

## Calvert Responds to Poor Outreach Efforts

By Julie BUTCHER

Director of Community Development Bradley Calvert addressed the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night responding to rumors and concerns regarding the City's review of the land use element in the City's general plan.

"The plan is far from done. Today we open the 45-day comment period and there is a lot more to do. We welcome the input," Calvert told the council, responding to encouragement to improve community outreach efforts. "Typically, we don't do this comment period for updates to the general plan, but we wanted to make sure to get input on this."

Calvert described the extensive outreach: banners on the city website since July 2; 8,000 accounts reached on Instagram; emails to 29,000 City subscribers; multi-lingual direct mailers to 40,000; ads on GTV and planned for the newspapers Glendale NewsPress and the Crescenta Valley Weekly; a presence at 11 community events including Cruise Night and National Night Out; meeting with homeowners' groups; and more.

Calvert responded to concerns raised that zoning changes would automatically trigger redevelopment, specifically around City parking lots in the Montrose area and near Glendale Community College (GCC).

"That is not true; that would be up to the city council," he said. "We own those properties and there is no intent to sell those properties."

"Our focus on city property right now is downtown – that's where the growth needs to be," he continued. "Anything else would be discussions for much further down the line. Plus, community benefits would need to be incorporated into plans and that includes not removing parking. We're not eliminating parking, especially in the Montrose area – even if that discussion were to be had, we've conveyed many times with the organizations and groups up there that we would replace parking on a one-for-one basis, if not seek additional parking as part of any development. Again, that would depend on the council many, many years from now."

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## There's a New Captain in Town: Ryan Vienna Accepts Position at CV Sheriff's Station

By Dominique Rocha

*CV Sheriff's Station welcomes Ryan Vienna.*

Taking over for former Captain Robert Hahnlein, Ryan Vienna officially took the lead on Aug. 10.

Hahnlein accepted a promotion to commander of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. in April. Vienna has been serving as acting captain of the Crescenta Valley Station's for the last four months. After a lengthy application and selection process, Vienna is ready to take on the duties.

"I am very honored and humbled to serve the community here and be selected to be the next station captain," Vienna said.

Vienna's childhood gave him early exposure to law enforcement and helped pave the way to his initial interest in the career. Growing up, he saw how law enforcement impacted people who were navigating challenging circumstances.

"These things resulted in my having the opportunity to see law en-



File photo  
Former LASD lieutenant Ryan Vienna, seen here at the Hometown Country Fair with his dog, will take the reins as the new captain of the CV Sheriff's Station.

forcement in a different light," Vienna said. "It inspired me to want to be someone who wanted to help people."

Vienna has been working in law enforcement for the last 20 years. He relocated to the CV Station in 2022. Back then, Hahnlein was the acting captain and a familiar face

for Vienna as the two had previously worked together as lieutenants at the Temple Sheriff's Station in Temple City. From there, he eventually became Hahnlein's operations lieutenant. Though he is not a CV native and is originally from San Dimas, Vienna feels a connection to the Crescenta Valley community.

"Coming here was really a blessing," Vienna said. "This community very much resembles my hometown."

Now as the new captain of the CV Station, Vienna has three priorities. His first is to ensure that the CV Station provides the best service.

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### » PART IV

## Communities Respond to E-Bike Issues

By Mary O'KEEFE

Not all electric bikes (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters) are equal or, to be more precise, not all drivers of these micro mobility vehicles are equal. There are those who ride e-bikes/e-scooters responsibly, follow traffic laws and wear safety equipment. E-bikes are better for the environment than gas-powered vehicles and they allow people who may not use traditional bicycles to enjoy biking; however, as it is with all vehicles it is the responsibility of the operator to ride, or drive, responsibly and obey traffic laws.

At a recent Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) meeting, board members, who are all business owners, asked Glendale police what they could do regarding those who drive mini motorcycles and e-bikes on the sidewalk. Officer Eggiman of the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) stated the department is taking a zero tolerance policy concerning these bikes/motorcycles.

An MSPA representatives took a video of an e-bike or an e-motorcycle driving along the sidewalk and

shared it with Glendale police. Eggiman said he viewed the video and what he saw was a mini e-motorcycle.

"When it comes to the law, we are going to treat [these vehicles] like any other vehicle," he said. "It would be the same as if someone were riding a [full size] motorcycle on the

sidewalk."

