

Barger Issues Statement on L.A. County's Homeless Encampment Strategy

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger recently issued a statement following the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' discussion about the County's work to address homeless encampments. The dialogue followed the recent City of Grants Pass v. Johnson et al. decision and the executive order by California Governor Gavin Newsom to remove homeless encampments in California:

"Clearing homeless encampments in a County as big as ours isn't just an issue of money. This is about our capacity to house and deliver a well-orchestrated strategy with several ingredients: sustaining outreach work, building trust, and delivering coordinated social services.

"I stand by that strategy. The testimony we heard on July 30 from Sheriff Luna – along with County housing and mental health experts who lead local efforts – reaffirms that Los Angeles County has solid partnerships in place to implement compassionate strategies that work. The Governor's executive order means we will have an extra layer of strategic coordination with Caltrans and other state agencies, which isn't new.

"I believe we must continue working closely with city partners to solve homelessness regionally instead of shuffling people experiencing homelessness around or calling on law enforcement partners to cite them. Those strategies are ineffective because they don't treat the root cause of homelessness.

"I want to be clear: enforcement is certainly an important tool, but it needs to be applied strategically and in a way that sustains permanent change. It will remain a last resort to maintain public safety and public health. Some believe our work to resolve homeless encampments isn't happening fast enough, but fast doesn't always mean successful."

By Mary O'KEEFE

School begins on Aug 21 for students in Glendale Unified School District (GUSD), but there are some changes afoot district-wide including ongoing construction at CVHS.

During the 2023-24 school year at Crescenta Valley High School, its track and field was closed to the public as construction began of stadium seating on the campus. Originally the construction was to be completed by June's commencement ceremony; however, there were delays though the CVHS administration was optimistic that construction would be finished during the summer. Unfortunately, it is still not completed. According to GUSD Superintendent Darneika Watson, completion of the project is now scheduled for December.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Students will return to Crescenta Valley High School to find that construction continues on its campus.

There are other changes in the district; perhaps the biggest will

be for students and parents of the youngest learners.

"We are excited for the full day kinder expansion," Watson said.

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GPD Welcomes New Recruits

By Mary O'KEEFE

Throughout California, and around the nation, law enforcement departments have struggled with recruitment; however, their hard work has begun to pan out.

From 2020 to 2022 officers left their jobs in record numbers and new recruit numbers were down as well. But it does appear the trend is turning. A survey by Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) showed for the first time since the pandemic law enforcement agencies reported hiring more sworn officers in 2023 than in any of the previous four years.

Recruiting new personnel was not an easy trend for many agencies including the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD); however, the department and Chief Manuel Cid continued to work to offer incentives to entice new officers and offer lateral moves for existing officers. (Lateral move officers are those who move from one law enforcement department to another.)



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see GPD on page 8 New police recruits are sworn in at a recent ceremony.



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Yummy for Your Tummy – Reinvigorating Our Recipe Section

Years ago, when I first started the CV Weekly, our recipe section was part of our Between Friends and/or Just For Fun sections of the newspaper. It was great getting and sharing recipes from readers, professional chefs and others. Over the years, though, I didn't give the section the loving attention that it needed.

Then I learned that the founders of the Don Francisco's coffee brand are Crescenta Valley residents and were eager to share with our readers some of their delicious recipes! Being an avid coffee drinker, you can imagine how excited I am to know that the Don Francisco's family is Crescenta Valley neighbors – they know how much we love our coffee! You can learn all about the Gaviña family on page 17 then try their recipe for Iced Coconut Cold Brew Coffee. You will also have a chance to win a Don Francisco's coffee basket. Send Rachelle (rachelle@cvweekly.com) a picture of you reading the CV Weekly with a cup of java and you'll be entered to win a fantastic coffee basket! All submissions must be received by Aug. 26 at 4 p.m.

I also invite you to revisit our recipe section (found online in the drop down menu of Between Friends) to read some of the delicious recipes found there! You won't be sorry.

I attended National Night Out festivities on Tuesday night at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

What a busy night! Attendees included several CV Weekly readers and supporters. Also at the event were representatives from the station, Montrose Search & Rescue, U.S. Forest Service (complete with an oversized stuffed Smokey Bear) and JPL Hazmat. Information booths from the Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion, Ralphs, Glendale Unified School District, JPL, CV Weekly, Prom Plus and the CV Chamber of Commerce were among those on hand. Classic cars jazzed up the place, too! Thanks to Dwight Sityar for arranging that!

In addition to free barbecued hot dogs, baked goods were on sale. Various beverages were available, too, to quench our thirst. However, the highlight of the night was the water balloon toss. The toss paired uniformed personnel with kids and there were quite a few competitors (though by the end of the competition few contestants were entirely dry!).

The water balloon toss capped off an evening of NNO fun at the station and I know that throughout the area similar fun events were held.

Read the story on page 5 on local National Night Out events. More photos can be found online.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

You know those beautiful sci-fi portraits of humans in space suits looking up at a huge moon as it horizons over a dry, rocky land ... well this month that portrait will come to life – minus the spacesuits.

On Aug. 19 not only will it be a full moon but it will also be a supermoon.

“A supermoon occurs when the Moon’s orbit is closest to Earth at the same time the Moon is full The Moon orbits Earth in an ellipse, an oval that brings it closer to and farther from Earth as it goes around. The farthest point in this ellipse is called the apogee and is about 253,000 miles (405,500 kilometers) from Earth on average. Its closest point is the perigee, which is an average distance of about 226,000 miles (363,300 kilometers) from Earth. When a full moon appears at perigee it is slightly brighter and larger than a regular full moon – and that’s where we get a ‘supermoon,’” according to NASA.

During the perigee the Moon can actually appear 14% larger and 30% brighter.

In addition to the supermoon there will be a super close meet-up between Mars and Jupiter, according to JPL/ NASA.

“During the month of August, the Red Planet, Mars, speeds past our solar system’s largest planet, Jupiter, in the a.m. sky. They have an extremely close pair-up, called a conjunction, on Aug. 14, when they’ll appear just a third of a degree apart, which is less than the width of the full Moon,” according to What’s Up-August 2024, JPL/NASA.

The two planets will be along the

same line of sight, so they appear closer together. Mars quickly moves away from Jupiter over the following mornings but on Aug. 27 the crescent Moon joins the two planets to form a captivating trio in the morning sky, according to JPL/ NASA.

And let us not forget the Perseid meteor shower. The peak of this meteor show will be on Aug. 11 and into the early morning hours of Aug. 12. Perseid has actually been busy in the sky since mid-July. The best time to see this shower is 3:40 a.m. to 4:40 a.m. and of course the best place to see it is away from the city’s artificial light.

Griffith Observatory estimates people will be viewing 83 meteors per hour.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park will be holding a “shower viewing party” on Friday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. All are advised to bring blankets and chairs and to dress in layers. There will be “astronomy-themed snacks” served. To RSVP and/or for more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/393r9w6r>. Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/ Glendale.

But wait ... there’s more! There’ll be a chance to see the Lagoon Nebula, which is located in the constellation Sagittarius.

“The Lagoon Nebula appears high overhead in August for those in the Southern Hemisphere, and quite low for those at higher northern latitudes, but it’s visible throughout the lower 49 United States. If you can locate the stars in the Teapot, you should be able to

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PROM PLUS MEETING
A planning meeting for Prom Plus parents will be tonight, Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Fire House, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (xst Rosemont).

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY
The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants watering newly planted natives and doing some trail maintenance. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

VOTE TAKEN REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR SCHOOL CAMPUSES

On Tuesday the LA County Board of Supervisors were asked to vote on whether to approve the LA County Sheriff's Dept.'s new contracts to provide safety and security to school campuses that are seeking LASD services (including school resource officers). Community members shared their opinions with the board. The board voted 4-0 (with one member absent) to continue the contracts.

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always graciously accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

BEYOND PLASTIC VENDOR FAIR

The City of Glendale invites food service providers, community members and business organizations to the Beyond Plastic Vendor Fair on Aug. 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Perkins Plaza behind city hall. This event will showcase reusable, compostable and recyclable materials in compliance with the City's proposed plastic waste reduction ordinance. Attendees can learn about sustainable alternatives and connect with suppliers who offer eco-friendly products.

Perkins Plaza is located at 141 N. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

Vendors will be present with their products, allowing businesses to test, feel, and try out these alternatives. Engage with staff to learn more about the proposed ordinance and provide

feedback. Interested vendors should email Sustainability@GlendaleCA.gov by August 6th to secure their spot.

BINGO FUN
On Friday evening, Aug. 16 in Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose, American Legion Post #288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1614 will host the 12th Annual Community Bingo Night starting at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit veterans' programs in the local community.

Admission is \$25 per person, which includes four bingo cards per game for 10 games. The prize for each bingo game will be a minimum of \$100. In addition to the bingo there will be food available for purchase, a raffle and other surprises. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the first game starting at 6 p.m.

The bingo games are limited to 250 players. Tickets are available from members of the American Legion Post #288 and VFW Post #1614. Tickets are also available at the office of Crescenta Valley Weekly at 3800 La Crescenta Ave., Suite #206, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPS EXTENDED

Applications for student commissioner are now open! Ex officio student commissioners are active, non-voting members of the Arts and Culture Commission of Glendale. Duties include promoting art activities and education, serving as an advisory group on the arts to the Glendale City Council and city boards and commissions, and more.

Applicants must be students under the age of 25 who live in Glendale and must be able to attend meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/yk3mtytb>.

LEAF BLOWER DEMONSTRATION

On Sept. 1, the City of Glendale will start enforcement of its gas-powered leaf blower prohibition. This new ordinance prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and holds homeowners and property owners within the City responsible for compliance. To help residents, landscapers and businesses comply and transition to zero-emission landscaping alternatives, the Office of Sustainability is hosting an event with the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to showcase electric landscaping equipment with professionals before enforcement and citation begins.

The demonstration is on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale.

Electric landscaping equipment manufacturers and landscaping professionals will be available for attendees to test equipment and learn about zero-emissions landscaping. Staff will also be available to answer questions about the ordinance and obtaining rebates.

