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Recognizing Filipino-American Month, and Learning about Composting

By Julie BUTCHER

"I'm a composter. I don't see it as waste but rather as a resource," founder and executive director of LA Compost, Michael Martinez said as he addressed the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night.

The council approved a three year agreement with Martinez' organization for \$230,250 for the development of a food waste community composting program.

Martinez explained community-based optional composting program—Residents can drop off food scraps at designated spots, such as at farmers markets, at local community gardens and city parks and also pick up finished compost for personal use at those same spots. In Pasadena, for example, 200 households signed up for a similar program diverted approximately seven tons of waste while creating usable compost for the participants to use. "We have an opportunity to allow for community engagement, cooperation and the ability to reimagine what localized food systems and support can be in the City of Glendale," Martinez

City staff added that this program would supplement existing city programs.

"We're looking at the closure of Scholl Canyon and we're looking at any program that can help in diverting waste in a costeffective manner," according to

Councilmember Dan Brotman clarified that this would be a voluntary program beyond the current requirement to bag organic waste and deposit it in residential green waste receptacles for collection.

The council finalized last week's action to reduce the total added to Glendale Water and Power (GWP) utility bills for see GCC on page 7

Lots to do at GPD's Upcoming Open House and Touch-A-Truck

he Glendale Police Department will be hosting their • Open House on Oct. 19 and this year will be combining it with their popular Touch-A-Truck event.

"Since this is our first open house since COVID and we started Touch-A-Truck in 2022, we thought it would be a great idea to combine these two events. This allows the community to enjoy not only what the Glendale Police Department has to offer, but also showcases equipment and great work from other departments in our city," said Sgt. Varooj Karibyan, GPD Community Outreach Resources and Engagement (CORE) Bureau.

The event will have a lot to do for visitors including meeting Brisket the community dog, watching a K9 demonstration, a rock climbing wall tion. and a forensic crime scene activity for kids. There will be food served thanks to a donation of hotdogs from the Glendale Police Officers Associa-



"We will provide department tours Karibyan added. and [will have] tables in the community room where [visitors] can speak with detectives, forensic specialists,

dispatchers and police officers,"

In addition there will be patrol and motorcycle units, an airship and SWAT (Special Weapons and Tacon as Fred Tsarukyan takes photos of his daughters Sophia and Leah with a SWAT team member at GPD Open House on Saturday.

tics) unit on display.

But with the addition of Touch-A-Truck to this event there will be even

> You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

Votes to End 7th Period



By Mikaela STONE

Two years—That is how much time the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) Board has before the district runs out of money should

a difficult situation, including \$14

changes not be made. The current and four months ago. In what memschool board members inherited bers described as the least harmful decision in a set of bad options, the million in expenditure reductions GUSD board voted to remove sevnecessary and teachers working un- enth period from the schools that der a contract that expired one year adopted the schedule using one time

COVID relief funds.

The October 8 school board meeting featured an explanation of a fiscal health and risk analysis report by independent state funded agency see GUSD on page 18

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Help Wanted

are visiting us. On Thursday, the parents decided to go to Universal Studios – Halloween Haunt. So a trio of grandmas (and one grandpa - Steve) decided to take the kiddos to a local pizza place where the two teenagers (well, one teenager and one 'tween - 12 and 13 years old) could play video games. Unfortunately, when we arrived at the pizza place we learned there was a loud fundraiser going on with few seats available.

Where to go instead?

Thankfully, Mary O'Keefe (one of the grandmas) runs the local youth center – the Fire House – and she suggested we head over there. With a pool table, air hockey game and tons of board games, there was plenty to keep the teenagers and the younger kids (one 4-yearold, two 2 year olds and a 7-month-old) busy. And it was much cheaper for us oldsters, too.

The Fire House was started in 2010 and founded by the youth arm of the former CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention coalition and thenvicar Bryan Jones of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church. In fact, St. Luke's graciously hosts the Fire House as part of its mission. In addition to being open on Thursday mornings (that was the late start of Rosemont Middle School) the Fire House has opened its doors in the face of local tragedies including several deaths of youth by suicide. Until COVID it was also open on Tuesday nights for high schoolaged students. It is known as a gathering spot for several local organizations. The CV Chamber of Commerce has met at the Fire House as have other local

Today, the Fire House continues serving the community by providing

organizations.

My son, his fiancé and their three daughters breakfast for Rosemont Middle School students on Rosemont's late start day - Wednesdays. About 70 kids show up on Wednesday mornings ready to devour a hot breakfast that typically includes pancakes, sausage, cereal, juices and different snacks.

> Who pays for this you might ask. Volunteers typically dive deep into their pockets to provide food for our local youth. However, their pockets aren't that deep. Though the Fire House has received funding by some parents and local non-profits, keeping the coffers (and shelves) full - and being on hand to prepare breakfast weekly - is a challenge. Volunteers are needed to help on Wednesday mornings doing everything from flipping pancakes to patrolling the grounds. I encourage everyone who has enjoyed the Fire House, whether dropping their kids off on Wednesday mornings or taking part in a meeting held there, to donate their time or money. Checks should be made out St. Luke's of the Mountains then write Fire House in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to St. Luke's, 2563 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta 91214.

> A quick thank you to those who have donated to the recovery of CV Weekly and the CV Chamber of Commerce. Our GoFundMe page (https://gofund.me/0f90b728) has received donations and local folks unfamiliar with GoFundMe have sent in money to help. I was reluctant to approach the community but I am in awe of the support.

Thank you.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Maybe you have seen the video of Florida's NBC-6 chief meteorologist John Morales speaking about Hurricane Milton. He was part of a live report on Milton and its intensity. He was looking at a monitor that apparently was feeding live data about the storm; then he looked a little closer at the monitor.

"It's just an incredible, incredible, incredible hurricane," Morales said. "It has dropped..." At that point he took a moment to compose himself as obviously what he was seeing on the screen was affecting him. He then continued.

"It has dropped 50 millibars [the units of pressure used to describe atmospheric conditions] in 10 hours."

He didn't exactly "tear up" and he definitely did not "cry" as some reports have stated. His voice quivered, he took a breath and then apologized for this break.

"This is just horrific," he said. "Maximum sustained winds are 160 mph. And it's just gaining strength in the Gulf of Mexico where the winds are."

Morales took another breath and then continued.

"I mean, the seas are just so incredibly, incredibly hot ... a record hot as you might imagine. ... You know what's driving that? I don't need to tell you. Global warming - climate change - is leading to this and becoming an increasing threat for the Yucatán, including Merida and Progreso and other areas there."

He then went on to explain how the intensity of a hurricane increases in warmer, or hotter, water in the sea and what would make the intensity less – basically cold air from the land. According to reports, Hurricane Milton has weakened from a Category 5 hurricane but still has winds up to 145 mph after passing the northern edge of Mexico's Yucatán peninsula. As of press time, the storm was expected to slam into Florida on Wednesday night.

Milton is striking two weeks behind Hurricane Helene, which hit Florida, North

Carolina - the worst devastation in the western portion of that state - Georgia, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee and Virginia. The devastation and the death toll are overwhelming.

Our prayers go out to those who are picking up the pieces, literally, of their lives and dealing with this tragedy. I have family and friends in the Carolinas. Luckily they are safe but the road ahead for some will be tough.

The comments on social media concerning Mr. Morales' emotional reaction to seeing this hurricane grow in intensity have been mixed. Many stated they were grateful because his reaction made them take precautions they weren't planning on taking and others thanked him for his honesty. But then there were some who were just down right mean, which is no surprise – but come on.

As a reporter I have covered numerous tragedies, from traffic collisions to wildfire devastation. I have been there with parents who are facing their worst nightmare after their child is injured ... or worse. I have talked to seniors who are homeless after their rent was raised. As reporters we are supposed to report the news, not bring emotion to our reporting; however, there are times when emotion cannot be avoided.

For this meteorologist, watching the hurricane grow in strength in such a short period of time was not just about the science of what he was witnessing. He knew full well what this meant to those in the path of Hurricane Milton.

Then there were some social media responses that criticized his mentioning climate change. Some of the comments were predictable – the same old criticism that we have heard over and over again - but the bottom line is the world is warming at an alarming rate. This is true. It is not a political statement; it is what is happening to the Earth. These storms are intense because the sea is warming.

One of the questions asked was if "global see WEATHER on page 19

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CVIM Gets a New Logo

By Mikaela STONE

Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Program unveiled a new logo designed by band parent Tina Kugler. Previously, the many denominations of music students were represented by the CV Marching Falcons logo, designed by the now-graduated student Chase Black. Now, each division is depicted in writing around the new logo's edge: jazz band, marching band, color guard, wind ensemble, string orchestra, concert band and symphony orchestra.

Band teacher Mathew Schick's goal is to eventually have a logo for each of these factions, with UC Berkeley's this new collaborative design theme "Sons of representing Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music as a whole. The CVHS marching falcons logo will continue to represent the marching band.