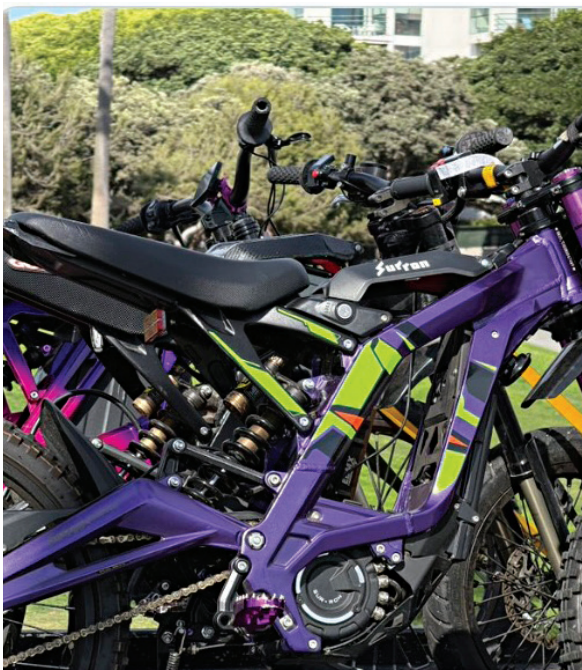
He added when stopped an e-motorcycle can be impounded for being unregistered. These mini e-motorcycles can reach speeds up to about 70 mph and are not street legal.

Officer Eggiman told the board members to call GPD when they see

e-motorcycles being driven on sidewalks and to make sure to tell GPD dispatch the call is pertaining to an e-bike or e-motorcycle.

GPD has also held informational meetings that focused on students who ride e-bikes and e-motorcycles,

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Sur-Ron, Taloria and similar vehicles are classified as off-highway motor vehicles and ARE NEVER LEGAL TO RIDE ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS OR SIDEWALKS

Electric bikes and alternative vehicles are growing in popularity. If you're considering buying one (or already own one), the Santa Monica Police Department would like to provide you with some tips and safety information...

	Bicycle	Type 1 E-bike	Type 2 E-bike	Type 3 E-bike	Moped/Motorized Bicycle	Off-Highway Motor Vehicle
Pedal Operated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Maximum Motor Assisted Speed (MPH)	N/A	28	20	28	28	N/A
Minimum Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	15 1/2	N/A
Driver's License Required	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	N/A
License Plate Required	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	N/A
Helmet Required	UNDER 18	UNDER 18	UNDER 18	YES	YES	YES

Photo from a social media post/Santa Monica Police Dept. Twelve electric bicycles were impounded in one July weekend by Santa Monica police.





» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Water and Pageant Fun

When I was a kid, we had a 25-foot Tollycraft cabin cruiser. I remember that we went to the marina just about every weekend. For years it was docked at Marina del Rey; every time we went to the boat my mom took my sister and me to the beach. I body surfed in just about every type of ocean and climate: whether a red sea or a rough sea, a sunny day or an overcast one, I'd be in the water.

I still love to be in the ocean but now I prefer warmer water temperatures; I hate the cold. In fact, we have a swimming pool but last summer I didn't even go in it once – it was too cold for me.

But it has been nearly uncomfortably hot this last week. So this past weekend Steve and I left the very hot temperatures in the Crescenta Valley and headed south to Laguna Beach. We had tickets to Pageant of the Masters and decided to spend the night down there.

Compared to the foothills, temperatures in Laguna Beach were perfect. Pageant of the Masters started at 8:30 p.m. so Steve and I had time to grab a nice dinner. We chose a place named Pinafini ... and we weren't disappointed.

Though promoted as having a Mediterranean menu, I forgot that Mediterranean included Italy – and Italian food is some of my favorites. I ordered Farfalle Pesto and Pollo – a delicious combination that when paired with hummus and oversized pita bread (and of course wine) couldn't make me happier.

For those unfamiliar with Pageant

of the Masters, let me just take a minute to explain.

Pageant of the Masters is really a theatrical production. Performed outdoors in an amphitheater, famous works of art are re-created as “living pictures” with real people, intricate sets, costumes and lighting.

This year's theme is Gold Coast: Treasures of California. The audience was taken on a tour of California museums with many works of art highlighted. It's hard to describe Pageant of the Masters; it's really an unbelievable show.

It's a 90-minute performance and part of the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach. Steve and I had some time to look at artwork on display and for sale at the Festival. Photography, watercolors, jewelry and more were for sale. I came close to purchasing some jewelry – until I saw the \$795 price tag. That sent me walking.

Laguna Beach has a great (and free) trolley system. We took that back to our hotel. (I wasn't impressed at all by our hotel but the bed was comfortable and Steve and I slept well.)

The next day we had breakfast at Sapphire before heading home.

With these hot temperatures maybe I'll be making a swan dive into our pool...