For more information on the gas-powered leaf blower prohibition and the event, visit GlendaleCA.gov/LeafBlower.

La Crescenta Girl Scout Group Marks Bridging with Trip to England

By Eliza PARTIKA

Girl Scout Troop #1601 celebrated its last bridging from Ambassador rank to adults in a unique and memorable way—a trip to England, a trip that was a decade in the making.

The majority of the troop of seven have been in Girl Scouts since they were in kindergarten. They developed close relationships with one another over the years and, with leader encouragement, decided they wanted to do their last celebration abroad as a group. A decade ago, the troop began saving some of the proceeds from cookie and fall product sales to fund their trip overseas for its final bridging ceremony, which would take place after the girls' high school graduation. Last year, they made the final decision to go to London.

Five of the seven troop members traveled to the UK to officially mark their last Scout rank by crossing the Tower of London Bridge. Bridging ceremonies, the traditional way a Girl Scout marks transiting to the next level of the program, involves crossing a bridge from one side to the other, and are important markers of Scouts' coming of age, said parent Melanie Burzynski.

In the past, the troop's bridging ceremonies took place on a bridge at a local park or at the Montrose Girl Scouts campus. But Burzynski said leaders and parents felt their last crossing should be a special way to mark Troop #1601's transition into adulthood.

Girl Scouts go through several ranks as they move up in grade level, with Daisies being the youngest level and Ambassadors the final step, usually in 11th or 12th grade.

"As a parent, I really get to see these Scouts come into their own – where they're going, what they're going to be doing. To be able to see the Scouts, be able to have more of a voice of what's happening, into what they'd like to see, what they'd like to do [is important for parents, too]," she said.

The Scouts planned the entire trip themselves, including bus routes and local attractions they wanted to visit. Some of the Scouts' favorite locations included the Globe Theater, Big Ben and the London Eye.

Some might say these are just "trademark areas" but they're choices that reflect what interests speak to some of the girls.

"For some of the girls, it was their first time to London,



Photo courtesy of Melanie BURZYNSKI
The girls of Scout troop #1601, holding their certificates of completion, on the Tower of London Bridge after completing their bridging ceremony.

so there was excitement around learning about something new," said Burzynski.

The troop and their chaperones stayed together in London before continuing their own family vacations to other parts of Europe. Burzynski said turning the bridging into a family occasion made the time even more memorable for Scouts and their families.

"It's quite an exciting time for the Scouts to be able to have that memorable trip," Burzynski said. "We knew that when we bridged over for the international trip, we had to find a location that was right for that."

Donations to programs like Girl Scouts allowed Burzynski and her daughter Avalon, who is a member of Troop #1601, to plan and enjoy the trip. For Avalon and her fellow Scouts, the trip was a "last hurrah" and "a way to wrap up all the years we spent together."

"I loved being with my troop; I felt like it's the closest we've ever been," Avalon told CV Weekly. "I was in [scouting] for 13 years, and each bridging meant moving to the next stage of Girl Scouts and learning to do more for the community. Now that I'm done with bridging, it's like I'm able to take all I learned in those past years and use [those skills] in my life."

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NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church to Host Events
Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to a fun-filled evening of Bunco on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Bunco, a popular dice game known for its fast-paced and social nature, is a perfect way to connect with friends, old and new. The game involves simple rules that are easy to learn, making it accessible to players of all ages and skill levels. Bunco

night is part of LCIF's Wednesday Summer Fun program.
In addition to the Bunco event, LCIF is launching a new support group specifically designed for widows. The Surviving Widows group will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at noon. This gathering aims to provide a supportive space for women to share experiences, offer encouragement and find companionship during this

challenging time. A nutritious meal will be provided to nourish both body and soul. Interested individuals can RSVP by contacting the church office. The gathering will take place at a private residence.
Visit lcifoothills.org for information on 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.

UUCVH TO HOST HOLISTIC INDIGENOUS PRACTITIONER
On Sunday, Aug. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills will host a holistic indigenous practitioner in the presentation "The Washoe Peoples House."
The Washoe, the original people of Tahoe Basin, are one of the last indigenous groups to be contacted. Today there are no Washoe gathering places in the Tahoe Basin specifically designated for Washoe spirituality and cultural teachings that are not linked to monetary gain and tourism. Dr. Ana Luna, executive assistant director of Washiw Zulshish Goom Tahn Nu (Washoe Warrior Society), will share the story of the Washoe people as they endeavor to construct a spiritual/cultural gathering house dedicated to ceremony, prayer and the cultural teachings of Wašišiw.

To join via Zoom or to attend in person, visit the UUCVH website to learn more: <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

Mt. Olive Offers Community Breakfast Bible Study
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that all are invited to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Dr., Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied.
All are invited.

Walk and Word
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 Aug. 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

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the writing part of the morning. 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.

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National Night Out Events Held Locally



By Lori BODNAR, Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY

National Night Out at the Briggs Avenue station of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. (LASD)/Crescenta Valley was attended by a variety of law enforcement and community organizations. There was a lot for kids to do including a water balloon toss that helped keep kids cool during the hot summer night.

LASD Deputy Chun, organizer of the event, said the night went well and he was happy with the turnout.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) was at the event in force with representatives of its fire department – HAZMAT engine and crew – and police department and JPL outreach with science information – and stickers for kids.

They were among the organizations that lined the station's parking lot. The CV Station staff/deputies served up free hot dogs, chips and drinks. There were also plenty of giveaways including candy, bubbles and stickers.

In Tujunga at Little Landers Park hundreds of people gathered to meet first responders, listen to music by the band Power Play, eat hot dogs and watermelon, enjoy games and art activities, and visit information booths. Little Landers Park is located next to Bolton Hall, a community center built in 1913 that was declared a Los Angeles Historical Monument (number 2) in 1962. Bolton Hall now serves as a museum to showcase local history and artifacts, operated by the Little Landers Historical Society.

Nina Royal has been organizing the National Night Out event in Tujunga for 34 years.

"The event is a way for the community to come together and recognize that the first responders are part of the community," said Royal. "We started preparing for the National Night Out in January. We don't allow vendors; people aren't selling. If it is a community service organization or is community-related, then they can be here. Last year we

had around 600 people; I think we have more this year. We give out tickets for the free food, which also helps us know how many people are in attendance. The Elks are cooking the hot dogs."

Local Elks members grilled up over 750 hot dogs and cut fresh slices from 20 huge watermelons. Debora Angulo and Maurice Campbell were among the Elks volunteers.

Local firefighters and police officers attended the event, including 16 cadets, ages 13-17, from the LAPD-Foothill Station. The cadets offered blue ribbon pins to community members who wanted to show their support for local law enforcement.

NNO was family-friendly with plenty of activities including live music, face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, leatherworking key chains, and games. Kids especially enjoyed getting their pictures taken on a police motorcycle or inside a police car, inside a fire truck cab or up high on the tiller fire truck with the ladder controls.

"It is rewarding to be a police officer," said Officer Esther Esperanza. "For me, there are no restrictions as long as you have the training. It is wonderful, I love it. It is my first time at National Night Out. I've served six years on the police force. I like serving in the community and meeting people, hearing them out."

Community member Annelise Lucas said, "I liked all the kid activities ... and that the event is catered towards families, that we are able to meet neighbors and first responders."

Among the information booths were the search and rescue team in Los Angeles, Artists for a Better World, the American Legion, McGroarty Arts Center and Arts and Education Nation, which sponsored the children's games and art activities.

Ale Wood, chief marketing officer of Arts & Education Nation, said, "We want art to be accessible so everyone can attend at an affordable price. Everyone can be an artist. Mercedes, the owner of our non-profit, is doing leather key

chains."

The McGroarty Arts Center, located at 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga, had a booth informing the community about some of its upcoming events, including its Burgers, Brews and Blues with the LaRue Sounds band on Aug. 17, The Art of Stand-Up Comedy, a two-day workshop held on Aug. 20 and 27, and Jewelry Making on Aug. 23.

American Legion Post 377 also had a community booth. John Seward, who served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, said, "We are a group of veterans and we have a booth here to recruit people to join the American Legion. We finished the upstairs in the [AL] building with a ballroom floor, so people can dance. It has a stage and sound system."

The Bolton Hall Museum was open for the public to explore. The museum is open on Saturday and Sundays from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The current exhibit "Touchstones" shows how Arroyo stone shaped Tujunga.

see NNO on page 8



Photo courtesy of Sgt. J. Gilbert

LEFT: From left are CHP Officer Sam Griffith, CHP Capt. Mariano "March" Santiago, LASD Capt. Robert Hahnlein, LACoFD Assistant Fire Chief Pat Sprengel and Battalion Chief Allender. All attended the NNO event on Tuesday at LASD - Crescenta Valley Station.

Photo by Ruth SOWBY

RIGHT: Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid, with Rossmoyne/Mountain HOA President Lorna Vartanian, is ready to listen to community concerns.



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Obituary

Joseph “Joe”
Leonard
Hegenbart



1937-2024

Joseph “Joe” Leonard Hegenbart passed away on July 17. He and his beloved wife Rosemary made a loving and caring home for their family in La Crescenta since 1968.

Joe was born to Mildred and Henry Hegenbart in Los Angeles in 1937. He was the third of seven sons. During his youth he helped on his family farms in Little Rock and Newberry Springs, California. Joe attended Barstow High School as did his future wife of 55 years Rosemary. It wasn't until they were both attending college in the Los Angeles area, however, that they began dating.

Known for his outgoing and friendly demeanor, Joe was student body president and was active with a swing band during high school. Joe graduated from Loyola University with a degree in civil engineering and Rosemary finished her education at Mount Saint Mary's College. After Rosemary received her teaching credential, they married in 1962.

Wishing to share their educations with others, the newly-wed couple attended classes with the Lay Mission-Helpers Association. They went to Northern Rhodesia in 1963 and were there when the country won its independence and became Zambia. After fulfilling a three-year assignment, they returned to the Los Angeles area.

