers Sept. 11, 2001 in many different ways, the Crescenta Valley’s annual Remembrance Motorcade is unique and the only one of its kind in the country.

For those of us who have participated in previous Remembrance Motorcades it is an emotional experience as we travel by the schools with students waving American flags and chanting “USA, USA, USA ...” or the neighbors gathering on their sidewalks holding hands of small children and waving as we pass by. Personally, I will never forget our first Motorcade as we passed along La Crescenta Av-

enue at Franklin Street and seeing Don and Esther Norbut standing together with their hands clasped and holding on to an American flag.

Let each of us take a few moments to remember and honor those we lost at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon and UA Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania on the fateful day of Sept. 11, 2001.

Announcements: Our Chamber’s August mixer, hosted by Robin Goldsworthy and the CV Weekly newspaper, was a huge success with new members Maddie Madsen (Current Music) and Robin Johnson (Robin Learning Systems) receiving their Chamber business wall plaques, and our introduction of Danny Goldsworthy as the new owner of Bonners Party Rentals.

We also had a presentation from Montrose Search and Rescue team member Robert Sheedy regarding the team’s Saturday, Sept. 24 fundraising event at Crescenta Valley Park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event celebrates MSAR’s 75th anniversary of rescuing those in need. Featuring live music, inflatable rides, food trucks, a petting zoo, climbing wall, Early Rodders classic cars, Rosemont Middle School Cheer team, the CVHS jazz band, and Montrose Search and Rescue demonstrations, the day promises

to be a fun-filled day for everyone. The Montrose Search and Rescue group is composed of volunteers who are highly trained professionals with expertise in rescue techniques. While most of us assume MSAR team members are well paid it’s just the opposite. Members of the MSAR team receive \$1 a year and much of the gear that is required is purchased out of their own pockets. They need our help so please consider a tax deductible donation by visiting their website www.montrosesar.org and clicking on Donate.

September is the month our Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce gathers nominations for Woman and Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Student of the Year and the Beautification Award, and those special individuals who work with law enforcement. They will be honored at our annual Recognition Awards on Thursday, Nov. 10th at the Glendale Elks Lodge. Anyone who would like to nominate an individual or business/organization for recognition should contact me at the Chamber office or can use our nomination forms, which should be available soon on the Chamber website www.crescentavalleychamber.org. Nominations should include a paragraph or two as to why you feel



A lucky winner of one of the prizes at the CV Chamber mixer on Aug. 11.

the individual or business/organization deserves consideration.

Emergency Preparedness Tip: Update your list of family emergency contacts who are located outside the area you live. Assuming cell service may be compromised during an emergency situation, please have a land line number as a secondary contact number. It is important to designate one family member, located outside the area, to be the central contact for all family members.

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities: If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business or even

help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details, simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: “Our Business is Your Business.”

Steve Pierce, Executive Director

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MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

The 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest Returns!

After having to postpone our beloved annual Montrose Oktoberfest last year, we are thrilled to announce that it is back on this year! It will be held on the first Saturday of October, Oct. 1, from noon to 10 p.m. Your favorites will all be back: live music (Past Action Heroes, Honest Family Outlaws, The Mary Dyer Band, The German American Brass Band and many more), plus brats, pretzels, German beer and amusement rides and games! We cannot wait to celebrate the return of this magical event with you all. Follow us on Instagram

@MontroseOktoberfest or visit our site, Oktoberfest.MontroseChamber.org, for all the details. See you then!!

Meet the newest business member’s of the MVCC:

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MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Sept. 7 – The Montrose Murder Mystery Mixer has been postponed to 2023. We will announce the new date as soon as we know it.

Friday, Sept. 9 – Remembrance Motorcade will start at 8:45 a.m. at the

Ralphs Marketplace in La Crescenta.

Saturday, Oct. 1 from noon to 10 p.m. – The 43rd Annual Montrose Oktoberfest is *back!* Visit Oktober-

fest.MontroseChamber.org for more details, reach out to mvcc@montrosechamber.org with any questions or concerns.

Special Acknowledgements:

Thank you to all of those who supported our “Clear the List 2022” campaign when we helped local teachers clear their school supplies list for the 2022-23 school year. We were able to help 16 local teachers!