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

A report released this month by the Australian Institute of Marine Science found substantial impacts from a 2024 mass coral bleaching.

The report covered the reefs in the northern, central and southern Great Barrier Reef (GBR) following the 2024 mass coral bleaching event.

“The 2024 mass coral bleaching event was the fifth mass coral bleaching event on the GBR since 2016 and was part of an ongoing (fourth) global event that began on Northern Hemisphere reefs in 2023 and was declared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) in April 2024. The 2024 event had the largest spatial footprint ever recorded on the GBR with high to extreme bleaching prevalence observed across all three regions of the GBR,” according to the Australian Institute.

There were several factors contributing to the bleaching including the crown-of-thorns starfish that was detected on 27 surveyed reefs in 2025 and above average water temperatures that occurred on GBR.

There was not severe bleaching on all of the GBR but the areas that were affected saw the largest decline of coral in recorded history. The cause was reportedly a marine heatwave that bleached areas of hard coral.

In 2024 the reef has its worst summer on record after a rare global mass coral bleaching event. Water temperatures rose and the El Niño pattern did not help. The report stated the reef lost between a quarter and a third of its hard coral cover over three main areas.

In some areas about 70% of the living coral was lost.

Coral does recover; however, according to the report, “these results demonstrate that the GBR is under severe cumulative pressure and that coral cover gains in recent years were reversed over the 2024 summer.

This reversal was anticipated last year, as many coral species are highly vulnerable to elevated heat stress, wave damage and crown-of-thorns starfish predation, all of which continue to impact the GBR.”

Many of us may have not, or may never, dive among this colorful coral in the GBR but the loss does matter. It matters directly to those businesses that depend on the tourists who come to snorkel among the coral but it goes beyond that – as bleached corals die, and as the report found, it is difficult for coral to return.

Coral reefs support some of the most biodiverse ecosystems on the planet. Thousands of marine animals depend on coral reefs for survival, including some species of sea turtles, fish, crabs, shrimp, jellyfish, sea birds, starfish and more, according to World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

“Coral bleaching impacts peoples' livelihoods, food security and safety. Coral reefs are natural barriers that absorb the force of waves and storm surges, keeping coastal communities safe. Without them, we must rely on manmade seawalls that are expensive, less effective and environmentally damaging to construct. Bleached coral also compounds the overfishing crisis by removing links in the food web and depriving some fish and crustacean species of a place to spawn and develop. Anyone relying on these animals as a primary source of income or protein will be in trouble,” according to WWF.

So this is why it matters – not just for those who are near the GBR or depend directly on fishing in the area but it also matters to all of us.

First of all, the bleaching is a “canary in the coal mine” as far as climate change. Corals are some of the planet's ecosystems most vulnerable to climate change. Coral supports 25% of marine life, which could disappear and that would affect us because it will affect the ocean.

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## Support for Enhanced Quality of Life

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IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 17. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

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

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY OFFERS FREE ADOPTIONS

The Pasadena Humane Society is waiving adoption fees on all available animals on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adoptions include spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccines and a microchip. Regular adoption processes apply. A licensing fee may apply.

Pasadena Humane Society is located at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OPEN

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy’s Nature Photography Contest is open until Aug. 17. Now in its third year, AFC’s photography contest is a celebration of the natural world and the connection of humans to it.

Photographers of any skill level are encouraged to apply – there is no need to be a professional to take an inspiring photograph.

This contest has no entry fee and is an opportunity to share what each person finds beautiful in nature. Category winners will have their images promoted on AFC’s social media and communications and displayed at an event in the fall.

This year categories include mammals, birds, other wildlife, plants, landscapes, people in nature and conceptual or abstract images. The contest guidelines and submission form can be found at [qr.codes.pro/afc-npc](http://qr.codes.pro/afc-npc).

FUNDRAISER BENEFITS CVIMF

The Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation is having its biannual clothing drive on Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon and Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CVHS band parking lot (on Ramsdell Avenue).

Accepted are gently used clothing, shoes, accessories and linens.

For more information, email [1stvp@falconmusic.org](mailto:1stvp@falconmusic.org).

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Who Are You Going to Call? MSAR!



Photo by Eric FOX, Fox First On Scene Photography  
Rescue personnel in the Angeles National Forest.

By Mikaela STONE

With the highest number of national parks and national forests of any state, it is no surprise that California faces an equally high number of search and rescue calls. Answering between 115 and 161 calls a year, Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) serves the heavily trafficked Angeles National Forest, the Angeles Crest Highway and surrounding areas. Volunteers face a rigorous one to two year long training process that encompasses the area’s difficult terrain and proximity to the city of Los Angeles.