In 1968 Joe earned his master's degree from USC in civil engineering in hydrology. Joe spent a 35-year career with the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power. He held the position of assistant chief engineer at the time of his retirement.

Joe and Rosemary then attended deaconate classes for five years with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Upon his ordination in 1998 “Deacon Joe” and Rosemary continued to serve their parish of Saint James the Less as a deacon couple. Service and hospitality were hallmarks of their lives. They served many roles over the years as ministers at their church and as participants in the civic activities of their children. They also sponsored multiple foreign exchange students in their home as a host family.

Joe and Rosemary supported the Sacred Heart Mission Circle for over 30 years. As part of his ministry, Joe also visited the youth at the Sylmar Juvenile Hall.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents and by five brothers: Tom, Jerry, Dan, Mark and Pat Hegenbart. Also preceding him in death were his wife Rosemary and a daughter who died at birth, Marie Theresa.

Joe is survived by his brother Mike Hegenbart. He leaves behind his four children and their (spouses): Anne (Larry), Joe (Georgette), John (Kim) and Rose Marie (Jeff). Grandpa Hegenbart is also survived by nine grandchildren: Cindy, Joe, Dustin, Ashley, Jeremy, Sarah, Nathaniel, Daniel and Ian. Joseph is survived by one great-grandson, Alex. Additionally, he leaves behind numerous beloved in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Deacon Joe will be remembered for his intense commitment to family, his leadership, and his dedication to Saint Joseph and subsequently to his role as a husband and father. He had a great faith in God. Many came to him for wise counsel, a blessing, or for his intercession in the offering of prayer.

The Funeral Mass for Deacon Joe will be held at Saint James the Less Catholic Church on Saturday, August 24th at 11 a.m.

with a reception to follow that will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Montrose.

Donations in memory of Joseph

L. Hegenbart may be made to Saint James the Less Catholic Church hrsjccatholic.com or to Covenant House, Los Angeles.

Obituary

Beverly
Hansing



July 1, 2024

Beverly Ann Hansing, a resident of the Montrose/La Crescenta/Whiting Woods area for over 65 years, passed away peacefully on July 1 with her daughters and their husbands by her side. Her extended family had recently gathered to celebrate her 92nd birthday on June 22.

Born in 1932 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Walter Albert Bastyr and Sidonia Adella Rachac Bastyr, she and her older brother Douglas lived in several Minnesota cities before the family moved to the San Fernando Valley when she was 11 years old. Her parents found jobs in industries supporting World War II efforts and later opened a woman's clothing store. Auspicious, Beverly attended North Hollywood High

School where she met Robert George Hansing (Bob), the love of her life.

Despite protests from their parents that they were too young, Bev and Bob married on May 5, 1951 during Bob's brief San Diego shore duty in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. Their first child, Deborah Ann, came in April 1952 and their second, Dennis Robert, followed in March 1954 while Bob was mostly overseas and Bev lived with her parents in Temple City. They waited until November 1965 to be blessed with Deanne Marie to complete their family.

Bev and Bob moved to Montrose in 1958 when they opened Montrose Bike Shop, the beginning of their business success and engagement with the local communities. In 1962, they undertook the construction of the iconic Montrose Bike Shop building that is still owned today by the family. In 1973, they opened Euro-Asia Imports in La Crescenta that is also still family-owned and operated. They both remained committed to supporting local businesses.

Bev and Bob loved to travel, which Bev attributed for her part to her fully Czech bohemian ancestry. Mostly generated by Bob's involvement in the bicycle business and the promotion of cycling in the United States, they traveled extensively through all 50 states, several European

countries, Mexico and Japan.

Sadly, Bob passed away on Feb. 2, 2001 just three months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary. Since then, Bev surrounded herself with family and continued to travel frequently with them and her friends until the past few years.

Bev was a consummate homemaker. She loved her home and enjoyed filling it with “bicycle things,” trip memorabilia and holiday decorations. She was an accomplished seamstress and over the years created many costumes, prom dresses, cheerleading uniforms and bridesmaid dresses. Her Catholic faith gave her comfort and she remained a devoted parishioner of St. James/Holy Redeemer.

She is survived by her daughter Debbi Hansing Leto (Nick), son Dennis Robert Hansing (Becki), daughter Dede Hansing Grajeda (Dave); grandchildren Allison Ann Leto, Carrilyn Leto Martin (JD), Phillip Dennis Hansing (Kristy), Derrick Woody Hansing (Katie), Nicholas Robert Grajeda; and great grandchildren Makenzie, Harper and Logan Martin and Amelia Hansing.

Services for Beverly were held privately at Crippen Mortuary. She is interned for eternity with her “one and only” Bob at San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Obituary

Patty
(Patricia Carol)
McGreal



Patty, the fifth child of DeEsta and Elden McFarland, entered the world in La Jolla one month and two days after her Feb. 14 due date. Her mother claimed that had she been born on her due date her name would have been Valentina McFarland! But a baby born on March 16 instead had to be named Patricia after St. Patrick.

She was raised in Glendale where she and her siblings took advantage of all the perks of living on Adams Hill, such as climbing up the water tower and riding bikes down the hill at breakneck speeds. The bikes weren't nearly as much fun to get back up the hill and her big brothers would sometimes pay her a nickel to push their bikes

back up!

As a teenager she earned money babysitting for a family who attended Holy Family Catholic Church and she was drawn to the joy they found in their faith. She converted to Catholicism and at the age of 18 met the love of her life, Joseph Eugene McGreal, at the church youth group, the De La Salle Club. The friendships they made in this group endured throughout their lives. From her early years the center of her life was faith, family and friends.

After six years of courtship Patty and Joe were married and over time they rejoiced in the births of three children: Cathleen, Timothy and Michael.

Patty enjoyed being married to a photo journalist ... especially when the family could accompany him on work trips! They welcomed Joe's mother Catherine McGreal into their home when she could no longer live alone. With Catherine living in her home and her own mother, Esta, living one block over, Patty embraced this active family life. Sadly, Joe died of a heart attack in his 30s leaving behind a young widow with three children in kindergarten and younger.

Patty began a career with the City of Glendale working at Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, Glendale High School

and eventually spending decades at the Glendale Public Library. Despite her busy work schedule, she devoted time to her children by co-leading Cathleen's Brownie/Girl Scout troop, attending Tim's football games at Glendale College and faithfully cheering on Michael at his baseball games! Patty also was a fixture at Holy Family Parish as the baby/toddler caregiver for 50 years during Sunday Mass as well as being an active participant in numerous parish groups.


Patty leaves behind her loving family—children: Cathleen (Kerry) and Michael (Natalie); grandchildren Erin (Eric), Kaiti, Ryan (Cait), Shannon, Patrick and Joe; great-grandchildren Liam and Joey. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Patty was preceded in death by her beloved husband Joe; son Timothy; her siblings and their spouses Jim (Grace), David (Margaret), Jack (Margo), DeEsta (Don).

Please join us in celebrating her life on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Public viewing will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. followed by the funeral Mass at Holy Family Church, 220 E. Elk Ave. in Glendale (at the corner of Louise Street). Reception details will be available at the service.

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Update on Murder Suspect

By Mary O'KEEFE

The La Crescenta man – Vahan Keshishyan – who was charged with one count of murder has had his competency hearing at the Hollywood courthouse continued to Aug. 22.

According to the LA County District Attorney's Office, on

Feb. 14 the suspect allegedly murdered Ordean Neva, 63, who was working as a pool man at a La Crescenta residence. The victim died of "multiple sharp injuries," according to the LA Coroner's Office.

The weapon allegedly used by Keshishyan was a machete, according to a Glendale police spokesman.

CRIME BLOTTER

July 31

300 block of St. Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to the area regarding a burglary that had just occurred. There was aerial support searching for a potential suspect/s but none were found. An investigation found a broken sliding glass door and rooms ransacked. Nothing has yet to be reported stolen.

The burglary occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

4200 block of Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, several gardening tools and personal items were stolen from a vehicle between 4 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.

4900 block of Vineta Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to an alarm activation at a home. Upon arriving they found the rear doors of the residence were unlocked and several rooms had been ransacked. The resident reported he had locked his residence and left the area. He later received a notification from his alarm company via motion sensors. He attempted to review his home surveillance footage and found the cameras had been shut off. Several items were stolen including weapons.

The burglary occurred at 8:47 p.m.

July 26

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported putting her backpack, which contained her cellphone, in the lower tray of the shopping cart. As she was shopping at the store she left the cart to look at items. She returned to the cart and realized her cellphone was missing. The victim said she noticed a woman, described as Caucasian and about 45 to 50 years old, standing near her cart when she briefly walked away. The woman reportedly had dark hair and at the time was wearing an orange T-shirt and light colored shorts.

The incident happened between 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

1000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported parking in a lower garage at her business. She locked her vehicle's doors when she left. When she returned she found the front and rear driver side windows were smashed and her purse, which was in the car, was stolen along with personal items between 9 a.m. and 5:10 p.m.

2100 block of Waltonia Drive in Montrose, a woman reported that as she stepped outside her home she noticed a light blue colored Honda Civic parked on the street without tires or rims. The vehicle was placed on plastic boxes. Surveillance footage revealed a dark colored sedan traveling eastbound at a slow rate of speed on Waltonia Drive. It stopped mid-block and conducted a U-turn. The vehicle then drove westbound on Waltonia Drive and out of view. Another video revealed the same vehicle returning and stopping next to the Honda Civic.

The incident occurred at 3:15 a.m.

July 24

2800 block of Fairmont Avenue in La Crescenta, a woman who was watching over her parents' home reported that she returned to the house to find the garage door open. She found the entire garage had been ransacked. She reported this was the third time in a week that someone had entered the residence. One of the times a neighbor called her and said she noticed a back window open. The woman returned to the house and found that nothing was missing and no rooms had been ransacked. The second time she found the door on the shed was open and the handle had been broken. She did not notice if the interior was ransacked and was unsure if anything was missing.

The incidents occurred between July 24 and Aug. 1.