As an animator and children's book writer and illustrator, "The Simpsons" character layout artist Kugler knows how to tell a story and design eye-catching graphics. Local community members involved in The Scouts may recognize her designs on in the Westwood fight song the Troop 319 Court of Honor

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day

on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. until 11 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

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

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages and no

(long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

reservations required. Rain cancels event. Sorry, no pets please.

early readers to two best friends through three comedic mini stories each. The logo offered Kugler a chance to tell a story and honor the past CVHS musicians.

Years before Schick entered the music scene at CVHS in 2001, the school's official song changed from the melody of "Wild Blue Yonder," the US Air Force song, to current less creatively named "CV Fight Song," a variation on California" and UCLA's "Sons of Westwood." The first mutation of the rivals' song occurred when UCLA marching band members played a prank on Berkeley's band during a football game in which they played Berkeley's fight song before the Berkeley band could. The pair played back

Kugler created the logo's Kugler's Theodor Seuss Geisel falcon wings out of twin music Honor Award winning series staffs with the left wing showing "Snail and Worm" introduces a sample of the sheet music for

and forth, eventually resulting

heard today.

"Wild Blue Yonder" and the right wing displaying the "CV Fight drawn in flight is part of the logo's the current members," he said.

Schick is proud of the new logo. Song." To have the falcon mascot the first band class while honoring

> comprised only jazz band, one orchestra class with nearly fifty students and

40-person marching band that consisted mainly flutes percussion.

Recognizing the difficulty teaching orchestra with diverse needs, Schick called each youth in music. family in his class to

the students played. From there he divided the class into wind ensemble and string orchestra, then created a more Kugler said her reasoning is advanced orchestra class students could audition for to bring both

The Crescenta Valley Marching way to let your mind take off," she Falcons have also come a long way. This year, students tackle the field show "Oasis," inspired by music from "Arabian Nights," "Sheherezade" (a symphony suite composed by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov), "The Prince of Egypt" and the soundscape of the movie "Dune."

> Generous donations parents brought with it new options for Front Ensemble, the percussion at the front of the band such as marimbas, xylophones, and electric keyboards. Other upgrades include microphones for soloists and the sound of the oasis water as it comes and goes in the band's search to find water in the desert.

Schick recognizes that "water is "It honors people who were in life" and uses the show to uplift the precious resource.

However, Schick does not tackle When he first started at providing the many opportunities CVHS, the music department within the Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Department

> "This is not all me," he said. "I am very fortunate to be here, I am very fortunate to have the support that I have, and that they trust me to work with their kids to put something together that will bring the community together bring a worthwhile and meaningful experience to their kids."

> Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music's new logo will be featured on yard signs, stickers and car magnets, with the hope to soon expand onto apparel. Anyone interested may email 1stvp@ falconmusic.org to represent local

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Toluca Lake and surrounding



"corny."

"For children...bogged down the instruments together. with so much work... music is a added.

The falcon's wing clipping through the circle of names represents music breaking out of their shells, she

Kugler saw the benefits of music in her three sons, all of whom took Schick's classes. Her youngest child, Jasper, currently attends CVHS. He progressed from the sousaphone to playing the tuba in symphony, bass trombone in jazz band and acting as the brass captain in marching band. He intends to pursue music in college. He took the time to ensure that Kugler's musical notes were accurately drawn.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com. KING NAMED GRAND MARSHAL OF ROSE PARADE The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® announced this week that Billie Jean King, sports icon and champion for equality, will serve as the grand marshal of the 2025 Rose Parade® presented by Honda. Tournament of Roses President Ed Morales made the announcement on the front steps of the Tournament House as King made an entrance to Elton John's hit song "Philadelphia Freedom" – a song written in her honor. King's selection as grand marshal ties seamlessly into this year's parade theme: "Best Day Ever!" celebrating life's best moments. As grand marshal, King will ride down Colorado Boulevard, ushering in the new year, and participate in the pre-game ceremony at the college football playoff quarterfinal at the 111th Rose Bowl Game®. **SUPERVISOR BARGER TO SPEAK ON BALLOT PROPOSITIONS** County Supervisor Kathryn Barger will be the guest speaker at Glendale Homeowners Association's annual meeting on Oct. 16 to discuss two important county ballot measures. Measure A would raise the county sales tax to help fund homelessness efforts. Measure G would raise the number of supervisors from five to nine and have the county chief executive be elected instead of appointed

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Brand Library Auditorium, located in

Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. Also on the agenda will

be updates on Glendale projects and the election of its board of directors.

Non-members are invited to attend.





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Oktoberfest 2024





Photo by Charly SHELTON ABOVE: Kids – and adults – took turns on the many rides.

Photo by Sean DOORLY BELOW: Oktoberfest 2024 was an excuse to don authentic German clothing.

Photo by Sean DOORLY RIGHT: The executive director of the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event, buzzed around in a golf cart prior to the arrival of the crowds.

Photo by Charly SHELTON RIGHT BOTTOM: There were plenty of



of fun throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 5. . Those that attended took advantage of good German food and drink, great entertainment and lots of games

"It was another successful year for the 45th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest, with over 15,000 attendees and more than 400 volunteers helping to make it happen," said Mavil Aghadjanian, a smoother, more enjoyable

Oktoberfest was hot but a lot executive director for Montrose experience this year." Verdugo Chamber of Commerce. "The heat impacted the first half the event were manned by of the day, starting off a bit slower, but that allowed for shorter lines and a more pleasant experience for early arrivals. Once the sun went down around 6 p.m., a large crowd filled all three blocks of the event. Spreading the rides and games across all blocks helped alleviate overcrowding, creating

The numerous booths at volunteers from local businesses and non-profit organizations. Volunteers from all areas of the community worked together to make Oktoberfest a success.

"Thank you to our community and everyone who contributed to another successful year," Aghadjanian said.



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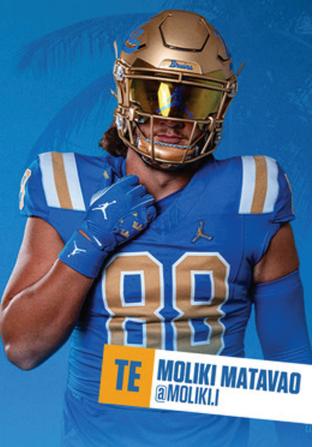






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October: A Busy Month for Local Organizations

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley Town Council Pancake Breakfast On Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) is holding its annual pancake breakfast at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at the corner of Rosemont Avenue).

This has been a tradition for over 10 years. In the past it had been held in the Crescenta Valley High School quad but for the last few years it Mountains.

Street, behind the church.

Glendale Moose Lodge Bingo Night Glendale Moose Lodge

#641 is holding its Third Annual local community and beyond. Community Bingo Night on Oct. 19 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. First game starts at 6 p.m., doors open at 4:30

The Moose Lodge supports several local organizations including Prom Plus, American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 and the Fire House. In addition the local lodge, along with other units of Moose International, supports the operation of Mooseheart Child City and School located near Chicago, has been held at St. Luke's of the Illinois. It's a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need. It Parking can be accessed off Cross also supports Moosehaven, a 70acre retirement community for its members near Jacksonville, Florida. And this is just part of what the organization does in support of the

The Moose Lodge #641 is looking for members so it can grow its local organizations and continue the good work it does in the area.

Tickets for the bingo night are \$25 for 10 game cards, four games per card. All bingo games pay \$100 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Crescenta Valley Weekly office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave., Ste. 206, Glendale, 91214 or to reserve tickets call (818) 957-7133 or email lodge641@gmail.com.

Joe's Minibike Reunion The 12th annual Joe's Minibike Reunion is on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Crescenta Valley Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www. joesminibikereunion.com.

CV Park is located at 3901

Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Around The World In 80 Minutes The community is invited to the Bolton Hall Museum at 1 p.m. on Oct. 12 where participants will "travel around the world" in little more than one hour via a goodly number of 19th century stereoscopes that will be circulated through the audience.

The conductor for this whirlwind trip is Sunland-Tujunga's History Hunter Craig Durst. Durst's collection of stereoscopes and handselected stereo cards will be the vehicle for this trip "Around the World in 80 Minutes." His history programs are always entertaining and enlightening.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tuiunga.

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

Community Shredding Event

A free document shredding event is taking place on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in the east parking lot (enter from Verdugo). This is a drive-through only event.

Bring personal documents (no clips, binders, electronics, disks, X-rays or film allowed) in the car's trunk for on-site shredding. Limit of 10 boxes/paper bags per car. Do not seal boxes.

on November's Ballot Measure

By Mary O'KEEFE

be asked to vote on Measure GCC.

discussion was really having an maintenance. assessment of our campus," said Ryan Cornner, Glendale Community College superintendent/president.

Glendale Community College (GCC) Governing Board and administration brought in a firm to review the maintenance and infrastructure needs of the campus.