Like the majority of United States search and rescue teams, the MSAR team is volunteer-run and are first responders. As one of the eight search and rescue teams affiliated with the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Dept., MSAR is watched over by coordinator Sergeant John Gilbert, who ensures procedures are followed in the event the team’s work overlaps with criminal activity. During Gilbert’s six and a half years with MSAR, the team responded to calls for cars over the side of the Angeles Crest Highway, hikers with sprains or broken bones, people suffering from heat exhaustion, and lost hikers. Gilbert confirms that the number of calls to MSAR has trended upward: more people are visiting Angeles Crest Forest than ever before, from those who fell in love with nature during the COVID pandemic to car enthusiasts enjoying the scenic routes. Montrose Search and Rescue had answered 93 calls by the end of June 2025.

“This year, if this pace continues, we are on track to beat our all time record,” Sgt. Gilbert said.

New technology has made it easier for those in need to call search and rescue. Before, if someone were injured on trail, their hiking buddy would have to return to the trail head and drive to be within cell service before calling for help. The injured person might have to wait three to four hours. Now technology has made it easier for people to reach search and rescue. The Apple iPhone SOS and satellite-based emergency systems, such as the Garmin InReach, ensures calls for help reach their destination even if they’re off the grid.

Gilbert remembers one such instance in December 2022, shortly after the invention of the Apple SOS, when a couple driving on the Angeles Crest Highway plunged over the side. No human witnessed the crash. While most instances of this are fatal, the couple’s iPhone automatically sent out an SOS after being ejected through the window. Montrose Search and Rescue arrived by helicopter between 30 and 45 minutes later. If not for that SOS, they may have been there for hours before their loved ones realized what happened. Both survived.

On the job, MSAR uses the CalTopo program: a backcountry mapping program that keeps track of rescuers’ data to ensure maximum coverage of wilderness areas. Other search and rescue technology includes aerial scans for heat signatures and a computer program that identifies specifically colored pixels that can be used to spot clothes the missing person is wearing. United search and rescue teams from all over California used this program in their search for hiker Monica Reza, who went missing in the Angeles National Forest. Last seen on June 22, Reza wore red for her hike. While the search and rescue teams did not spot Reza, the program proved adept at finding the requested colors by pinpointing a number of

red mylar balloons left in the forest. Montrose Search and Rescue will continue to look for Reza across the 40-50 mile potential search area. Community members have offered support of their own; currently, the “Help Find Monica Reza in the Angeles National Forest” Facebook group is hosting community hike events each weekend hoping to aid efforts.

To find a missing person, Montrose Search and Rescue’s first pass is called a “hasty search” – but this is a search that is anything but hasty. Search and rescue team members hike down the trail the missing person took, then explore trails the person might have taken from their previous known location. Once MSAR has searched all reasonable trails, they take their search off trail. The Angeles National Forest features steep inclines and loose soil, requiring team members to be experienced mountaineers, climbers and rappellers as they search the off-trail areas where a person may have ended up. These ground forces are supplemented by aerial resources, including the LA Sheriff Dept.’s helicopter Air Rescue 5. During Sgt. Gilbert’s time as coordinator, there have been only seven or eight multi-day searches for victims.

2025 has been particularly eventful for the Montrose Search and Rescue team due to its involvement in the Palisades and Eaton Fire recovery effort alongside fire personnel and search and rescue teams from as far away as San Diego.

“It was something I had never done before and hope to never do again,” Sgt. Gilbert said. MSAR took a prominent role in organizing and executing search efforts for eight days, as well as post fire recovery efforts for the deceased. At that point, the cause of the fires were unknown, which required search and rescue units to treat each retrieval as a potential crime scene for an arson case.

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# Land Use Committee Approves Minor Parking Deviation for New Planet Fitness Location

By Dominique ROCHA

Since January, the former location of the La Crescenta Rite-Aid has been sitting vacant. After a recent Crescenta Valley Land Use Committee meeting, which took place on Thursday, Aug. 7, the proposed a new Planet Fitness is one step closer to filling that space.

At the Land Use Committee meeting, representatives from Hirsch Green Transportation Consulting and Planet Fitness were in attendance to ask the committee to approve a minor parking deviation. The parking deviation would allow Planet Fitness to operate with fewer parking spaces than typically needed for a lot of that type.

According to the county code, a fitness center has a higher parking requirement than what was previously needed for the Rite-Aid pharmacy. The Marketplace Shopping Center currently provides 434 parking spaces. A study was conducted by Hirsch Green Transportation Consulting to evaluate how

many parking spaces would actually be needed for the Planet Fitness. The study observed the parking utilization of the shopping center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during a normal week and weekend.