Obituary Sandra Elaine Brownell (Jones)



July 15, 1946 – July 2, 2024

Sandra Elaine Brownell (Jones), affectionately known as Sandi, passed away on July 2 in Glendale at the age of 77.

She was born on July 15, 1946 in Des Moines, Iowa where she spent her childhood and young adult life until her late 30s when she moved with her family to St. Paul then onto Minneapolis, Minnesota. In her golden years she finally moved to Glendale.

She led a life marked by kindness, generosity and a deep love for her family and friends. She was also renowned for her beauty, which was evident as her smile could always light up a room. She had the most delicate and graceful hands, adorable nose, beautiful lips and absolutely perfect skin, which everyone always complimented her on – yet she always remained humble about her features.

Sandi's career spanned several roles; she began as a typist and then transitioned into data entry, finally working to customer services. Her professional journey was characterized by the same warmth and care she brought to her personal life, treating everyone she met with respect and kindness.

As a Christian, Sandi shared her faith and fellowship with her close friend and chaplain, Lori, whom she loved listening to sing.

Her hobbies were a reflection of her vibrant personality and eclectic tastes. Sandi had a profound love for animals, particularly horses, which was intertwined with her enjoyment of old western movies and horseback riding. She was also a familiar face at art car shows across the country, proudly displaying her black Fiat Spider adorned with custom painted purple butterflies, a testament to her creative spirit and unique flair. She had a passion for crafts with a particular talent for embroidery, which allowed her to express her creativity and meticulous attention to detail.

Sandi's real passion, however, was for mystery novels. She found great joy in reading every day and filling her inquisitive mind with the whodunit. She also loved singing and cherished moments spent at karaoke with her friends and family where she brought joy to everyone with her lovely voice.

Sandi was the epitome of kindness, often described by many as the nicest person they had ever met. She had a heart of gold and despite having little, she would give everything she had to support her loving

daughters and those around her.

She is survived by her loving partner Yancey Grubzak; daughters Wanda Elaine (Brownell) Cardinal and Becki Cim Brownell; grandchildren Robert Grondin, Rachael Grondin, Alex Schultz, Jeffrey Schultz and Isabella Brownell; and great-grandchildren, Emma Christianson and Ana Marie Fosse. She was preceded in death by her parents Bruce Clyde Jones and Elma Elaine (Redfield) Jones.

In keeping with her wishes, no memorial services will be held as Sandi was blessed to have her friends and family gather to say their farewells during her final days. Her legacy of love, compassion and generosity will continue to live on through the many lives she touched. Her presence will be profoundly missed by all who knew her as she leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth and an appreciation for the joyous moments of life. Although no services will be held, she was in care with Crippen Mortuary.

Obituary James Stephens Bradly



Aug. 5, 2024

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of James Stephens Bradly of Glendale on Aug. 5 at the age of 84 years.

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BTS from Cover

Kindergarten, which has traditionally been on a half-day schedule, is now a full day. The school day ends about 20 minutes prior to class ending for first graders. Start and end times may vary slightly depending on the school site.

The district has also adjusted the age requirements for TK (transitional kindergarten). Children who are 5 years old by June 2 will attend TK and those 5 years old by Sept. 2 will attend kindergarten. All schools in Crescenta Valley have TK available; the only school in the district still waiting to implement a TK program is Mark Keppel Elementary. Watson said the administration has worked with teachers to see what the needs would be to develop a full-day kindergarten curriculum.

“We didn’t have to increase class size but added more resources and extra support [for teachers],” she said.

GUSD added extra supervision inside and outside the classrooms and new areas for curriculum play. A majority of school districts throughout

the state have implemented this extended day program and the GUSD board has been discussing having it for a few years.

Watson added the district’s LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) is to make certain students are grade level proficient, or above grade level, in math by the end of elementary school and in reading by third grade.

Getting to proficiency levels has been a focus for the entire state where students continue to recover from the pandemic where virtual learning was the norm.

Watson added the district has also made a goal for all students to complete the A to G requirements and/or a CTE (Career Technical Education) pathway and are career ready.

A to G requirements are the minimum admission requirements to enter state colleges and universities. To meet these requirements students must complete: (A) history/social science, two years required; (B) English, four years required; (C) math,

three years required, four years recommended; (D) laboratory science, two years required, three to four years recommended; (E) foreign language, two years required, three to four years recommended; (F) visual and performing arts, one year required; (G) college preparatory elective, one year required.

CTE is an educational pathway program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers, according to the California Dept. of Education.

School counselors help students remain on track to achieve these goals.

Another focus of the district administration and teachers is chronic absenteeism. This is a statewide issue but is also a big problem for the district.

“Teachers have done great work with chronic absenteeism,” Watson said.

She added the primary level is where they are seeing the most absences.

“We intend to work on these needs as it pertains to the absences,” she said.

The administration and teachers will be working on outreach to families and students about how absenteeism affects the students, district and classrooms.

“We will have [discussions] at back-to-school nights and [share] what data tells us,” Watson added.

They will also share how many days equal “chronic” absenteeism.

District-wide there will be a continued focus on developing the “culture of care” and address “hate speech” on campuses.

Watson added the message and focus of chronic absenteeism, hate speech and positive culture will be the same for all schools within the district.

Watson is beginning her second school year as superintendent. During her first year she made a point of visiting schools and getting to know students; moving forward she plans to continue to do more of the same.

“I am super excited about [this school year]. We have had a lot

of changes for the positive,” she said. “I am glad to continue to build and grow.”

Ask anyone who has been at a school site when Watson arrives and they will tell you of her positive attitude and smile when she greets students. She has even been known to join dance classes.

“This community has been so welcoming,” she said.

GUSD is also offering an opportunity for students to receive physicals and immunizations through Comprehensive Community Health Center’s (CCHC) mobile screening van. There are two opportunities left prior to the first day of school: Aug. 14 and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the GUSD office, 223 N. Jackson St. in Glendale. Students must have an appointment. There is a standard fee of \$40 for the visit. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Samantha Chavez at (818) 630-2213 or email samanthac@cchccenters.org. CCHC offers sports physicals, physical exams and immunizations.

GPD from Cover

So when there are officers and staff who are sworn in or promoted, there is cause for celebration.

GPD recently held a swearing-in ceremony that welcomed three new officers and five new dispatchers. Several personnel members were promoted to higher ranks or moved to different divisions. These included two sisters within GPD.

“We have others [who] are still

in the [police] academy and will be graduating in October,” said GPD Sgt. Abramyan.

GPD has a lot of resources that entice those thinking of a career in law enforcement, including a full SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team and air support. Glendale also has the Verdugo Regional Crime Lab as well as a real time intelligence center that can review/monitor cameras throughout the city.

“We are very blessed to have a lot of support from the community,” Abramyan said.

He added the community wants police visible to deter crime.

GPD is also well known for its outreach including members attending many community events and town hall meetings. It also has officers who will make presentations at organizations on specific issues, like the

recent presentation by Detective Guillermo Jimenez regarding fentanyl use in the area.

Many of the recent promotions and new officers were female. Abramyan said the department hires good people who are willing to do the job at a high level, regardless of gender or ethnic background.

“We are a department that is welcoming to all and appreciate every employee,” he added. “We

value the work they put [into the job].”

“We are doing better this time than two years ago but even though we are better than two years ago we are still not fully staffed,” Abramyan added.

The department is still looking for recruits for both officers and civilian workers. For more information on GPD employment opportunities, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2cesyfkt>.

NNO from page 5

NNO organizers made an appeal for volunteers to serve on the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), which meets once a month. The CPAB meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month, are open to the public.

The star players at NNO in Glendale’s Nibley Park were

Glendale’s finest – police officers and firefighters. Leading the pack was Glendale’s top cop Chief Manny Cid.

“National Night Out is one of the more important events to connect with our own community on an informal basis. We hear about concerns,” said the chief.

The Rossmoyne/Mountain

Homeowners Assoc. hosted NNO at Nibley Park. Board President Lorna Vartanian wanted to make sure there was something for everyone; free ice cream fit the bill on the warm night. Tickets picked at random gave winners dinners at neighborhood favorites such as Fish King. Popular gift certificates were the Disney Jungle Cruise and Once Upon a Time bookstore in Montrose. Face painting was a

big draw for the kids and even some adults.

Glendale residents Karena Sifuentes and her 2-year-old daughter Celine regularly come to Nibley Park. This time was a happy surprise to discover all the National Night Out activities taking place. (Celine liked her free fire helmet the best.)

Sparr Heights’ NNO, organized by resident Ron Scott, featured cotton candy (a favorite

with kids) and a Kona Ice truck to keep attendees cool. Several members of the Glendale Police Dept. were on hand to further cement their relationships with Sparr Heights residents.

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WEATHER from page 2

observe the Nebula too. To find it, follow a line toward the west, twice the distance from the top of the Teapot’s handle to the top of its lid.

Nebulas can be challenging to observe, even with a telescope. But with its large size and relative brightness, the Lagoon Nebula offers a great opportunity to see one of these star forges in August,” according to JPL/NASA.

Just one more thing: the Nebula is located 4,000 light years away. Seriously – August is an amazing sky-watching

month.

To get the best stellar guidance visit JPLer at Preston Dyches’ “What’s Up” at <https://tinyurl.com/39ff3z32>. Dyches’ enthusiasm comes through the written page along with his continued wonderment of the night sky. Dyches is a JPL public engagement specialist and producer of NASA’s month skywatch video series.

The weather will continue to be hot as we go into the weekend. Temperatures will be in the mid to low 90s, with lows a more pleasant upper to mid 60s.

Today may be our coolest temperature – in the high 80s to low 90s – just a little above normal. Then we heat up again on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to the upper 90s, according to Rich Thompson, meteorologist with NOAA.

This heat will not be enough for NOAA to issue a heat advisory. We will see just above average temperatures. Tuesday will be a little cooler with temps in the upper 80s.

There is no threat of thunderstorms, according to Thompson.