"They determined that over the next 10 years we need to have somewhere between \$100 and \$125 million of investment just to maintain the campus as is," he said.

Many of the buildings on the college campus are at least 60 years old, and some are older. They do have a few new buildings that were built in the last few years but for the most part there are older buildings on campus.

"[My office building] was [built] in 1937 and the auditorium is 1945, and we have a couple of buildings that were built in the 50s. The of Trustees of the Glendale campus infrastructure is equally as Community old." he added.

The student population has been growing after COVID restrictions \$600,000 in bond revenue and were relaxed.

"We have seen a growth since

growth of more than 10%," he said.

That growth in student population This November local residents will has been one of the talking points in terms of the college discussion "The starting points of the bond for additional building and

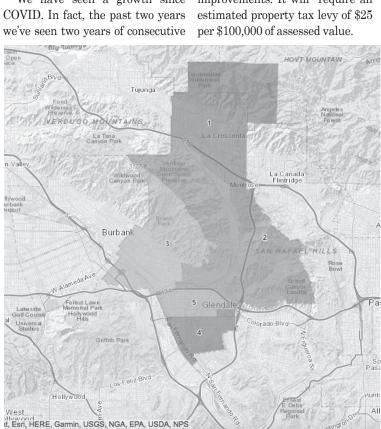
> While a lot of four-year colleges support from alumni, community colleges do not typically get that type of support.

"Community colleges are kind of in a different realm than the private and large public institutions," Cornner said. "We do have a foundation that does fundraising, and we raise a bit of money for assistance in capital development."

But those amounts are smaller, for example \$1 to \$3 million. Less than what they need on a larger scale build.

"As an example, the new science building that was just constructed [on the campus] is close to \$140 million to build," he added.

A "yes" vote on Measure GCC would authorize the Board College District (GCCD) to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed will be going to fund school improvements. It will require an



with bond revenue going to fund A "no" vote opposes authorizing school improvements and requiring the GCCD to issue \$600,000 in bonds an estimated property tax levy of

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Sept. 29

800 block of Saint Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported finding mail that did not belong to her in the front lawn of her home. Deputies responded and contacted the owner of the found mail. The resident she last checked her mailbox on Sept. 29. The mail theft occurred between Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.



Glendale Moose Lodge #641

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Obituary

Gilbert Lee Evans



Born in June in the state of Arkansas, my dad married at age 19 and moved to Glendale, California after getting a job on the Southern Pacific Railroad as a brakeman and then conductor. He had a nickname that they called him at work, 'Spider'...because of how he could climb on and off the boxcars fairly quickly. He was really good at his job. An accident cut his career short and he had to retire early. Before then, on his vacations he'd like to go back to his home state to go hunting and fishing with our family and relatives. Other than this, he had lived a relatively quiet life in Lake View Terrace, CA which is where he and his family moved to in the summer of 1985, and where he was able to let go of his life years later. We are grateful that his wishes to pass at home could be honored.

He is survived by his only daughter Cindy Sue Evans, his two sons Curtis Lee Evans, and John Clevert Robert Evans (Rob/Robbie), granddaughters Kaitlyn Holliday and Jennifer Evans, and Great Grandchildren Kinsley, Aubrey, and Kristopher Holliday.

He will be missed by the friends he has had here in California, as well as many relatives all over the country, with many of them in Arkansas. Services in care have been by Crippen Mortuary. In the Spring of next year, his ashes will be interned with his wife at Caney Cemetery in Arkansas.

Obituary

Marcia Lindstrom



Jan. 6, 1926 - Sept. 27, 2024 Marcia died peacefully, and with confidence in Jesus, her Lord and Savior, on Sept. 27 in Glendale. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Bob Lindstrom. She is survived by her three children and their spouses: Neil & Sue Lindstrom, Jeff & Joanne Lindstrom Cena and Bob & Ruth Lindstrom.

Marcia had six grandchildren: Heather, Jennifer, Michele, Marc, Henry and Neil. She was greatgrandmother to Lauren, Morgan, Christian, Cash, Caleb, Tanner and Teagan.

Marcia was born Jan. 6, 1926 in Santa Ana but she lived most of her life in Glendale. Bob and Marcia worked together as partners in their business, Lindstrom Insurance Agency, for 40 years. After retiring, they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where they resided for 14 years before returning to Glendale. Marcia attended La Cañada Presbyterian Church where she participated in a wonderful Bible study group.

Marcia was an inspiration to so many on how to age gracefully and how to live life to the fullest - no matter where life found you. Marcia had so many friends as she accepted everyone without judgement or bias. Marcia was funny, positive and independent and she will be greatly missed by

Marcia will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn, Glendale and in January there will be a celebration of life for this remarkable woman.

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"community benefits" from 3.6% to 2.85%, the rate mandated by state law, which had inadvertently been collected at the higher rate since 2018.

The "public benefits charge" shows up on electric bills as an added charge; the statemandated fee is added monthly to fund various programs in the categories designated by AB-1890 and the California public utilities code §385 such as energy efficiency initiatives, assistance for low-income customers, investments in renewable energy, and research, development and demonstration projects.

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved a new non-profit subsidy program "to standardize policies for special events held in Glendale City facilities hosted by non-profit organizations" in order to support and promote these types of

Assistant city manager John Takhtalian detailed the proposal which would provide a 50% subsidy for eligible organizations. For large events requiring city staffing, the subsidy would cover up to \$10,000 in staff costs.

The council opted to delay consideration of a suggestion by Councilmember Brotman to update development standards to include light standards.

already have enough laws," Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian said as he spoke against considering additional standards on residential illumination. "I don't want to create new standards because of a couple of bad apples."

Similarly, the council delayed acting on new regulations limiting drive-through businesses.

"It's not as big a problem as we pretend. If you want to put standards on existing locations, I'm not going to vote for it," Gharpetian said.

A representative of Glendale YIMBY (yes in my back yard) addressed the council saying that, "We want to create dense mixed-use, walkable and bikeable communities, and drivethroughs are an anathema to the mixed-use city we are trying to create."

At a special meeting of the council on Tuesday afternoon, the council took steps to advance Parkview Glendale, 68-units of 100% affordable housing for seniors at 426 Piedmont Ave and 507 Naranja Drive.

Also on Tuesday afternoon, the council voted to accept \$1 million in funds from the Governor's Office of Economic Development to support tech start-up programs in Glendale. The funds were secured by State Senator Anthony Portantino supplementing \$1 million in similar start-up money the city secured in 2019.

At the beginning of Tuesday evening's meeting, the council adopted a proclamation designating October 9 as Hangeul (Hangul)

[The City] proudly celebrates its connection with Korea and recognizes the contributions of our Korean community toward the vibrant and diverse fabric of our city," Mayor Elen Asatryan

GWP's interim general manager Manny Robledo introduced a large group of the utility's staff as the city declared the week of October 6 – 12 as Public Power Week.

"There are approximately 2,000 municipally and consumer-owned utilities such as GWP that provide high level benefits to our communities including safe, reliable, low-cost service with a focus on the customer, focus on community needs rather than shareholders or private interests." Robledo said.

He added that GWP has served the city since 1906 and thanked the staff of the utility for "keeping the lights on."

The council designated October as Filipino-American Month. An event https://www. fabagglac.org/event-details/filipino-americanhistory-month-cultural-celebration-expo-2024 is planned for Saturday, October 19 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Incarnation School Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd. The festival is free and open to all; there will be folk dancing and music, art and food vendors. Attendees are encouraged to wear Filipino attire.

"Personally, this is one of my favorite things about Glendale—celebrating all of the different cultures that we have makes us better as a society; I think it makes us better as humans to understand other peoples' cultures and to be able to experience this is, for me, simply magic," said Asatryan.

Finally, the council designated October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. An event https://ywcagp.org/events-feed/pasadenacandle-light-vigil is scheduled on the steps of Glendale City Hall for Thursday, October 24 at 6 p.m. in collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Women and the YWCA of Glendale and Pasadena.

The candlelight vigil and "purple ties" awards include honors for State Senator Anthony Portantino, Public Servant Advocate Awardee and Sgt. Vahe Abramyan of Glendale's Community Relations Office, Law Enforcement Advocate Awardee. According to the event announcement, purple attire is encouraged.

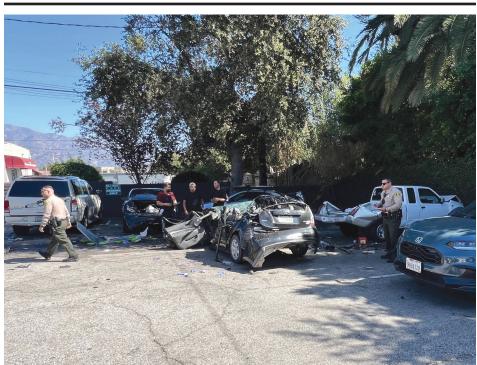


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By Mary O'KEEFE

on the Angeles Crest Highway drove through the intersection at Foothill

Wednesday. The vehicle collided with six parked vehicles. None of the parked A single vehicle traveling southbound cars were occupied at the time. The driver of the vehicle that struck the cars was transported to the hospital with Boulevard and into the parking lot unknown injuries. No other injuries were of Hill Street Café at about 2 p.m. on reported. The investigation is ongoing.