Remember to shop local!

Mavil Aghadjanian,

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The next time you are in the bank, look around. The tellers’ counters are on one side (the no side) and the other side is the “friendly” side with the manager, a loan person and an investment advisor. If you are the typical customer, the teller may inform you that there is a hold on your deposit, a charge for something silly or some other “sorry” problem. Frustrating, isn’t it?

Solve most of these problems before they happen: meet your banker. Walk over to the friendly side and introduce yourself to the manager. Get their business card and give yours, if applicable. Do not think you are not “important enough” to do this; take a deep breath and do it.

“I moved here from Redding and wanted to introduce myself” or “I know you are the new manager and I have had an account here for three years; just wanted to say ‘hello.’”

I have given this advice for years and it really works but some people are intimidated by the thought because they are only minimum wage workers, bounce checks from time to time, or feel

the advice doesn’t fit them. This advice is especially beneficial for your young high school and college age kids who are having their first banking experience. Years ago, a customer of mine took his kids to lunch specifically to pass on this advice. Years later, he told me about two “success” stories they had. Over the years, I have had so many “thank yous” especially from the “intimidated” people who took my advice and walked to the yes side.

One example from 40 years ago: We hired a welder who only had a green card. He had never had a bank account in the U.S. and wanted to open a new account: the bank declined. I made one phone call to the manager and it was solved. That example today would be much harder because there are government mandates for banks and financial institutions to “know your customer.”

Remember – This banking service is free.

Please send questions to the V.I.P., P.O. Box 26, Montrose, CA 91021 or peter@viploan.com.

Business Anniversaries Reflect Long Standing Values

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The worldwide pandemic had many people reassess their priorities, including how they did business. Many businesses were affected by COVID-19 with some not surviving the masking, closures and limited reopenings. While many had to “pivot,” that is rethink how to meet the needs of their customers in unusual circumstances, for some owners it was “business as usual.”

Consider Alpha Structural in Tujunga, a structural specialist and foundation repair contractor that is approaching its 30th anniversary. Owner Dave Tourjé started the business at a time when there really wasn’t a foundation repair trade.

“I was a pioneer,” he said. “Foundation repair was not an established trade, like plumbing for example.”

Tourjé, who was raised in the Mt. Wash-

ington area of Eagle Rock, developed an affinity for working in the hills.

“I became a hillside expert, which was a short step to foundation repair,” he said, crediting Eagle Rock and Mt. Washington as providing the experience he needed to start his own company in 1993.

He said that establishing his business – and reputation – was propelled by El Niño winters and earthquakes, adding that these disasters created a pool of houses that needed structural work.

“Realtors would call me,” he said. “I made myself available in the community. I didn’t use ‘scare tactics.’ I just went into a situation and made a fair assessment.”

Though he wasn’t “happy” with COVID from a business perspective, Tourjé said it was merely a “pinch” compared to what he has seen.

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RELIGION

Question: *I recently heard about a teenager who was run over by two cars. He died. He was at what is now considered an “underground” or illegal gathering. This happened at 3 a.m.!*

My question is what is a kid that age doing out at that time? My heart goes out to children whose parents aren’t setting boundaries to keep them safe. By the way, the news report didn’t have anything about the parents – only about friends who had gathered at a makeshift memorial where the incident happened.

These situations seem to be happening more and more. Police are expected to show up and restore order. Police are not our children’s keepers! I know many, many parents are caring and responsible but what about the ones who are not? What suggestions do you have for parents to keep better tabs on their kids? My children, now adults, in their 20s never were involved in these kinds of situations.

~ Worried Member of the Community

Dear Worried Member of the Community,

The news about the teenager who was run over was very concerning to many of us. To try and understand why this happened, I started making a list of all the reasons this teenager might have been out at 3 a.m.

Does the teen come from a one-parent situation? Is their parent working at night? Do they even know their child is out?

If there are two parents, is there physical/verbal abuse at home? Does the teen leave the house to escape that?

Are there other kids at home? Are the other kids older? Are alcohol or drugs part of the problem?