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW FROM THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

The Battle Between the Parks, Sunland and Central

Over 90 years ago, actors Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert arrived in Sunland to film scenes of their upcoming motion picture, “It Happened One Night.” Sunland Park was the backdrop in 1934 as these stars performed their movie magic. At one point, the old stone drinking fountain that still exists in the park today can clearly be seen.

On Feb. 27, 1935 at the Biltmore Hotel in Hollywood, the film did what few had done before. This was the first time a movie had won the big five Academy Awards: best picture, best director, best actor, best actress and best screenplay. This feat wasn’t repeated until 1975 with “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and then again with “Silence of the Lambs” in 1991. While this would be the one and only Oscar Clark Gable would ever win, he went on to become “The King of Hollywood.”

In 1949 another production was mounting in Sunland Park. This film, “All the Kings Men,” was intended to star John Wayne, but after reading the script he felt it was too anti-American and told his agent where they could shove it. The part went to Broderick Crawford, a risky move as he was not nearly as well-known and not considered a leading man.

Filming was done inside the park where the baseball fields are located. The scene was a large outdoor political rally where the main character Willie Stark (played by Crawford) makes a rousing speech. It’s the best he’s ever made, beginning his rise to power. The impetus for this successful oratory is that the night before he had gotten drunk ... something he had not done before and he was still somewhat under the influence; he wowed the crowd.

This scene is widely known as being filmed in Sunland Park but I discovered something I find even more interesting. The scene just prior to the rally shows Willie Stark wandering through an amusement park. Being hungover, he makes gestures of feeling sick as he watches people on the rides. The amusement park shown in the film was Sunland Playland, opened in the early ’40s. Few photographs exist of this large fairground-like area that for over a decade was just north of the park. (If anyone has photos of Sunland Playland, later known as Kennedy’s Playland, please share them.)

On March 23, 1950 at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, the film garnered the Academy Award for best picture while Broderick Crawford took the award for best actor.

At that point, Sunland Park held the record for the most appearances in Academy Award-winning best picture films. The count was two and when Central Park in New York City got wind of this, the battle was on. In 1960, “The Apartment” starring Jack Lemmon, won best picture. Then in 1977, Woody Allen’s “Annie Hall” took the top honor. Both films featured scenes in Central Park, thereby tying the record. Only two years later, in 1979, the final dagger came when the film, “Kramer vs. Kramer” was released that featured a scene filmed in Central Park and took the top award for best picture.

In closing, I’d like to put out a call to Hollywood directors: Mr. Spielberg or Scorsese, Mr. Coppola or Jackson: If you’re looking for a park to include in your next Academy Award-winning film, I’ve got just the place for you.

Craig W. Durst, AKAThe History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at craig@thehistoryhunter.com.

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

The Crescenta Valley Town Council has been actively engaging the community through town hall meetings and forums to address various concerns and issues affecting the local area. The recent town hall meeting saw a great turnout by community members and panelists Declan Floyd and Talin Mangioglu from Senator Portantinos’s office, Anthony Mahfood from Assemblymember Laura Friedman’s office, and county representatives Sussy Nemer, Anish Saraiya and Tina Fung coming together to discuss important topics.

As the new school year approaches, the CVTC has recognized the need to address traffic concerns around local schools. To tackle this issue, a community forum has been organized for Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The presentation will feature guest speakers from LA County, including representatives from CHP and LASD - Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station. This forum allows community members to voice their concerns and collaborate on solutions to improve traffic safety in school zones. For more information on the event, please get in touch with Dede Mueller at dede@thecvcouncil.com.

In addition to the upcoming community forum, CVTC will hold its regularly scheduled general meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library. These meetings are crucial for residents to engage with council members, discuss community issues and stay informed about local developments. Your participation in these meetings is vital to the progress and well-being of our community.

The CVTC remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a strong and connected community where residents’ voices are not only heard but also valued. By actively engaging with the community and working with local representatives, the CVTC aims to address concerns, promote positive change and create a safe and thriving environment for all residents. We encourage you to mark your calendars for these important events and join us in shaping the future of Crescents Valley.

Frida Baghdassarian, J.D.
President
Crescenta Valley Town Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GCC is Cause to Scratch Head in Confusion

The CV Weekly’s coverage of the July 30 Glendale City Council meeting missed the most concerning aspect of this 8-hour-plus meeting: the systemic dysfunction of Glendale’s city government as evidenced by the following points:

No public meeting should extend into the wee hours of the morning. With more than 100 people wishing to comment on a single agenda item, the Council should ensure that public comment begins no more than one hour into the meeting (as opposed to three hours into the meeting, as was the case in this meeting). If there are large numbers of speakers on one agenda item, the Council should not allow the full three minutes per speaker. Allow all community members to speak, but limit their time.

Council members should not use meeting time to digest information that could be presented to them prior to the meeting. GUSD Board of Education members receive a “Board Report” prior to their meetings and it is clear during school board meetings that most board members have already read the report as shown by the questions they ask GUSD staff. If the Council follows a similar practice, this was not apparent during the meeting I attended. Even when staff reiterated a point of information about the proposed bike plan – such as why there were redundant routes, or how each project would come back to the Council for a vote – some Council members continued to repeat false concerns that were contradicted by what City staff had already stated.

Some Council members hurl “ad hominem” attacks at fellow Council members and at city staff during the meeting. While the mayor reminded the audience to remain civil, it doesn’t help when those on the dais aren’t civil to one another. I left this Council meeting after two hours mostly because I was embarrassed by the behavior of many in the audience.

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‘Charlie Bubbles’ Author, Son Donate to USC-VHH



Paul Carafotes, author of the children’s book series Charlie Bubbles, has created a non-profit Charlie Bubbles Cares For Kids! The non-profit raises funds to deliver the Charlie Bubbles storybooks at no cost to hospitals, schools and homeless children. Over 1500 books have been given to elementary schools, preschools and hospitals. According to Carafotes, the books are filled

with adventures and fuel the imagination with family values and exemplify empathy and kindness.

Over the last few years, Charlie Bubbles books have been delivered twice a year to the Verdugo Hills Hospital pediatrics facility. Recently, Carafotes visited the hospital and gave 50 books to the facility. Carafotes’ son Charlie, who

was the inspiration for the series, recently created “Charlie Bubbles, Zena The Great!” Charlie will be attending CV High School as a senior this year and playing on the varsity baseball team.

Photo courtesy of Paul CARAFOTES

From left, the original “Charlie Bubbles,” Charlie Carafotes with Mary Virgallito, USC-VHH chief quality officer, and Paul Carafotes.

Strong Showing in FIBA U16 Games



Kelin Shajanian



Ava Gharib

Rescenta Valley girls’ basketball players Ava Gharib and Kelin Shajanian returned July 16 from Gibraltar, Spain after completing a strong campaign in the FIBA U16 championships.

FIBA, the International Basketball Federation, is the world governing body for basketball. Founded in 1932, FIBA brings together 212 national basketball federations from all over the world.

FIBA organizes and oversees international competitions that include the FIBA Basketball World Cup, the Olympic Basketball Tournament and

3x3 basketball. Both Gharib and Shajanian were team leaders for the amateur championship with Gharib averaging 12 points and 10.8 rebounds per game with a standout game of 16 points and 17 rebounds and six assists against Georgia.

Shajanian led the team with 12.8 points and three assists a game. Shajanian enjoyed a 34-point breakout with three assists against Moldova securing a place in the lower bracket.

The girls’ record was 2-3, winning lower bracket by beating Georgia.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

SPECIAL SECTION 2024 Part 1

TIPS TO HELP KIDS PREPARE EMOTIONALLY AND MENTALLY FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR

It's that time of year when families are busy checking off those back-to-school lists, including making sure their students have the right pencils, notebooks and backpack. But even more important than school supplies may be making sure children are feeling emotionally and mentally ready to start the school year.

Here are four steps to help reduce stress and help support a healthy start of the school year for students.

- Create or Re-establish Routines:** What time does the family sit down for dinner? When is homework time? What is the limit for screen time? When is "lights out" at night? What time do alarm clocks ring? The answers are important. Sticking to schedules can create consistency at home that may help children feel more confident, secure and stable.
- Schedule a Well-Child Visit:** It's always a good idea to make sure children 3 years and of age and older see their provider once a year for an annual routine well-child visit, even if they don't feel sick. Pediatricians can assess children's physical & emotional health before school starts, setting them up for success for the rest of the year. It's also a great time to complete their school's physical forms, check their growth and development to help find and prevent any problems, and give them any needed immunizations. Ask your children's doctor about what's driving their physical

development, such as diet, exercise and sleeping habits.

- Discuss Mental Health:** Bringing up mental health can show children that it's okay to start those conversations and that they always have a support network they can rely on. If they do talk about being scared or nervous, validate their feelings. Help them feel secure and let them know it's possible to feel better. These can be sensitive topics for children, so empathy, openness and patience can go a long way in helping them feel heard and optimistic that they'll be okay. Focus on your child's overall disposition — not just what s/he is saying — and watch for warning signs of issues, such as persistent sadness, sudden mood changes or sleep problems.
- Help Develop Independence at Home:** For younger kids entering preschool or kindergarten, encourage children to dress themselves, use the bathroom without assistance, wash their hands, and put on their shoes. Children should know how to wipe their face after lunch and blow their nose without assistance. They should also be comfortable asking an adult for help when needed.

By Archana Dubey, MD, Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare

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ComedySportz: HSL has been a part of Crescenta Valley High School and the CV community since 2002 and is performed by current CV students and you will not believe the talent that is assembled on stage for your entertainment! You might also be lucky enough to attend a theme night, alumni match, senior vs. junior match, or the number one show – Teachers vs. Students!

ComedySportz is played on select Friday nights at 7 p.m. in the Underground Theater at Crescenta Valley High School, located in the front of the school at 2900 Community Ave. Just look for our snack bar and ticket table and you will be on your way. All tickets are \$10 per person and all proceeds go back into the program and directly support the students you see on stage.

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The first match of the school year will be on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Underground Theater. Look for the advertisements in the CV Weekly, check out our calendar at cvhs.gusd.net/csz, or follow us on TikTok, Instagram or Facebook at [cvcomedysportz](https://www.facebook.com/cvcomedysportz).