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VIEWPOINTS

MYSTERIES OF MONTROSE » ROBERT NEWCOMBE

here Did Montrose's Water Come From?

columns, 12 years ago when I wrote included) had always assumed my book "Montrose" there were that this photo was taken on three questions that remained unanswered when I submitted the galleys to the publisher. In June of this year, I gave a presentation to the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley on what I called the "Mysteries of Montrose Origins." This column summarizes my presentation of the second mystery: How did the developers provide water to the homes in the La Crescenta area. new community of Montrose?

We know that solving the "water issue" was a major selling point of their lots because when promoting their new community the developers mentioned it in He would have found out there almost every ad and publicity story. After the "opening day" of Montrose on Feb. 22, 1913 (when they hosted a large free barbecue near the intersection of what is now Verdugo Boulevard and Clifton Way), they put out a promotional booklet with a back cover photo of a huge fountain water with "tremendous pressure." Since the booklet was labeled "Opening Day" and the cars and people's clothes seemed to match the other photos in the

that day and that the fountain of water must have been near the barbecue so the developers could show potential buyers that these lots had water access.

Backing up a little: Frederick Holmes and Robert Walton owned a real estate company in downtown Los Angeles. By at least 1904, they were selling I'm speculating, but I assume that as Robert Walton drove through this area from 1904 to 1907, he wondered why there were no houses in the relatively flat lands. was no easy access to water and individual property owners could not afford to pipe water to their lots. So I'm guessing that Walton said something like, "If I buy these properties and bring water to them, I'll make a fortune."

In many historical accounts (including my own), you'll see this phrase: "Developers Holmes and Walton." But Holmes sold his share of the company to Robert Walton in 1908, the same year the company started buying the Montrose. Again I'm guessing but perhaps Holmes thought that the project was too risky and wanted out. We know that in the same year, Walton teamed up with a speculator with a bad reputation named J. Frank Walters. Walton left the name of the company the same, Holmes and Walton, possibly to keep Walters name out of it. (Later when they were naming streets, Walton's last name became Waltonia but the nod to Walters was in naming Florencita after his wife Florence.)

In the buildup toward opening day, there are references to a water "reservoir." I have looked at many photos of early Montrose and wondered where this reservoir was. While I wasn't expecting something as big as the Hollywood Reservoir, I did hope to see something recognizable as a reservoir; however, there was nothing obvious.

By chance, my brother John stumbled on the answer earlier this year when, looking for old photos of his house, he bought a photo album on eBay. Included in the album were a few photos of

As I noted in two previous booklet, most historians (me empty lots that would become early Montrose. The prize photo reservoir in Montrose in order to is of Walton and Walters standing provide the new landowners with in front of that same fountain of water shown in the opening day photo. John was able to determine that the photo was taken not at the barbecue but rather higher up the slope, just west of what is now Ocean View Boulevard and north of what is now Montrose Avenue. And based on a news story, I was able to determine that the photo was taken on the Monday before the opening. This tiny well is the reservoir the developers were referring to. It looks like the diameter is no more than 20 feet and it's impossible to know how deep it was.

I knew the developers piped in the water in from the west but I always thought it came from the San Gabriels. After the presentation, historian Fred Hoeptner showed me a photocopy of part of a map that shows "Montrose Water Works" in the Verdugo Hills. I can't tell what this map is or when it was made or for what purpose. Assuming it's correct, though, and with John's new photo we now know that Walton tunneled water from the Verdugos and piped it to this

water.

It looks like both ends of this water system were covered over during the construction of the 210 Freeway. If you know otherwise, please let me know.



Robert Newcombe is the author of "Montrose" in the Images of America series of Arcadia books, as well as the coauthor (with Mike Lawler) of "La Crescenta" and "La Crescenta: Then and Now." You can reach him at r_newcombe@yahoo.com or stop him early in the morning on his daily walk through Montrose.

CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL » FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

Community Invited to Pancakes and General Meeting

support local youth.

First, mark your calendars community event promises a

The Crescenta Valley Town for the pancake breakfast on morning filled with delicious Council is excited to announce Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. pancakes and the opportunity two upcoming events that foster to 11 a.m. at St. Luke's of the to connect with friends and community engagement and Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. This beloved

neighbors. The proceeds from this breakfast will contribute to scholarships awarded to local

high school seniors at the end of the school year, making it a meaningful way to support our youth. Attendees are encouraged to come with a hearty appetite! Tickets are only \$10 and include pancakes,

sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice!

In addition to the breakfast, the Town Council invites everyone to its general meeting on Oct. 17, the third Thursday of this month, at 7 p.m., held at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. This month's meeting will feature a special presentation by Assemblymember Laura Friedman who will offer insights on important local issues. It's a

wonderful chance for residents to engage with decision-makers and participate in discussions that impact our area.

Both events are excellent opportunities for residents to come together, share ideas and support one another. We look forward to seeing you there!

Frida Baghdassarian, President Crescenta Valley Town Council



October Evensong Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

La Cañada Congregational Church Reception Following

The Lighted Window Festival Choir presents an October Evensong, a candlelit service of glorious and contemplative music for choir and organ, featuring music by Howells, Hildegard von Bingen, Purcell, Florence Price, Rossini, Matthew Brown, Julian von Eyken, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, and Pachebel.

This is a free event - any donations will support LCCC's music programs.

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YOUTH/SPORTS

ALFie Players to Perform Disney's 'Finding Nemo



The cast for 'Finding Nemo - KIDS' that will be presented on Oct. 11 at the Lanterman Auditorium in La Cañada.

this fall!

ALFie Players, which features local actors in grades three through six, will present a special "KIDS" adaptation of Disney's "Finding old audience members with its Nemo" on Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in Lanterman Auditorium. This about family, friendship and their Assistance League of Flintridge drama production is based on the popular animated movie, which stars a father clownfish named Marlin who swims across the

repare to dive deep into an Pacific Ocean in search of his onstage musical experience. under the sea adventure beloved son Nemo with the help

> "Finding Nemo - KIDS" is sure to entertain both young and repertoire of heartwarming songs many challenges. These songs include "In the Big Blue World," "Fish Are Friends, Not Food" and "Just Keep Swimming." All are welcome to come and "sea" this

The talented young cast of 25 of a few unlikely friends along the will perform under the direction of ALF drama director Katelyn Fike along with Tristan Waldron as assistant director and Nancy Abbott as musical director and accompanist.

Lanterman Auditorium is located at 4491 Cornishon Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge. Admission is free. For more information, visit ALFlintridge.org or call (818) 790-

Elks Accepting Scholarship

The Elks is accepting applications for its most valuable student scholarship. Applications are due Nov. 12. Visit enf.elks.org/MVS for application information.

Pet of the Week



This is Barkley. He was rescued by a kind employee of a • Montrose business who graciously selected me to provide his new home. He is now just about a year old. He wears formal attire every day, even when climbing his favorite oak tree. Aside from climbing, he is interested in disrupting whatever it is that I am trying to get done.

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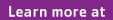


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BETWEEN FRIENDS

The Big Strike Auction Pans for Gold





By Ruth SOWBY

▼ couting America – Verdugo Hills Council struck gold at its 49th Annual Big Strike fundraiser with net profits between \$35,000 and \$45,000. On Sept. 29 close to 100 supporters showed up at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club to enjoy dinner, a short program and silent and live auctions.

Cathy Zappala was honored with the North Star Award, which recognizes service by an individual not registered in Scouting. Retired after 50 years in the escrow industry, Zappala volunteers for several community organizations including the Council, Kiwanis, Soroptimists and the Salvation Army.

"The more you give, the more it comes back to you," Zappala said.

Eleven-year-old twins Kathryn and Isaac Ericson of Troop 209 were brought to the podium by Verdugo Hills Council President Hovik Shahinian. Kathryn announced that she wants to earn the Eagle Scout Award.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY LEFT: Scouting America's Verdugo Hills Council VIPs surround Cathy Zappala honored with the North Star Award. From left are Assistant Scout Executive Amy Taylor, Retired Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis, Council Board Member Bruce Hinckley, Burbank Kiwanis President Diane Cripe, Council President Hovik Shahinian, Council Board Member Pat Crouch and Scout Executive Laura

TOP RIGHT: Troop 209 twins Kathryn and Isaac Ericson support the 49th Annual Big Strike

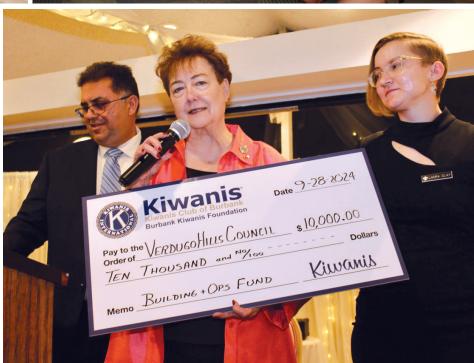
RIGHT: Burbank Kiwanis President Diane Cripe presents a \$10,000 facsimile check to Council President Hovik Shahinian and Scout Executive

Future Eagle Scout Kathryn and her brother Isaac attend John Muir School in Burbank.