Are video games/movies and the constant violence they portray on constantly at home, making everyone numb to what happens in real life violence?

Did this teenager, encouraged by others, say something cruel and the

two people ran him over for revenge? Was killing him an online challenge of some sort?

Did a mob mentality take over and shift from conscious behavior to unconscious behavior? From real communication to winning through violence?

There has been such a huge shift in the way we use our words. They are now being thrown out as weapons instead of being paths to clarity. Our words are now being used to threaten and incite physical violence as the solution to everything.

Try not to lose heart. Our human fragility creates many tragic situations. But God is love and present in all things. God’s love holds us, surrounds us and lifts us up through all types of situations.

God’s love also gives us strength and purpose to help change the violence and hate in our world. As we pray, send loving thoughts out into every part of our world; our individual and collective love can change things.

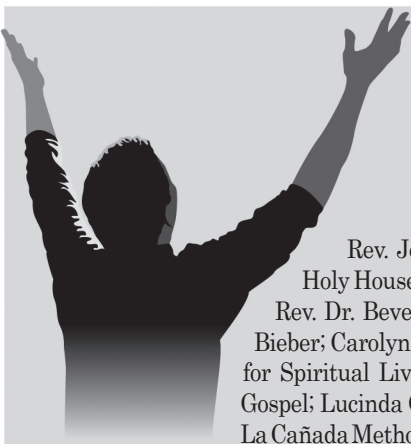
We know what parents do is recreated by their children. And this re-creation can go on for generations.

If our parents reach out to us with love and understanding, avoiding confrontations that create defensiveness, we learn that understanding is a way to get along with all people. We learn to de-escalate situations by stepping back.

If our parents make sure we know that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, it lessens our egoistic need to be “right.” We learn we don’t have to agree with someone else’s opinions and we also don’t need to strike back.

Education opens doors and gives us ways to connect with all people. We hope the way children are taught at school corresponds with the way their parents teach them at home. If not, are there people/programs that can help connect the two? Are there classes for teens on how to interact with others in a loving way, no matter the circumstances?

We know that once the police get involved the situation is at its breaking point. The emotional extremes are so high that people are



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in an unconscious state of reaction. All is reaction; no one is stepping back and taking a breath.

A few minutes ago, my phone rang. It was my beloved niece who lives in Boston. She was with her 1-year-old child at the park. She put her son on a swing and they enjoyed the fresh air, the movement of the swing and the beautiful day outside. She then took her son over to a bench to relax in the shade under the tall trees. They were calm and content. God’s presence was in every leaf, bird song and gentle ray of the sun.

An older boy she didn’t know ran over and started to grab for her baby. My niece said, “Excuse me; please don’t touch the baby.”

She said this in a soft, smooth, respectful voice; there wasn’t any defensiveness or anger. It was very simple without emotional attachment. The older boy stopped, looked at the baby for a bit and then walked off.

Hearing this interaction on the phone, I commented on how effective her response was. She said she didn’t know the boy. But, as he walked over to them, she noticed his aggressive energy. She wanted the boy to feel he was welcome to say hello but quickly reaching for the baby wasn’t okay. My niece demonstrated her position, in a

safe and non-combative way. She didn’t grab her son and tell the boy to get away or scold him. She acknowledged the older boy, he felt seen, and then walked away. Possible trouble had been avoided.

This is what we need to teach our children through our words and actions. There are loving ways to sidestep a possibly explosive situation. Notice, listen and be kind. Step back from instantly reacting and condemning.

Love is the answer. Yes, it will take time. We know, through our relationship with God, that every person has the capacity for love and understanding. As parents, the more we teach our children that love is the best choice in any conflict, the more our children get used to that as the norm. They, in turn, share their love and understanding with the people they know. And, that love, God’s love, multiplies and goes out into the world.

Let us all join together.

In love & light,

*Michelle Gillette,
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Dear Worried Member of the Community,

Your concern as to the change in today’s generation values verses

the values of previous generations is an ongoing saga in the history of mankind. Trying to understand and justifying bad behavior is difficult for some people who were raised to respect their fellowman and basically have good values. Our laws have changed considerably since the end of WWII. Back in that era the need to survive was way different than that of today’s needs. Discipline as a factor is different today, so much so that our judicial system ruled to punish parents, teachers, law enforcement officers or just about anyone who would punish children for bad behavior by changing justifiable punishment to child abuse. It goes to the old cliché of “spare the rod and spoil the child.”