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1636 Higher education began Clergyman John Harvard founded his namesake Ivy League school in Cambridge, MA.

1635 The first school is founded Boston Latin School opened its doors, becoming the first public school in the colonies.

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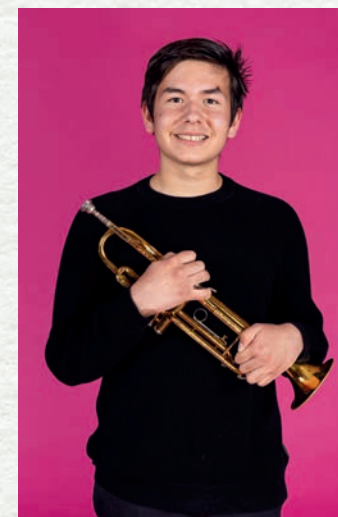
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Annette Riggio

St. Bede the Venerable announced Annette Riggio as the new principal of St. Bede the Venerable School. Riggio officially joined the St. Bede community on July 1. She comes to St. Bede with nearly two decades of experience as an educator, most recently spending 10 years at St. Robert Bellarmine in Burbank where she served as principal for the last eight years. Previously, she spent nine years at St. Felicitas and Perpetua in San Marino where she was vice principal, as well as a teacher.

With an outstanding reputation for her leadership, care and compassion among her faculty, students and families, as well as a deep passion for faith-based education, Riggio was selected last spring from a wide pool of qualified applicants. A native of Glendale, she is a graduate of UCLA and also holds a master's degree from Pepperdine University and earned her administrative services credential from Loyola Marymount University.

Pastor Fr. Jim Bevacqua expressed his excitement over this appointment. "I am thrilled to welcome Annette to the St. Bede School team," he said. "The core of our search was finding a leader who understands and embraces the culture and values of St. Bede. Among the many things she brings with her to St. Bede, in addition to her many years of education and leadership experience, is her deep faith and a big heart for the whole student. She is creative and impeccably organized, and values the education of mind, body and spirit consistent with St. Bede's mission. She will be a great fit and addition to our community."

Riggio said, "I am honored and thrilled to join the St. Bede School and parish community and to serve at St. Bede to build upon all that the previous leadership and team have accomplished. It is a privilege to join such a dedicated and vibrant community, committed to nurturing and educating the whole person, forming minds and hearts, and providing opportunities for students to serve and grow spiritually, academically, and socially. I have spent my career in education supporting students of varying needs and focusing on helping students grow in their faith. I am particularly interested in helping students learn to serve others and share their talents. I am eager to work alongside our talented teachers, staff and families. Together we will continue to uphold the values and traditions that make St. Bede School amazing."

In her free time Riggio enjoys cooking and spending time with her family. St. Bede the Venerable School is a co-educational Catholic learning community that seeks to empower children through faith development and academic excellence. Serving children from transitional kindergarten–grade eight, the school has a track record of superior academics that ranks in the top 5% of all Los Angeles Archdiocese schools, with a mission is to educate mind, body, and spirit – building the next great generation of leaders with a strong moral compass and sense of community.

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Glendale Arts Summer Soiree Celebrates The Laemmles



By Ruth SOWBY

On a balmy late afternoon in the courtyard of Glendale’s ace/121 Gallery Laemmle theaters leader Greg Laemmle was honored with Glendale Arts’ inaugural award, The Aura. The award recognizes “luminaries who power the arts.” Greg Laemmle was present to accept the award. Also honored was his wife Tish Laemmle who was not able to attend the ceremony.

Laemmle theatres span three generations. In 1938 brothers Max and Kurt Laemmle opened their first arthouse in Highland Park. Today, seven Laemmle multiplexes are located in Southern California. The Laemmle Glendale is the home of Glendale Arts’ Glendale International Film Festival. The festival, marking its 10th anniversary, will screen the award-winning films this fall.

Glendale Arts’ connection with the Laemmles began with the screening of Festival films. It continues with the Laemmle Charitable Foundation as one of the sponsors of the Summer Soiree. The evening’s program began with a welcome by Glendale Arts Chair Marci DeSousa. She then introduced emcee Ellina Abovian. Abovian is a KTLA news reporter. She grew up in and currently lives in Glendale. Silent and live auctions filled out the evening. The highlight of the program was the presentation of The Aura award to Laemmle.

At \$150 per ticket (\$121 for early birds) expected proceeds from the evening is \$20,000.

“We wanted to bring people together from many interests and create a synergy between programs,” said Glendale Arts CEO Nina Crowe.

Photos of Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Glendale Arts Summer Soiree took place in the courtyard and paseo in front of ace/121 Gallery on Saturday, July 27.

MIDDLE: Laemmle theaters’ Greg Laemmle was honored at the Glendale Arts’ soiree with The Aura inaugural award at ace/121 Gallery in Glendale.

RIGHT: Posing at the Glendale Arts (GA) Summer Soiree is, from left, GA CEO Nina Crowe, Glendale Mayor Elen Asatryan, and GA Chief Operating Officer Maria Sahakian.

The International Gem & Jewelry Show Sparkles

By Ruth SOWBY

The Pasadena Convention Center-based Gem & Jewelry Show opened on July 19 with record crowds over its three days. The direct-to-consumer jewelry show brings together under one roof wholesalers, manufacturers and designers – no middlemen necessary.

Rings, necklaces, bracelets and brooches were available in all price ranges. Especially popular, though, were strips of beads starting at \$1 for do-it-yourself jewelry makers. Also available were \$29 loose gems ready to fit into empty settings. Unique pieces at bargain prices included a colorful bracelet of agate discs for \$200 – a steal.

Wholesalers had even better deals. A shiny necklace of three “gold” hearts was \$15. That was because the hearts were made of gold-plated stainless steel. On the other side of the price range was an opal brooch for \$23,000! There was something for everyone, even a snack bar with hot dogs and cookies for those who needed extra energy to do more shopping.

La Crescenta resident Suzette Van Sleuween is an expert do-it-yourselfer. She couldn’t resist the loose gems and beads for her unfinished jewelry at home. She even came back the next day to check out more. With a free re-entry ticket she avoided the \$8 entrance fee.

“I’m like a kid in a candy store ... I mean ‘jewelry store,’” said Van Sleuween.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

BELOW: La Crescenta resident Suzette Van Sleuween enjoys the delights of Pasadena’s International Gem and Jewelry Show in her own backyard.

RIGHT: A kaleidoscope of colors greeted visitors to the International Gem and Jewelry Show in Pasadena. These are beads sold by the string going from from \$1 to \$100.



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» TASTY TREATS

Crescenta Valley Residents and Their Love Of Coffee

Homegrown Brews: A Crescenta Valley Coffee Connection

Crescenta Valley boasts not just scenic hikes but gives residents a rich coffee heritage! Among them is Michael Gaviña, who enjoys exploring the area’s hiking paths. His family name might not be familiar at first but its coffee brands certainly are.

The Gaviñas are the masterminds behind beloved brands like Don Francisco’s Coffee, Café La Llave and even the delicious Jose’s Gourmet Coffee at Costco.

This coffee family boasts a rich history stretching back nearly 160 years. The family started as coffee growers and has been roasting exceptional coffee in Southern California for almost 60 years. The family’s commitment to quality and sustainability is evident in its Los Angeles roastery, achieving zero-waste-to-landfill.



Now in its fourth generation, the Gaviña family continues to honor its tradition. The family believes in providing high-quality, consistent coffee while embracing innovation to cater to modern coffee preferences. Sustainability remains a core value and Don Francisco brands offer free packaging recycling through their partnership with TerraCycle.

To celebrate its California roots and the community’s love for coffee, Don Francisco’s Coffee is giving away a basket brimming with its premium coffees!

Readers can send a photo of themselves reading a copy of the CV Weekly and enjoying a refreshing summer treat courtesy of Don Francisco’s Coffee. (Send to rachelle@cvweekly.com.) In the meantime, why not try out its enticing summer-ready Iced Coconut Cold Brew recipe (included below)? Here’s to a cool summer and a fantastic cup of coffee!

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- Cold filtered water
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 - Almond milk
 - Ice
- How To Make**
- Prep and steep Don Francisco’s Organic Cold Brew as recommended through directions on the box.
 - Once ready and chilled, pour 8 ounces of cold brew into a glass.
 - Add 1 ounce of coconut syrup and 2 ounces of almond milk (or creamer of choice) to the glass and gently stir to combine.
 - Pour into a fresh glass over ice and enjoy!



Visit donfranciscos.com for more delicious coffee recipes.

USC-VHH Women’s Council Presents Final Check



The USC-VHH Women’s Council has been a supporter of the community hospital for over 50 years. The Council has donated over \$3 million to support the facility with new equipment and programs to help provide world class services.

Recently a check was presented to the hospital by members of the Women’s Council for the final installment of their \$150,000 commitment to the Cath Lab, which was opened last year. This facility provides a much-needed service for our community.

According to Ruth McNevin of the Women’s Council, “The dedicated members of the Women’s Council are pleased to have been part of raising the funds to support this installation. It is rewarding to hear that community members are availing themselves of this state-

of-art diagnostic equipment.”

Past fundraising goals funded the hospital’s NICU.

“These successes give us motivation to continue our fundraising in support of the hospital,” said McNevin.

The Women’s Council next commitment is to a world class program for nursing education.

“We understand that nursing is a very stressful occupation and many nurses do not have the opportunity, or finances, to access top quality programs to prepare them for the challenges of their profession,” said McNevin. “We want to help in any way that we can. Once again, we have committed to raising \$150,000 to support nursing education.”

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Ron and Jan Merlo took their CV Weekly to the historical region of Cappadocia in Central Turkey. Behind them is Uchisar Castle.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

New Exhibition Opening at Ace/121 Gallery

The public is invited to attend an opening reception on Aug. 13.

The Krtikashyan Family, in association with Glendale Arts and EngAGE, presents MEMORIA: AVO at ace/121 Gallery. This is a poignant exhibition commemorating the first anniversary of the passing of renowned artist Avetis Krtikashyan, affectionately known as Avo. This collection serves as a tribute to Avo's talent and artistic vision.