Burbank Kiwanis President Diane Cripe presented a \$10,000 facsimile check to Shahinian and Scout Executive Laura Clay. The funds will go toward the Council's capital campaign.

The mission of the Verdugo Hills Council

is to serve community youth and families.



People Making News

Crescenta graduated from Bates 30 advanced degree programs, and College in Lewiston, Maine, with a nationally recognized community major in psychology.

from 36 U.S. states, the District of and workplace experiences that Columbia, and 19 countries, with empower our students to pursue accepting congratulations and consequence. diplomas from President Garry W. Jenkins.

Located in Lewiston, Maine, and home to about 1,800 students, approximately Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates has always admitted students without regard to gender, race, religion or national origin.

The following local residents were named to Clark University's spring 2024 dean's list: Oliver E. Briskin was named to first honors and Karina H. Fischman was named to first honors. Both are from La Crescenta.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university. Through 33

Josephine Woodruff of La undergraduate majors, more than partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous Bates College graduated students scholarship with authentic world 437 members of the Class of 2024 lives and careers of meaning and

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Emerson College awarded 1,045 undergraduate degrees to the Class of 2024 during the 144th commencement. Samuel Kellman from Glendale 91208 received a BA in media arts production.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, Emerson College has approximately 4,161undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-ofthe-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los

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Torregrossa & Bedikian Feature at Village Poets in October

the University of Nebraska Press.

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga landmark built in 1913. will bring two well-known Los Angeles poets, Lory Bedikian and Mary Torregrossa, to the podium for an exciting and inspiring event on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4:30 p.m. In addition, two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. Free admission (\$5 donation suggested). Guests are encouraged to bring their best poems for the open mic and enjoy the Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Bolton Hall is a Los Angeles historical

The reading starts at 4:30 p.m. Her first collection The Book of and goes till 6:30 p.m. This will be Lamenting won the Philip Levine Village Poet's last reading of 2024. All are invited back on Jan. 26 when we feature poets Shahe Mankerian and Jackie Chou. Visit our blog: https://villagepoets.blogspot.com/ for poems of the features and 2025 calendar of future events.

Lory Bedikian's second book Jagadakeer: Apology to the Body won the 2023 Prairie Schooner/ Raz-Shumaker Book Prize in Poetry forthcoming September 2024 from

Prize for Poetry. She was recently chosen for the Poets & Writers Get the Word Out Poetry Cohort 2024. Several of Bedikian's poems received the first prize award in the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry as part of the 2022 Nimrod Literary Awards. Her work is published in Tin House, Gulf Coast, The Los Angeles Review, BOULEVARD, The Adroit Journal, Orion, wildness and was featured on Pádraig Ó Tuama's Poetry Unbound podcast. Her poem "The Mechanic" is included in the anthology Border Lines: Poems of Migration, KNOPF, 2020. Bedikian's manuscript-inprogress received a 2021 grant

from the Money for Women/

Barbara Deming Memorial

Fund. Her work also appears

50 Years Later." Bedikian earned

an MFA from the University

of Oregon. She teaches poetry

workshops in Los Angeles and

Massachusetts Review's "Revisiting WOMAN: An Issue,

Mary E. Torregrossa, often noted as a storyteller, is more importantly a story-listener, a practice honed by her job as an ESL teacher in Southern California. Originally from Rhode Island, she blends images and experiences of both coasts into her poetry. Also a collage artist, Torregrossa feels that assembling a collage of images has a natural similarity to assembling a poem. Her first chapbook, My Zocalo Heart, is published by Finishing Line Press. Poems appear in Bearing The Mask: Southwestern Persona Poems, in Wide Awake: Poets of Los Angeles and Beyond, in Voices From Leimert Park Redux, and Miju Poetry & Poetics: Korean Poets Society of America. Torregrossa is a winner of the Arroyo Arts Collective Poetry In The Windows and named Newer Poet of Los Angeles XIV by the Los Angeles Poetry Festival. Other publications include The Altadena Poetry Review, the SoCal Haiku Study Group Anthology, and websites

for Verse-Virtual, Ekphrastic Review and Dime Show Review.



Lory Bedikian



Mary Torregrossa

LCF Chamber Celebrates a New Business



A ribbon cutting event was recently held by the La Cañada Ambassador Mary Gant, Chloe Flintridge Chamber of Commerce Bagh, Caden Bagh, Rashel Bagh, at In Vino & Spirits Delicatessen Edward Bagh and Ambassador in La Cañada Flintridge.

Shown Patty Kindel. PEOPLE from page 11

Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Jacob Smissen of La Crescenta from Linfield University following the spring 2024 semester. Smissen earned marketing.

Following the spring 2024 semester, the university awarded 510 degrees to 505 graduates, with five awarded double degrees. Commencement celebrated 445 undergraduates and 65 graduatelevel students.

For undergraduate students, honors include summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 cumulative GPA), magna cum laude (3.8-3.89 cumulative GPA) and cum laude (3.65-3.79 cumulative GPA). Graduate students earn honors or high a Bachelor of Science degree in honors for earning a GPA of 3.83.89 and 3.9-4.0, respectively.

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the Realtor who sold it to me twenty beneficial. What is the protocol for tion, and ensures that your needs years ago. As I plan to move to La using the same Realtor for buying and preferences are consistently Crescenta to be closer to my children, and selling? I planned on using a La Crescenta Realtor. I contacted a real estate agent that a woman I volunteer with recommended. The agent and I met for coffee, and I really liked her. She lives in La Crescenta and knows the community. I felt extremely comfortable with her. She has already given me information about Proposition 19 and transferring my tax base. She even told me about several available homes, but we haven't looked at them yet. When I told my Glendale agent that I wouldn't be using her, she got upset, basically accusing me of not being loyal. I was not trying to be

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an agent whose primary focus is simplifies the process, and reduces I listed my Glendale home with La Crescenta would be the most the chances of miscommunicaunderstood and prioritized.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

LEGOLAND California Brings Halloween Fun ... Without the Frights

By Charly SHELTON

Thile Universal and Knott's bring the real scares for Halloween Disneyland's absurdly expensive Halloween event sold out in early July, LEGOLAND California has an accessible, fun, family-friendly option to celebrate the season without worrying about nightmares later. If you're looking for a festive day out with younger kids, this is the spot. The whole event is built around Halloween but it keeps things light and playful, which is perfect for the under-12 crowd.

The biggest draw, and the longest part of the day, is the trick-or-treating. There are treat stations set up all over the park and you can be sure that I was led through every single station, multiple times, by a sugar-fueled 4-year-old. But it's not just about for the season is really fun and you get to see families coming for a magical experience, possibly the candy - although there's nostalgic. plenty of that. It's more about up for Halloween, and the energy of these LEGO guys that I used to



The costume contest is another and memorable. the immersive experience. You're highlight. Families really go walking through these different all out for this and you can tell LEGO-themed areas, all dressed it's something they've put a lot of effort into. One of the best is just great. It's clear they've costumes I saw was a family that designed it to be fun for the little dressed up as the Dragon Coaster ones without the scare factor you - each person was a different get at other Halloween events. car and the rider on each car And as a former kid, seeing some was decked out as a theme park character. It was such a creative play with - like the iconic Ghost idea and the audience loved it. minifig – as a full-size decoration People cheer each other on and

together to create something fun to the detriment of other kids, at

That's the thing about this event and LEGOLAND overall - there's almost a sense of community. We're all parents of young kids. We're all tired. We are all concerned about the amount of candy we're collecting. But we're all working together to give our kids a fun day. And whereas Disneyland, at times, almost seems competitive as parents jockey to get their kids up front

LEGOLAND it feels like we're all just adults facilitating a good time for all the kids.

Another fun aspect is the meetand-greets, especially the Rock Out with Monster Rocker. It's not just your average character greeting - kids actually get to choose a song and have a private dance party with a rock guitarist version of Frankenstein. It's a quick 30-second dance but it is moments like this that really

Photos by Charly SHELTON LEFT: Skeleton Costume Guy marks the entrance to the treat stations, illuminated by lights as the sun goes down. RIGHT: Donny Shelton, left, introduces his little brother Casey to the soft LEGO bricks in a LEGOLAND play yard.

make the experience special for the kids. They're not just meeting characters; they're interacting with them in a way that feels personal and unique ... while getting those squiggles out.