When children misbehaved in school the teacher would punish them ... and they often got more when they went home! It certainly was a reminder to clean up their act! “Justified punishment” should have never been changed to “child abuse” because there are mentally ill individuals who mutilate their children for little to no reason! The problem still exists resulting in the lack of discipline when needed.

In an attempt to express love to children today many parents are

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF NEWS

A night of family fun is planned on the lawn and under the stars. Lutheran Church in the Foothills is bringing back its popular movie night after a lengthy pause due to the pandemic. All are invited to watch “Minions: The Rise of Gru,” on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs for the free screening on the front lawn of the church. Refreshments and popcorn will be served.

This Sunday, Pastor Chuck Bunnell will lead worship in person and online beginning at 10 a.m. During the weekly worship service, elementary school children are invited to join a fun-filled hour of learning at Sunday school. The children meet in the sanctuary for a special children’s message with the pastor, then head to class for games and study. LCIF uses the “Simply Loved” program for Sunday school. “Simply Loved” offers a foundational Jesus-centered journey through

God’s story of love.

LCIF is continuing to assemble school supply kits for children in need. Donations to help pay for drawstring bags are much appreciated. Other supplies needed include 70-page spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, crayons (boxes of 16 or 24) and rulers (30 cm). The items can be dropped off at the church.

Efforts to help the people of Ukraine continue as well. LCIF is grateful for the outpouring of support in its collection drive for medical supplies. Last week, church members delivered donated medical supplies to St. Volodymyr Church in Los Angeles. The Ukrainian church is packaging up the supplies and will get the items where they are most needed in Ukraine. Donations are still being accepted. A list of needed items can be found on LCIF’s website.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to

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

WALK AND WORD

In September, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Sept. 11, 18 & 25. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The community is invited to give the life-saving gift of blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive. Two are planned in the next few weeks. The first is today, Thursday, Sept. 1 at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in its Cultural Hall. To make an appointment, visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.

On Sunday, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. a blood drive will be held at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Anyone who has been looking for a local venue to

donate is invited to take part.

For more information or to sign up, visit redcrossblood.org or contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at (818) 249-6137.

WOMEN’S NONDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Seasons of Life Bible Study offers two classes to choose from: “Joy of Living” will be studying the book of 1 Samuel and “The Joy of Knowing.” “Women of Faith” will be doing book studies of Max Lucado’s “Life Lessons from Colossians and Philemon” and Margaret Feinberg’s “Experiencing Spiritual Revival” beginning Sept. 22 through April 7 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Community Life/First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

Anyone interested in taking part can contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or email lyndahessick@gmail.com.

Registration deadline is Sept. 6.

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remiss by showering them with monetary items, such as cars and just about anything they desire. As a result, the child has little appreciation or concept of the sweat the parent endured to buy them such luxuries. The difference is obvious: generations ago children had to work for everything and thus they appreciated what they had and cared for it. Having good manners, treating others as they wanted to be treated, respecting their elders, helping their neighbor, participating in positive community activities, obeying the law, avoiding controlled substances and forms of misbehavior were avoided because they were taught that good behavior will get them more recognition than being bad.

Generations ago, moms stayed home and dads worked to provide for the family's financial needs. In many cases moms acted as a

substitute teacher and chief cook and laid down the law at home. Many moms were active members of their church, PTA and other organizations that would occupy their time and ultimately would benefit their children. Basically, that is the duty and responsibility of a parent! It's difficult to teach children values when both parents are working. My mom would always say, "You can't have your cake and eat it, too." A parent should always be available when children are left to fend for themselves! One cannot hug children via a cellphone! These values remain in children's minds into their younger and adult years.

However, it is consoling to know that there are many responsible adults and children who live among us today. Many participate in youth programs, volunteer in our churches and community activities and step forward when a neighbor is in need.