Ernie Silva, artist, colleague, and friend, said, "Avo Krtikashyan was a ray of light not only to his friends and family, but to his artistic community. Anyone lucky enough to have been in his presence will always feel an overwhelming sense of love, joy and peace."

The Latin word "memoria," meaning memory, encapsulates the essence of this exhibition and invites viewers to cherish and reflect upon Avo's profound impact on the art world. Through vibrant canvases and expressive forms, "MEMORIA" celebrates his enduring legacy and invites contemplation on the power of art to evoke emotion and preserve the essence of a creative spirit.

Standing amidst his creations, Avo's son David Krtikashyan, said he "feels his spirit urging us forward, reminding us that love and art are timeless legacies."

MEMORIA: AVO will be on view from Wednesday, Aug. 14 - Saturday, Aug. 24 with a special reception open to the public on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 7 - 10 p.m.

Gayane Rostomyan, Avo's wife, extends an invitation to the community to visit the gallery and attend the reception to celebrate her husband's artistic legacy.

"One year ago we lost not just an artist, but the light that guided our hearts," she said.

Avo's friend Marie Thomas added, "His spirit lives on through his work finding beauty and meaning in every brushstroke and canvas."

ace/121 Gallery is located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale. The Gallery is open from Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Additional details are available at www.ace/121gallery.com.

Avetis Krtikashyan (1955-2023) was born in Yerevan, Armenia. He began to show an interest in drawing at an early age. In 1971, after graduating from high school and despite objections from his parents, he applied and was admitted to Terlemezyan College of the Arts. His love for creativity continued to grow and he excelled in academic drawing and painting. After receiving a BA in fine arts,



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he pursued his education and got a master's degree at the Art Academy in Yerevan where he was taught by some of the great instructors of the time, studying color theory, composition and anatomy from long pose, life models. After graduating, he taught at the Art Academy from 1981 to 1991. He was also an active participant in international and Russian art exhibits.

In 1991, Avo moved to Los Angeles with his young family. There he built a home with an

ample garden and filled it with trees that grew lush with apricots, figs and pomegranates – a reminder of Armenia.

When he wasn't in his art studio, Avo would often be found at his dining room table surrounded by friends enjoying Armenian barbecue and often a bottle of tequila. He'd always encourage his friends to keep creating.

"No matter what," he would tell them, "keep drawing and painting, as much as you can."

La Crescenta Resident Lends a Spark to the Hollywood Bowl's Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks

By Ruth SOWBY

Thirty-year member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, La Crescenta resident Leticia Strong plays her viola like she was born to play. On a warm Friday evening at the Hollywood Bowl, she was part of the 100-member LA Phil. Works by Tchaikovsky were the order of the night. Popular with the

crowd was the composer's suite from "The Sleeping Beauty." But it was the "1812 Overture" and booming fireworks that the audience was waiting for.

They weren't disappointed. The Bowl's shell turned all colors of the rainbow, matching the vibrant colors of the exploding fireworks.

Strong added, "This night the sound person had the acoustics

on high. I don't remember it being so loud."

Asked how she liked the fireworks, "All of us under the shell can't see them."

Strong is married to David who teaches math at Pepperdine University. The couple has five children and their youngest recently graduated from CV High School. A son, Aaron, has returned from his two-year

Germany Hamburg Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Husband David is proud of his children and musical wife.

"I wish my math students would give me a standing ovation every time I finish teaching," he said.



Photo by Ruth SOWBY

THEN & NOW

THEN » The year is 1912 and the view is looking north on Verdugo Road toward the present day intersection of Verdugo and Mountain Avenue, near today's Glendale Community College. This is the dirt road that led to the Crescenta Valley from Los Angeles or Glendale. The platform for the camera is perhaps the horse drawn wagon of the Fallin Stage Line, which ran a regular route from downtown LA to La Crescenta and La Cañada, for a 45-cent fare round trip. On the extreme left of the photo are the side-by-side tracks of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railway and the Glendale and Eagle Rock Railway, which ran excursion trips along this route to bring picnickers from the big cities of LA and Glendale for a day in the wilderness forests of Verdugo Park. It would be another year before the trolley tracks were extended past the park to the new town of Montrose.

NOW » This is the same view now looking north on Verdugo towards the Crescenta Valley. Glendale Community College is just ahead on the right and the Glendale Civic Auditorium is on the left. This six-lane roadway, which grew out of the simple dirt road, is no longer the main route to the Crescenta Valley. The modern Lanterman Freeway (2 Freeway) cutting across the ridges of the San Rafael Hills to the east takes that honor now.

The Road to Crescenta Valley

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

WOW Premieres in Glendale

WOW (Women of Wrestling!) premiered on Friday at the East End Studios in Glendale. The wrestlers, clad in bright outfits, came to show Glendale

why each wrestler or team deserved the title belt. Audience members reacted to grudge matches and cheered on their favorites.

Ticket information and more is available at <https://www.wowe.com>.

Chow, Suzuki and White to Perform for GNC



Composers Franz Joseph Haydn (left) and Ludwig Van Beethoven.

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts series host live performance from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church at 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

<http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>

On Aug. 21, the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature violinist Jacqueline Suzuki, cellist Clement Chow and pianist Brendan White performing trios by Ludwig van Beethoven and Franz Joseph Haydn.

On the program is Ludwig Van Beethoven 10 Variations on “Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu,” Op.121a for piano trio, Franz Joseph Haydn Piano Trio No. 39 “Gypsy.”

Jacqueline Suzuki, violin, is a longtime member of the Long Beach and Santa Barbara Symphonies. A native of San Francisco, she began her earliest chamber music studies on scholarship at the San Francisco Conservatory. She has performance degrees from the Mannes College of Music (BM), where she studied with William Kroll, and the California Institute of the Arts (MFA). As a Los Angeles freelancer, she has performed with many ensembles and in many genres, from rock, jazz, Latin and Arabic to playing in the pit for the Bolshoi Ballet and onstage with the Three Tenors. She has recorded with

diverse artists: Snoop Dogg, Neil Sedaka, Leonard Cohen, Whitney Houston and Bocelli, and many others, and appears on recordings by the Long Beach, Santa Barbara and Pacific Symphonies. She has spent summers at the Peter Britt, Oregon Coast, Carmel Bach and Cabrillo Festivals and has performed in a string quartet “in residence” on a raft trip down the Green River in Utah. Tours have taken her many times to Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and throughout the U.S.

Cellist Clement Chow has studied at Rice University and Cleveland Institute of Music where he received his Bachelor and Master of Music. He has been to music festivals around the world that include the Aspen Music Festival, Pacific Music Festival in Japan, as well as Schleswig Holstein Music Festival in Germany. He made his solo debut with the Houston Symphony at the age of 16. He has also studied with some of the greatest chamber music groups around the world. The groups include Tokyo, Cleveland, Alban Berg and Amadeus String Quartets.

Born in Jackson, Tennessee but now based in Los Angeles, pianist Brendan White appears frequently in solo recitals and chamber ensembles and as a soloist with various orchestras. As

soloist, White has performed with Musica Nova (Eastman School of Music), Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Symphony of the Verdugos, Crown City Symphony, Global Harmony Symphony, Delta Symphony Orchestra and Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

As a recording artist, White was featured on Danaë Vlasse’s Grammy Award-winning album Mythologies. White’s collaborations in Southern California have included the Mühlfeld Trio, which won the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, the Speakeasy Society and Eighteen Squared. He is an original member of the Sunset ChamberFest in Los Angeles. White’s repertoire spans many centuries and genres and he has worked with well-known composers such as Thomas Adès, Stephen Cohn, Donald Crockett, and Danaë Vlasse.

White is also a composer of original music. Local recital appearances include: Piano Spheres Emerging Artist Series, Soundwaves in Santa Monica, Silicon Beach CO Recital Series, Glendale Noon Concerts, Pasadena Presbyterian Music at Noon, LaCanada Presbyterian, Music@Mimoda, Alhambra Performing Arts Center, and Mason Concerts. He attended the Eastman School of Music and the Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

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The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, Aug. 9 the public is invited to hear the story of Bishop Albert Bahhuth “How a Subway Sandwich Franchise Owner became a Bishop.”

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY BACK WITH REIMAGINED ‘GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH’

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey of “The Greatest Show On Earth” fame returns to SoCal with an all-new show debuting at Toyota Arena in Ontario from August 9-11, then playing at Honda Center in Anaheim from August 16-18 followed by Crypto.com Arena in DTLA from August 23-25. For specific local show information visit: <https://www.ringling.com/show/ontario-ca-2024-toyota-arena/>, <https://www.ringling.com/show/anaheim-ca-2024-honda-center/>, <https://www.ringling.com/show/los-angeles-ca-2024-cryptocom-arena/>.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER VIEWING PARTY

On Friday, Aug. 9 from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. look to the sky at Deukmejian Wilderness Park in search of passing meteors. Please bring blankets, chairs and dress in layers.

Astronomy-themed snacks will be

served.

ToRSVPandformoreinformation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/393r9w6r>.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/ Glendale

GLENDALE OUTDOORS! (GO!) COMMUNITY PROGRAM

On Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon* at Deukmejian Wilderness Park spend some quality family time enjoying the great outdoors! The public is invited to an interpretive hike in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, a nature craft, nature themed games, and a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center. Water, snacks and bus transportation from Pacific Community Center, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 12:30 p.m., will be provided. Funding for the bus is provided by Metro, a partner in the community.

*Program time begins at 9 a.m. at Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Those who choose to meet at the park are asked to arrive by 8:45 a.m. The program ends at noon and bus riders will return to Pacific Community Center by 12:30 p.m.

Important information:

- Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and a hat or cap.
- Adult supervision is required! One adult for every three children 17 and under is required.

ToRSVPandformoreinformation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/53brvz7s>.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road, La Crescenta/ Glendale

RIVERWALK WORKDAY

On Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. volunteers will be removing invasive plants from the landscaped areas along the LA River. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and water. Tools, gloves, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be canceled. RSVP and sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/24h8bnp7>.