LEGOLAND does a great job at accommodating the squiggles of a small child and letting them play in a way that's conducive to





Violinist Aiso and Pianist Morgovskaya to Perform for GNC

On Oct. 16 the Glendale Noon Concerts from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. will feature violinist Ken Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya performing works by C.P.E. Bach

THEN & NOW

and Fritz Kreisler.

The program features the Sonata in c-minor (the "Allegro Moderato," "Adagio ma non troppo" and "Presto").



acclaimed violinist/violist Ken Aiso has performed worldwide as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. Aiso graduated form the Royal Academy of Music in London studying with Erich Gruenberg. His other teachers include Eduard Schmieder and Chikashi Tanaka. Equally at home with modern and period instruments, Aiso has appeared as principal violin with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the London Philharmonic, the Hallé and the Scottish Chamber Orchestras.

He has been invited to renowned music festivals in UK, France, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Georgia, Bolivia and Kazakhstan and has taught at Montecito Summer Music Festival since 2008. Aiso is a laureate of Long-Thibaud International Competition in Paris and International Music Competition of Japan, and was elected Associate of Royal Academy of Music in London. He received Shimousa Kan-ichi Music Award in his native Japan in 2018. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2015, Aiso has been serving as faculty at Loyola Marymount and La Sierra Universities, and performs with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Pianist Valeria Morgovskaya

Montrose Water

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV

Conservatory. Since her immigration to the U.S. in 1990, Morgovskaya has been in high demand as accompanist for singers and all orchestral instrumentalists. She has been an official accompanist to festivals and courses such as Piatigorsky Cello Seminar and Beverly Hills Music Festival, and has performed throughout the U.S., Germany and Japan, as well as on numerous radio broadcast. She has provided accompaniment for many national international competitions, and was an official accompanist at Schoenfeld International Competition in Hong Kong (2013) and Harbin (2014). Morgovskaya is currently staff accompanist at Loyola Marymount University and UCLA and is often engaged in that capacity at USC, Cal State Long Beach, Colburn School, Montecito International Music Festival, Academy of the West and Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts.

Glendale Noon Concerts celebrates its 17th year of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the southland community.

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts series takes place at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com

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NOW * This is the approximate spot today looking north at where Ocean View Boulevard crosses the 210 Freeway. Water was not as abundant in 1913 as the developers would have people believe. Availability was limited to what could be piped from the mountains or from wells, and that became a problem as more people moved in.

Today we import water from the Colorado River, but that supply is also limited.



RELIGION

LUTHERAN CHURCH "WORK DAY" TO BEAUTIFY CAMPUS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) reminds the community that Pastor Rick held each Sunday at 10 a.m. All Flintridge. Office hours are 9 Hall continues to hold his are welcome. Thursday prayer breakfasts at the McDonald's in La Cañada. Grab breakfast then head to the

Thursdays for food, fellowship lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790and prayer.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event Friday. details.

For more information or to HOSTING 'GROUNDING

rear dining area at 9 a.m. on request/offer help, email office@ 1951. The church is located at Regular worship at LCIF is 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through

ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

YOUR FAMILY IN CATHOLIC **FAITH'**

St. Bede the Venerable in La Cañada Flintridge will host the family workshop "Grounding Your Family in Catholic Faith" featuring guest speaker and author Angela Grey on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

in the Church. There will be a reception and book signing immediately following the MT. OLIVE OFFERS workshop.

While there is no cost to attend, suggested donation of are welcome.

St. Bede the Venerable is located at 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Additional information can be found at the church website at www.bede.org or by calling is currently being studied. (818) 949-4376.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND PUMPKIN DECORATING AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

Church is hosting an afternoon "trunk-or-treating," pumpkin decorating and activities for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

and collect treats from festively decorated

cars then carve or paint a pumpkin at this free event, which will take place on the church campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Costumes must be family friendly – no play weapons or offensive themes. Don't forget to bring a bag or bucket to collect treats!

For more information, visit lcpc.net/events or call the LCPC office at (818) 249-6137.

UUCVH TO HOST **RUMMAGE SALE**

On Saturday, Oct. 12 the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills rummage sale will take place on the grounds of the church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to household

items, there will be baked goods, crafts and novelties available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will be used to support Ascencia, a nonprofit homeless services agency and emergency shelter.

UUCVH is located at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in Glendale. https://www.uuverdugo.org/

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church \$20 per family is requested. All 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

> A weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta Presbyterian La Crescenta. www.molc.org

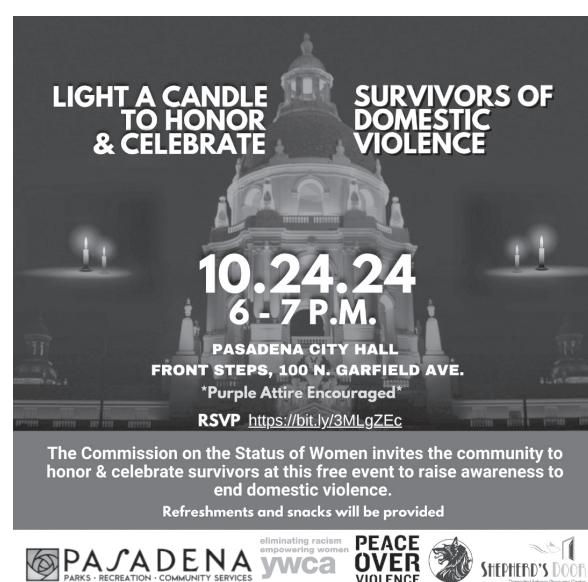
WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Kids can come in costume Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Oct. 13, 20 & 27. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.

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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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Oct. 11, Heather Flood, the dean of the School of Architecture at Woodbury University will be making a presentation regarding 3D-printed, low-carbon, micro-living campus housing structure fully powered by renewable energy sources.

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. **JEWEL CITY KNITTERS** in Glendale.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying

(note new day) from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water JOE'S MINIBIKE REUNION are provided along with socialization

activities.

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

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta - an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before-don't worry; you will be taught! 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.

MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Dancing As Exercise is a free Crochet gathering on Saturday, Oct. 12 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 There is live music every Friday knitting, crocheting and conversation.

> For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

The 12th annual Joe's Minibike and information about other park Reunion is on Saturday, Oct. 12 at

Crescenta Valley Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www. joesminibikereunion.com.

CV Park is located at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES

The community is invited to the Bolton Hall Museum at 1 p.m. on Oct. 12 participants will "travel around the world" in little more than one hour via a goodly number of 19th century stereoscopes that will be circulated through the audience.

The conductor for this whirlwind trip is Sunland-Tujunga's History Hunter Craig Durst. Durst's collection of stereoscopes and hand selected stereo cards will be the vehicle for this trip Around the World in 80 Minutes. His history programs are always entertaining and enlightening.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in

Additional information is available

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY CVTC

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains -Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at Rosemont Avenue).

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

A free document shredding event is taking place on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in the east parking lot (enter from Verdugo). This is a drive through only event.

Bring personal documents (no clips, binders, electronics, disks, X-rays or film allowed) in the car's trunk for on-site shredding. Limit of 10 boxes/paper bags per car. Do not seal boxes.

THE BURBANK AFRICAN **VIOLET SOCIETY**

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program, "A Dawg Show," will be presented by club member Beverlee Nelson. There will five classes with awards being given in each of the classes. In addition to first, second and third place, there will be an award and certificate given to the member for best in show.

Questions and answers will follow the show.

There are raffle and silent auction tables, show 'n'tell, plants and supplies available for sale. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are welcome.

For more information telephone (661) 940-3900 or reference the website: www.burbankafricanviolets. weebly.com.

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- 65) Their job is ball bearing
- SIZABLE DECISIONS By Timothy E. Parker

- **DOWN** 1) Money for the poor
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- 29) Order between "ready" and "fire"
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- 32) Blockbusting producer? 33) Angler's hope
- 34) Felt bad about
- 35) Bullets and such, briefly
- 37) Employ again 38) Fingerprint alternative, to a detective
- 39) Most in need of a nice bath
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- 45) Astern 46) List of candidates
- 47) Avid
- 48) Reveal that one's in pain
- 49) Lagoon surrounder 50) Gemstone mounting
- 52) African wading bird 53) Lymph bump
- 54) Cook on a turntable, in slang 55) Name of a noted canal or lake
- 56) Absorbs (with "up")

see ANSWERS in next week's issue.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com

October 7, 2024 - October 13, 2024

ARIES March 21 - April 19 You're feeling on top of the world now.

but if you haven't been working out lately, you may not look it. This is the perfect time to deal with the problem directly and get back into action. If you have too many curves or bulges, find yourself a personal trainer who can get you into peak condition. You'll not only feel amazing, you'll look it, too.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Aspects may encourage you to indulge in comfort eating more than you'd like. Powerful feelings could come to the surface. At these times it's easier to fall back into addictive habits. The tug of the cosmos on your emotions can be so strong that you may feel you have to eat to stuff them back down where they're more manageable. Try not to do this.

** GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Try not to be too influenced by this period's aspects. You tend to hide your feelings, but you may not be able to now. Rather than indulge as a way of dealing with your problems, think about exercising instead. A good aerobics session will do you good and disperse some of the more intense emotions. You may also want to pamper yourself and get a massage.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're on a roll when it comes to your health and well-being. If you've ever felt a desire to become a personal trainer, take fitness classes, or be a healer, this is a great time to think about taking a course that will give you the right training. This may bring you more satisfaction than you realize.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Health issues may be frustrating you. However, you'll find the answer to your health problems more easily now. Just don't expect them to come from the usual channels. They'll come from out of the blue and when you least expect it. It's all about finding your balance in order to maintain optimum wellness.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Symptoms that have been vague in the past may become more marked now. If you follow the clues that your symptoms give you, you may be able to trace them back to the original cause. By taking action and eliminating that, you may be free from more health conditions than you realized you had.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Aspects may bring a lot of emotion to the surface now. You may feel more tired and vulnerable than usual. This is a good time to lighten your schedule if you can and pamper yourself a little. Get in touch with your feelings. In this way, they'll disperse and not affect your body. Get a massage and be good to

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You'll certainly notice the effect of the current aspects, as they'll have an impact on your overall well-being. If you find that your head is full of anxious thoughts and you can't seem to calm down, you may find that dancing, swimming, or another form of aerobic exercise will help release static from your system, enabling you to feel calmer and more in control.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 You may find yourself growing obsessed by aspects of your health and well-being. You may feel you "have to" lose weight or that you're continually thinking about the pain in your shoulder at every available moment. The more you focus

on such things, the harder it will be to

find a solution. Relax and the answers

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

will come.

Aspects suggest that any relationship issues that may have had an adverse effect on your health will now begin to fade. You'll be inspired to make positive changes so you no longer have to suffer. Your body will thank you as you awaken to your own power.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You've been rebelling against all the usual things people do to stay fit. You've chosen instead to follow your own path, which has been an exciting journey. Your progress has inspired others. This period suggests that it's time to reflect on all you've achieved and make changes to your routines where needed.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You'll be exercising and dieting more in the near future. The reason is that you're going to be in the limelight for some time. Many people will be watching your progress and looking to you as a role model. This in itself is enough to inspire you to look as good as possible. The more you work out and eat healthfully. the more self-confidence you'll have.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Does Macy's Worry No More warranty apply to my sofa?

Janet Stevens has two vouchers for a furniture purchase at Macy's. Why is Macy's refusing to honor them?

nestion: I bought furniture credit card. rom Macy's in San Mateo, California, over five years Great Give Back warranties on the sofa and chair.

vears of the warranties, which entitles me to a refund of the full cost of the warranties. I applied for and was sent two vouchers totaling \$396, which could be applied to another purchase of furniture from Macy's.

I recently tried to order a dinette set using the vouchers and, since the vouchers didn't state otherwise, I verified with a Macy's rep before she took the order that I could use both vouchers on the one purchase. The representative took all the detailed information on each voucher, placed the dining set order and told me that my credit card would be charged for the total purchase; about two weeks after delivery I would receive the \$396 voucher amount credited back to my

I never received the credit.

I have tried for over two months to ago. I paid for Macy's Worry No More get this refund. I've made numerous phone calls to Macy's customer service and to the Worry No More office and I made no claims over the five waited through long holds. I've been disconnected and have spent hours repeating the problem and all the information on the vouchers to at mean? least five different customer service people. Each of them required me to detail the entire history of the problem all over again then either put me on hold and never came back or somehow disconnected the call and didn't call

> I would like Macy's to honor the Worry No More Great Give Back warranties they sell. Can you help me? -Janet Stevens, Half Moon Bay,

> > nswer: It looks like that Worry No More warranty is giving you a lot of worries.

But let's rewind for a second. Worry No More-which Macy's annoyingly spells in all uppercase and run together as one word – is a warranty plan for furniture, mattresses, area rugs, fine jewelry and watches. I will refrain from spelling it that way because that's considered yelling online.

WORRYNOMORE! See what I

If you never initiate a claim that results in a technician visit or replacement through the duration of your coverage period, Macy's will give you 100% of your furniture or rug protection plan price in the form of a voucher good toward your next rug, furniture or bedding purchase at Macy's stores.

That's actually pretty smart because it commits you to making California your next major furniture purchase at Macy's in exchange for a modest discount. But in order for it to work, the Worry No More program has to actually deliver.

What Macy's doesn't say, but what you now know, is that you have to make a full purchase on your credit card and then you get a credit back. I'm not sure why Macy's does it that way but I suspect it has something to do with its accounting. Perhaps the company has to show that you paid full price for your table, chair or sofa.

I can see your problem. You described hours of fruitless phone conversations with Macy's as you tried to get this resolved. I would have put your problem in writing by sending a brief, polite email to Macy's and then, if necessary, escalating it to one of the Macy's executives I publish on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. Be sure to follow my proven techniques to a faster resolution.

And that's what you did. You composed a brief, polite email and sent it to one of the executives. You also

mailed a copy to them.

"Several days later I received a phone call from a woman who identified herself as the assistant to Macy's president," you told me. "She apologized for the poor customer service, asked me a few questions, then told me that she would arrange credits to my Fidelity Visa card for each of the two \$198 warranty rebates I was due."

It took a few weeks but you finally got your credit.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https:// elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https:// elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2024 Christopher Elliott

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DINE OUT SUPPORTS VHWC

Enjoy delicious Mexican food while supporting the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus on Thursday, Oct. 17 at Doña Maria Mexican Restaurant, 729 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada. Dine in or take out from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Support this local chorus that has been bringing music to the local community for more than 60

When purchasing, mention the Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus.

CCLCF BOASTS SEVERAL EVENTS

Senior activities at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge include MUSE/IQUE Encounters, Bingo & Brunch.

Artwork auction on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration continues for the upcoming costume contest.

Standard pricing kicks in this month for participants of the Thanksgiving Day Run. Kids 1 Mile Training Program is a brand new program for kids who are registered for the run.

Looking ahead, CCLCF is having its annual ceramics holiday sale on Dec. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Visit the CCLCF website at cclcf. org or call (818) 790-4353.

BINGO NIGHT AND FOOD DRIVE

The Glendale Moose Lodge #641 is having its third annual community bingo night and food drive on Saturday, Oct. 19. It is being held at the Verdugo Hills Memorial hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in Glendale/ La Crescenta. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., the first game is at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for 10 game cards (four cards each game).

Participants who donate a bag or box of food will receive one free game for each box or bag donated. All net proceeds benefit the Bailey Center food bank in Tujunga.

To reserve tickets, call (818) 957-7133 or email lodge641@gmail.com.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK

The Annual Fall Festival takes place on Oct. 26 at Pacific Community Center in Glendale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This family-friendly event includes games, arts & crafts, music, a bounce house, a pumpkin patch, carnival games and the Glendale Rocks! climbing wall, food vendors and more.

Pacific Community Center & Park is located at 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale.

LCFTRA HOSTS WINE AND ROSES EVENT

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association is kicking-off its annual campaign to raise funds for its entry in the 136th Rose Parade on Jan. 1, 2025. The annual gala fundraiser, Wine and Roses, will be held on Nov. 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the campus of Flintridge Sacred

Heart Academy, 440 St. Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

The gala has a new look this year with exhibits from community partners at Mt. Wilson Observatory, Cal Tech and more. The 2025 float entry is a spin off of the Mars Rover.

On Nov. 2, attendees will be serenaded by the internationally acclaimed All American Boys Chorus of Costa Mesa (taabc.org), and have a spirited live and silent auction plus culinary delights from the chefs of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

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The gala concert will include the Colburn School performing group the "Unfourgettable" Guitar Quartet, plus winners of major SoCal competitions. Those who have sustained SMPLA over the last 50 years will be honored.

The fall festival, co-hosted with the Suzuki Music Association of California (SMAC-LA) will be a full on "Suzuki play-in" with violins, violas, cellos, basses and guitars.

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Financial Crisis and Management Assessment Team (FCMAT). The GUSD first requested the assessment in August. FCMAT conducted interviews, collected data and reviewed documents to find that the GUSD is at high risk of "insolvency." While attendance and enrollment are high, internal issues came to light. Because certain funds are earmarked for certain uses, the GUSD must work with the smaller unrestricted fund pool. FCMAT reported the GUSD has a history of using unrestricted funds in places where restricted funds could be used. Funds earmarked for arts and music went unspent. The agency found multiple instances where one time funds were spent on ongoing expenses with no plan to replace the revenue once the fund ran out.

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Despite paying teachers less than Los Angeles County average, the GUSD spends a higher percentage of total money on wages and benefits for employees, including not only teachers but administration, office workers and service staff. The assessment found a lack of checks and balances for overseers of decision making, discrepancies found in salaries versus benefits received and uncertainty regarding the exact number of full time employees.