There are still many role models in our society today and they should be emulated at all times. Just being aware that there are problems in our society will never make them go away! One must become involved so they too can become a role model for at least one young person in their lifetime. Sharing your love and understanding will make a difference! Good behavior is contagious and it starts with oneself!

Pray for more love and peace.

Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain
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Question: I volunteer at an animal shelter. I'm saddened by the number of people who drop off their pets and expect someone else to take care of the dog, cat or bird. Yes, we have birds, as well! Many people adopted during the pandemic and it seems since many of them are back at work they think the animal they adopted is too much of a burden. I have two dogs and a cat that I love and care for. I can't imagine how some people can be so selfish. I know that may sound too judgmental, but this is how I'm feeling in the moment after observing caged animals obviously sad and depressed. Most shelters are screening folks who want to

adopt and yet many are falling through the cracks and are doing a miserable job of animal care. I appreciate any suggestions you may have for me to look at this problem in a different way.

~Animal Lover

Dear Animal Lover,

Thank you for volunteering at an animal shelter. And thank you for caring for your own pets. My wife and I had three rescued dogs until one died of cancer of everything (it seemed) and now we have two, and we are considering adopting another.

I am afraid that I have nothing good or hopeful to say. Before I read your lament, I had heard of what you talked about in a news story: people actually returning animals to shelters. So sad! Just as you can't understand the blindness or insensitivity or selfishness of some people, neither can I. There is a quote from a rabbi or the rabbinical tradition that says he who saves one life saves the world, or something like that. (Perhaps there should be a corollary that says the opposite: whoever turns in an innocent animal because caring for it is too much trouble is saying To Hell with the World, or something like that!)

I have said before that loving someone can be hard work and the

same goes for caring for an animal: it can be hard work and also expensive. Perhaps we should be more forgiving of those who found out that caring for an animal is harder work than they wanted to do. But it's pretty hard, and I do not think you are being too judgmental. In fact, I hope everybody who returned an animal because it became "inconvenient" to care for it reads this column and squirms a little bit!

Someone asked American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr what the minister's job was. He said, "Comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable." Let's hope that any pet returner is feeling somewhat afflicted right now!

The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman,
dog lover and minister
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Dear Animal Lover,

Thank you for the great working you're doing! It takes a special type of person to show care and compassion for animals. St. Francis of Assisi was the patron saint of animals and lived by the belief that all animals that need help should be assisted. Unfortunately, not everyone has the same love and respect for animals.

Your question posted in this column can help raise the awareness for people thinking about adopting a pet. There is a new level of education that needs to be imparted at the time of the adoption to people adopting pets. Their heart may be in the right place at the time of adoption but they need to understand the level of commitment a pet takes – not only financially, but also physically and mentally as well. Perhaps addressing the "what if" scenarios during the interview process will help expand their understanding of what owning a pet entails.

We may never know the circumstances behind why a pet is returned. It may be due to the owner's illness or financial hardship or a sense of being overwhelmed at knowing how to deal with the unanticipated responsibility of caring for a pet.

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“If you stay focused, work harder and never quit you’ll be okay,” he said noting that the economic downturns of 1992 and 2008 were worse, in his opinion, than the challenges brought about by the pandemic.

He also credits a massive tome – his company’s manual that he wrote – with giving direction to his employees.

“I wrote the manual over the years, anticipating just about every scenario,” he said, adding that it provides a blueprint for how Alpha Structural will respond to whatever is thrown at it.

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His high hiring standards and the way he

treats his employees are assets that cannot be compared.

“It’s too brutal a trade to not treat people right,” he said “We have a commitment to quality, a commitment to completion and are committed to not fail.”

That commitment to people – employees and customers – is echoed by Pete Smith, general manager of Bob Smith Toyota in La Crescenta.

“Happy employees will take care of customers,” Smith said. “We take care of our people so they can focus on our customers.”

Bob Smith Toyota, which has accrued 104 years in the auto business and 29 years serving the Crescenta Valley, made some essential changes when COVID hit.

“We had to figure out how to serve people who didn’t want to come into the dealership,” Smith said. That meant having an extensive online and electronic presence. Bob Smith Toyota also instituted a policy to pick up cars for service.