In case of rain, this event will be canceled.

Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 Paula Ave., Glendale

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park’s building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Aug. 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.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting Youth + Teens Summer Camps. During week 10 (Aug. 12-16) Professor Egghead: Amusement Park Engineering Camp for ages 5 – 10 is offered. Join the Egghead Amusement Park engineering team! Every day at camp, Eggheads will try to pass a new LEGO engineering challenge by designing, building and testing crazy rides and attractions. Using a wide variety of LEGO™ bricks and specialty pieces, huge spinning merry-go-rounds, mega Ferris

wheels, water slides, drop towers, and everything in between will be built as giant amusement parks are designed! Then, the creations will be tested like a real theme park engineering team by spinning, sliding and breaking down the builds.

Registration is open for fall I (session dates: Aug. 26 – Oct. 19). Youth, teen and adult programming.

CCLCF is having an open house from Aug. 19-23 that includes a week of program demonstrations. Live showcases range from cooking classes to dance classes giving guests the chance to engage and enrich teir life in the community. No registration required!

For a full list of activities, visit cclcf.org.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

August 5, 2024 - August 11, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

The dominant planetary energy this week will act as a reminder to keep on with your fitness routines and make them a lifelong habit. If you decide to start working out or go on a diet this week, don’t be too hard on yourself. It’s essential that you start slowly; otherwise you’ll hurt yourself and give up too soon.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Although your social life continues to rock, you may find that you have a few very intense days when you’re partying and drinking nonstop. You can’t keep on in this way forever. Sooner or later you need to come back down to reality, and you may not feel that great once you do. This week is about learning to find the right balance between having fun and making your well-being a major priority.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

If you’ve been working hard recently, think about working smarter. Working all hours can make you very stressed and this is very bad for your health on many levels. You need to consider what you’re doing to yourself, especially if you tend to sit at a desk for many hours a day, day in and day out. There has to be another way. You can find it and feel great.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

It’s time to change your beliefs about what it’s possible for you to achieve with your health. Think big and know that if you set your mind to it, you can achieve anything you like. If you’re currently moving through a health challenge, you can heal it. Start this week to visualize yourself as completely healed. Keep this up and make it a reality.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your partner’s health may be in question. Symptoms that had cleared may come back. However, under this influence there’s a very good chance of finding a treatment that will eradicate the problem for good. But it may mean that you’ll be caring for this person to some extent, whether emotionally, physically, or both. Don’t forget to be good to yourself as well.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It’s time to get together with your lover and determine to fulfill those goals you’ve put off too long. One thing you can do is exercise as a team. Help each other reach the health goals you’ve set for yourselves. You have two weeks to get started and harness this phase to enhance your well-being - and improve your sex life, too.

♏ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It’s no good hoping that one day your health will be great. You have to make a start now. You may be going through a phase in which you’re reading a lot of books and trying to assess your next steps. But don’t stay at this stage for too long. Eventually you have to get going. Even if you only work out a couple times a week, it’s a positive beginning.

♐ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos is going to stir things up and encourage you to get well. Sometimes you have a tendency to sabotage your best efforts in this area. It’s time to analyze why you keep doing this to yourself. Just as you’re getting somewhere and can see results, you either get injured or give up. Keep going this time and release those negative feelings before they get to you.

♑ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may suddenly develop a desire to try your hand at something like golf, archery, fencing, or some other sport that gets you out and has a social element, too. You may prefer an activity that contains a risk, such as white-water rafting or bungee jumping. You seem to need a few thrills to inspire you. Whatever you do, you’ll have fun.

♒ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Review your daily routines this week and begin to change anything that isn’t making you feel good. It could start with the three coffees you have for breakfast. Perhaps you could reduce this to one decaf. Perhaps your breakfast is fried; again, not good every day. Try fruit and cereal instead. If you prefer eggs and ham, make them low fat. See how this could improve your health?

♓ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It’s time to get cerebral about your health. Usually you spend too much time worrying about your body and each little ache and pain. Or perhaps you couldn’t care less and you end up neglecting yourself. This week you need to get educated and find out how you can feel mentally and physically great. It can be done, and it will bring true well-being.

♈ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

At the start of the week you get the chance to make lasting changes in all areas of your life. Think first about your health and well-being, as without these you won’t be able to achieve anything else. If you take steps to create a healthy routine that you can easily manage every day, you’ll soon be fit as a fiddle. Don’t waste this opportunity.

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ACROSS

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Cottontail's tail | 41) Singer Lovett |
| 5) Spanish painter Joan | 42) "Stupid me!" |
| 9) Biblical king | 43) Type of angle |
| 14) Advocate | 44) Crafty |
| 15) Face-to-face exam | 45) Some living room pieces |
| 16) Slur over, as a vowel | 48) Cover with graffiti, e.g. |
| 17) Also-ran in '96 | 49) Deposed Iranian leader |
| 18) 007 | 50) High tenor |
| 19) Gummy | 52) Part of majorettes' routines |
| 20) Old yarn-making machines | 58) Cousin of a raccoon |
| 23) Arias, usually | 59) ___ contendere (court plea) |
| 24) Boat propellers | 60) Arduous journey |
| 25) Fourposter, e.g. | 61) Dish with seasoned rice |
| 28) Polite behavior | 62) Got taller |
| 30) Clinch, as a deal | 63) Like elvers |
| 33) Open-air courtyards | 64) Ready for anything |
| 35) Utmost (Abbr.) | 65) Back talk |
| 36) Building site | 66) Dramatic part |
| 37) Eastern dancer | |

ROTATION SCHEDULE

By Oscar Puma

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| 1) Foamy lather |
| 2) Field's yield |
| 3) Tangelo fruit |
| 4) Tenth-graders |
| 5) On the go |
| 6) Perversely apt |
| 7) Sounded a bell |
| 8) Traditional |
| 9) Sterilize |
| 10) Common medicinal plants |
| 11) Six-stringed instrument |
| 12) Bad day for Caesar |
| 13) "L.A. Law" actress Susan |
| 21) Like lymphatic tissue |
| 22) ___ couture |
| 25) Scolds (with "out") |
| 26) Type of alcohol |
| 27) How some jokes are delivered |
| 29) Should (with "to") |
| 30) Troy, by another name |
| 31) ___ Mesa, Calif. |
| 32) Pre-op inhalant, once |
| 34) Fury |
| 36) Pipe material, for short |
| 38) Ten, scalewise |
| 39) Sweet sayings? |
| 40) Bob Marley was one |
| 45) Short ___ (unsympathetic rejection) |
| 46) "One of These Nights" group |
| 47) Arm joints |
| 49) Guitar relative |
| 51) Aquatic mammal |
| 52) Drudgery |
| 53) Corduroy feature |
| 54) Screenwriter Ephron |
| 55) Popular cookie |
| 56) "Little" Dickens girl |
| 57) ___ terrier |
| 58) Tax expert, briefly |

What happened to my \$3,157 flight credit? And how do I use it?

Vicky Cordes is trying to use a \$3,157 airline ticket credit from the pandemic. But her travel advisor, wholesaler and airline are all pointing fingers at each other. Who's got her money?

Q I'm trying to use a \$3,157 credit for a Virgin Atlantic flight canceled during the pandemic. But I'm not sure who has the money.

I booked the flight through a travel agency called GBV Travel Services, and the payment went through Expedia.

I've tried everything. Just last month, I logged 40 hours on the phone trying to get this resolved. I've been transferred from one department to another but there's no resolution in sight.

Each party claims the tickets are owned by the other and must be rebooked on their site. But here's the problem: I have until the end of the year before the credits expire. So the clock is ticking. Can you help?

— Vicky Cordes,
Miromar Lakes, Florida

A: Your case is easy – and hard. Very hard.

The easy part is who is responsible. You worked with a travel advisor, who is ultimately on the hook for your ticket and

your flight credit.

The hard part? Getting everyone on the same page and finding your \$3,157 airline ticket credit. And I have to warn you – this one is messy.

It looks like GBV Travel Services is a travel agency that sells annual memberships. It appears you could not reach GBV Travel Services because you had not paid it \$199 to renew your membership fee.

By the way, I'm deeply skeptical of any company that offers discounts on travel in exchange for a membership fee. I've just seen too many scams involving expensive memberships in exchange for discounts. (Most legitimate travel advisors charge a consulting fee for booking a trip, but do not sell memberships.)

My advocacy team tracked down someone at GBV and asked about your credits. It was not easy, and this took some insider knowledge and tenacity, but my colleague Dwayne Coward alerted GBV to the issue.

GBV contacted you and said your \$3,157 was alive and well and that you could contact the company to use it.

Your case raises an interesting question: Can a business simply claim your ticket credit if you don't pay your membership fees? I don't think that's right. But it looks as if some travel advisors believe otherwise.

In the future, I would look for a professional travel advisor through the American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA). I also have a free guide on how to find a travel advisor on my website, Elliott.org.

And one more piece of advice: I would use your ticket credit as soon as possible.

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BOLTON HALL MUSEUM RUMMAGE SALE

Bolton Hall Museum is having a rummage and collectibles sale Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can donate unneeded household items, books, clothing and more by dropping them off at Bolton Hall Museum any afternoon from Aug. 3 - 8 from 1-4 p.m. Items for sale can include kitchenware, barware, linens, gently used clothing and much more.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of the Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. (at Valmont) in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

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Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before – don't worry; we will teach you! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

BINGO PLANNED

The annual community bingo event hosted by American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 is on Friday, Aug. 16 at Healy Hall, Holy Redeemer Church, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose (one block north of Montrose Avenue, entrance at Briggs & Mayfield avenues). Doors open and food available at 4:30 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person with 40 chances to win; each game is worth a minimum of \$100. Proceeds benefit veterans in the community.

Tickets are available from the office of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WILDERNESS WORKDAY

A wilderness workday at Deukmejian Wilderness Park is planned for Saturday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers will help water the big cone Douglas firs and coast live oaks, assist with trail repairs and remove invasive species from the park. Please wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing.

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