The GUSD is currently in violation of the law concerning public disclosure of activities. The school board hopes that a budget committee made up of all stakeholders will provide the opportunity to not only make decisions democratically but inform the public of decisions. Many parents felt **Pinecrest** Roofing "TOP QUALITY WORK" **Composition Roofs**

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blindsided by the decision to remove seventh period when they found out about it not from the district but from teachers during back to school night.

The district has already taken steps to alleviate the spending problem. The district calculates that \$2.9 million will be returned to circulation through staff retirements over the next two years, reducing necessary expenditure trims to \$11 million. This figure does not include the collective bargaining necessary to settle contracts with labor partners.

Interim Chief Business Officer Deborah Deal hopes to implement new changes before the end of October, noting "the sooner we make adjustments, the faster we recover."

Parents and teachers have voiced

riod is not the proper adjustment to make. No one on the board disputed that a seventh period improved the quality of life and academics, as Clark Magnet High School was founded with seven periods and remains the highest ranked school in the GUSD.

These disagreements come down to what is best for the budget.

During the meeting, parents Deborah Pasachoff, whose credentials include a Master of Business Administration degree from MIT Sloan and experience including finance for Fortune 500 companies, and Certified Public Accountant Karine Ghazarian, said they and other parents with similar expertise could help the GUSD get back on its feet without cutting seventh period if given time

with the budget. They fear the loss of the seventh period will cause more harm than good and volunteer their services for free.

Parent Elizabeth Z. said, "You don't have to lose that many students to wipe out any gains from cutting seventh period."

The three mothers pointed to the increase in enrollment GUSD celebrated this year, overcoming the downwards enrollment trend the rest of LA County experienced post COVID. GUSD competes with local private schools, all of whom boast a seven period day.

They also questioned whether an increased daily course load and homework and less fun social time would cause students to take more see GUSD on page 19

their worry that cutting seventh pe-

WEATHER from page 2

warming" were such an issue why are the effects only occurring in the U.S.? Well, global warming is not just affecting the U.S. In September intense heavy rains devastated Central Europe. Storm Boris hit Central Europe including Romania, Poland, Czechia, Austria, Hungary, Solvakia and Germany. In addition to flooding in India and across the globe, global warming is affecting the entire globe.

According to the Associated Press (AP), the "severe four-day rainfall was 'by far' the heaviest ever recorded in Central Europe and twice as likely because of warming from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas." AP attributed this comment to a study from World Weather Attribution, a collection of scientists that run rapid climate attribution studies.

The study found that climate change also made the rains between 7% to 10% more intense.

"Yet again, these floods highlight the devastating results of fossil fuel-driven warming," said Joyce Kimutai, the study's lead author and a climate researcher at Imperial College, London, who was included in the AP article.

Right now people on the ground in those affected areas care don't much care about the cause behind the intensity of the storms. What is needed now is support and unfortunately there is so much misinformation spreading about the available support that many people do not know they can actually get help.

The misinformation is so bad, in fact, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had to create a "Hurricane Rumor Response." That link is https://www.fema.gov/disaster/current/ hurricane-helene/rumor-response.

One of the most prolific rumors is that FEMA funding was diverted to support international efforts or border-related issues, and the agency

ran out of money. There is no evidence for this claim.

"This is false. No money is being diverted from disaster response needs. FEMA's disaster response efforts and individual assistance is funded through the Disaster Relief Fund, which is a dedicated fund for disaster efforts. Disaster Relief Fund money has not been diverted to other, nondisaster related efforts," according to the FEMA website.

So, like most rumors, the story started with a bit of truth. According to an Oct. 4 report from NBC, FEMA did administer \$640 million in grants from Customs and Border Protection in 2024, and about \$364 million in 2023 to cities and counties that serve immigrants. However, that program, called the Shelter and Services Program, is separate from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund, which has more than \$20 billion in it.

FEMA has dedicated disaster relief money that cannot be used for other

"Separately, it was tasked by Congress in 2022 to disseminate money from Customs and Border Protection to help communities that received influxes of migrants," according to the

there are two separate government programs. Also it is illegal for funding that is already appropriated by Congress for a specific purpose to be diverted for another purpose.

The problem with this type of misinformation is that some people are afraid to reach out for help while others think they have no support, which brings even more stress to an already stressful situation.

FEMA is encouraging people to go to its website, fema.gov, and apply for support. Although these storms are not affecting us directly in Southern California it is important we are aware of what is happening on the East Coast because, as we know, the West Coast has seen its share of disasters and we need to be prepared for everything and anything.

Over the next few days we will have very little to complain about, weather wise anyway.

Today, Friday and Saturday our temperatures will be in the low to mid 80s, then will drop to high to mid 70s for the weekend and into next week. There is no rain in the forecast, according to NOAA, but there may be some low clouds/fog.

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their experience. In attraction lines, there are play areas for kids to run around while parents wait in line within feet of them. There are LEGO build stations for when you need to slow down, and yards where younger kids can play with foam LEGO bricks. There are also plenty of jungle gyms scattered around the park. It's one of those places that is just really well-suited for families – kids are entertained, parents get a bit of a break and there's always something going on to keep the excitement up. The Halloween touches just make it all the more festive, without the fear factor.

All in all, Brick-or-Treat at LEGOLAND is one of those events that's a perfect day out if you've got younger kids. It's fun, creative and full of little moments that make it feel special, especially for families. Brick-or-Treat is on weekends now through the end of the month. Visit LEGOLAND.com/California more information.

GUSD from Cover

mental health days or even truancies, decreasing daily attendance further.

The GUSD board ultimately acted with concern for the district being taken over by the state should they run out of money, as districts in Inglewood and San Francisco experienced.

"We can't teach students who aren't here," board clerk Kathleen Cross said before vowing to fight to bring back seventh period in a "timely manner" once the crisis was averted.

Unfortunately, staffing cuts will be necessary regardless of seventh period's fate to keep up with expenditure reduction necessities. Parents hope these cuts will come "as far away from the classroom as possible."

To learn from current cash flow issue the district is now looking monthly at enrollment and attendance by school site so that they can learn from increases and decreases. Even excused absences mean no revenue for the school from the state, while tardies or partial days still allow for pay.

"We want you to come in even if it's for one period," said Cross. The GUSD currently stands at 116 students over the projected enrollment this year. With careful planning, the district believes financial ruin can be

"We as a society need to prioritize public education," board member Ingrid Gunnel added. "Because until we do that, it won't matter who is on the dais."

The budgeting concerns overshadowed Filipino American Heritage month, recognized by the student run Filipino clubs of Glendale High School and Crescenta Valley High School.

Multiple leaders within both clubs immigrated to America from the Philippines and used the club to find a community that understood them. Just over four percent of the GUSD student population is Filipino. Everyone, regardless of race, is welcome to attend club meetings and celebrate Filipino culture. Sharing food is a large facet of culture, and the clubs offer potlucks to enjoy the bounty of Pinoy heritage. The club leaders hope that members will notice both cultural similarities and differences. The Glendale High School Filipino club plans to spend this year fundraising for a SoCal Filipino charity such as the Southern California Pilipinx-American Student Alliance or the Filipino Migrant center, to be determined by student choice.

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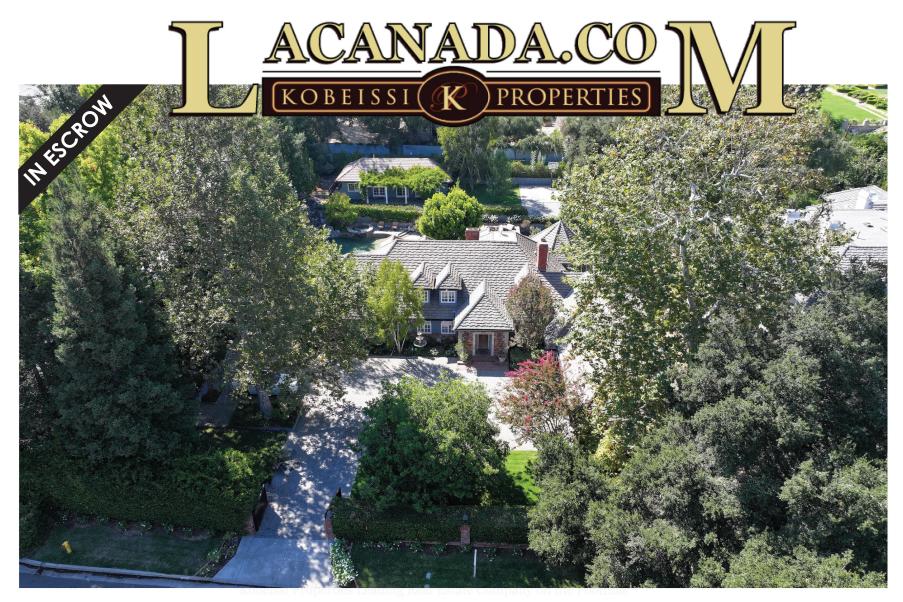
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