A drawback to the lack of a one-to-one exchange with potential customers was not having the chance to correct the bad reputation that can sometimes crop up when one hears “car salesman.”

“We’re lumped in with a group that doesn’t have the best reputation,” Smith said. “But we’re just everyday folks – we’re not crooks.”

Happily, the expectation of having a negative experience is being reversed – by Bob Smith Toyota customers.

“People come away from buying a car or having their car serviced understanding that we are different,” said Smith. “We do care.”

He relayed a story from a recent Monday.

“This woman said how different our place is, that we’re different,” Smith said. “You’re so nice here. It is true what I’ve read about you online.”

Smith chuckles.

“My grandfather taught his boys and me: you take care of your people and they’ll take care of their customers,” he said. “It’s a generational thing.”

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By Hank Dellman

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING *from page 17*
Perhaps people think they're doing the best thing for their pet by returning them to where they purchased them and they have run out of any other solution.

The most important thing is to stay as caring toward the owners as you are the pets. I realize many pets seem much more tolerable than their owners but keeping a compassionate heart toward them will not only benefit them, but most definitely help you keep your sanity. When we don't like how other people are behaving, it's important to remember that we can't change people, but we can change how we view and respond to them. Having a negative judgment about someone builds a wall of bitterness that can produce negative repercussions in our life. It serves no one. If you can bring yourself to see the people returning the pets in the same compassionate light that you see the pets, healing occurs. It doesn't mean pets won't continue to be returned but you will be able to be at peace knowing that the pet was not in its rightful place and is released from a household that couldn't care for it.

Let's pray that, with continued screening and training, the level of pet adoption responsibility will improve and there will be less pets returned from adopted homes.

In Light,

Rev. Mary Morgan
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EARLY RODDERS *from page 7*
Oaks Senior Living. One of the car guys, Gary Schaedler, brought his 1956 Chevy 3100 to the Twelve Oaks lot. The Chevy is painted a rich purple color that is highlighted with dark flames.

"It was my wife's birthstone [color]," Schaedler said.

It was also his wife, Kathy, who found the truck for sale online.

"It was built in California, then was sold and went to Texas," he said. He purchased it and brought it back home to California. The classic truck only had one owner who used it as a working truck on a farm.

Schaedler added he had done some work to it but not a lot.

His wife Kathy died a few months ago; they were married 56 years. Schaedler continues to come to these Early Rodders events to share the love both he and his wife had for this very purple vehicle.

"We [come] because we like supporting people," he said.

Schaedler is just one of dozens of car owners who will be participating in the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade.

TICKETS *from page 12*
\$60 each for adults and \$30 each for children under the age of 16. All seats are reserved. VIP grandstand seating assignments are issued at the time orders are placed. Young children may sit on an adult's lap, but a ticket must be purchased if they are to have a seat. To purchase tickets please visit: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/hollywood-christmas-parade-tickets/artist/1796731>.

Regular ticket pricing for parade grandstand seats will start on Tuesday, Sept. 6. *COVID policies: Please be aware that certain COVID-19 rules may be in place in order to attend the event, which may include, but not be limited to, masking, proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test. Please be sure to monitor local, state and federal guidelines.* The Hollywood Christmas Parade will update its website www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.org closer to the event.

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GCC *from Cover*
"Payroll Specialist 1," one year of general office experience will be required. Formerly the requirement was two years of payroll experience. There was a motion to change the title of "Payroll Specialist 1" to "Payroll Clerk." The motion was unanimously approved by Civil Service Commission members on the condition of approval by the Glendale City Council. All titles and compensation need a City Council resolution.

After a nationwide search, Paula Adams was hired as chief human resources officer. Adams was present and recognized by the Commission. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her experience includes positions on the Los Angeles World Airport and the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power.

VETS CORNER *from page 10*
herbicide that endangered generations of Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians. The new legislation would effectively presume that any American service member stationed in a combat zone for the last 32 years could have been exposed to toxic substances, allocating a projected \$280 billion over the next decade to treat ailments tied to those exposures and streamlining veterans' access to such care.

For additional information, visit <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>.

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