The parking evaluation looks at a worst-case scenario where parking demands would require 452 spaces. Planet Fitness would then increase this by 45 spaces, bringing the total to 497 spaces.

“We are just asking the county to say, ‘You’re right – you don’t need any more parking,’” said Ron Hirsh, principal of Hirsh Green Transportation Consulting.

It was discovered that only about 60% of the parking spaces were currently utilized at any one time and determined that the actual maximum demand would be under 300 spots. Hirsh Green Transportation Consulting requested a reduction of 12.7% from what would otherwise be required.

“There is sufficient parking at the shopping center now to accommodate all [of] the existing

demands as well as the new demands for the Planet Fitness,” said Hirsch.

Concerns were raised by the committee over how these numbers would change during peak traffic times, when school is back in session and due to the demands of other businesses. The study considered the time of day of the other shops in the marketplace and found that there would still be a sufficient amount of available parking.

Planet Fitness would operate 24 hours a day, with peak times being later in the night after other businesses in the shopping center have closed for the day, leaving plenty of parking to accommodate patrons.

The parking deviation was approved 3-0 with one abstention.

“I support this project,” said an attendee. “There are so many empty places in La Crescenta and throughout the whole Crescenta Valley that just sit there empty.”

While there is no opening date for Planet Fitness, construction is expected to start as early as

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“I think what we want more or less isn’t another empty building,” said committee member Frank Beyt. “This is a good building and an active building and [Planet Fitness] knows what [it is] doing.”

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## NOTES & NODS

### SUMMER DODGERS ON LCIF ROSTER

Step up to the plate for a night of fellowship and baseball! Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) is organizing a community outing to Dodger Stadium for Lutheran and Episcopal Night on Thursday, Aug. 29. The Los Angeles Dodgers will be playing the Arizona Diamondbacks and the evening will be capped off with a drone show.

For more information on the baseball outing or the potluck visit the church’s website [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org).

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

### ONE SONG - THE SCIENCE OF ONENESS AT UUCVH

Join Unitarian Universalist Church of the

Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) on Aug. 17 to welcome science ambassador JD Stillwater.

For millennia mystics and poets have said, “All is one” and yet we feel ourselves surrounded by separation, antagonism and isolation! With help from some intrepid dung beetles, science ambassador JD Stillwater presents findings from mainstream science that reveal an underlying wholism in everything from human bodies to ecosystems to the very fabric of space-time. In short, science agrees: “All is one.”

One Song - the Science of Oneness begins at 10:30 a.m. at UUCVH, 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

### CSL OFFERS GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS AND CLASS ON SOUND BATH

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place

every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

### MT. OLIVE OFFERS BIBLE STUDIES

Mt. Olive invites the Crescenta Valley community to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. They are currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

### WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Aug. 17 & 24. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

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# Land Use is Hot Topic at Monthly MSPA Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

Last week's monthly meeting of the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) was very well-attended. Most were there to hear a presentation concerning a possible housing complex that the City of Glendale proposes be built on the parking lot between Honolulu Avenue and Florencita Drive – specifically on the large parking lot behind the businesses in the 2200 block of Honolulu (behind Tom's Toys).

However, before Glendale representatives made their presentation, which was definitely what most – if not all 50-plus attending audience members – were waiting for, there were other speakers who had information concerning the shopping park.

Glendale Police Officer Eggiman gave an update on law enforcement issues in the area, including a man cited for drinking alcohol in public, a traffic collision at Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard that ended in the arrest of a driver under the influence, and hidden cameras found in the restrooms at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. The discovery of cameras is under investigation by the Glendale Police Dept.

Eggiman also spoke about e-bikes and e-motorcycles along Honolulu Avenue, specifically those being ridden on sidewalks. He said GPD has a zero tolerance policy for those operators not following traffic laws.

There were updates shared by Tony Chriss of Glendale Economic Development, which is the city's liaison with MSPA.

"The parklets are one of the items I wanted to talk about. Along [Honolulu Avenue in the shopping park] we do have several restaurants that are occupying the City's right of way," he said. "We've just created a new contract with new numbers for insurance."

Glendale City Attorney Michael Garcia has generated a new application for parklet use with the new insurance requirements, which includes higher premiums. Chriss said the city will be sending emails to businesses that use the parklets and, if they decide to pay the cost increase and provide the insurance, those carved out dining areas will stay in place; if not, they will revert to parking spaces. The City is giving businesses/restaurants about two weeks' notice to make a decision.

MSPA board members mentioned the continuing problem with people outside the shopping park businesses who use the large trash bins for their private disposal use, dumping large items into the bins that spill onto the parking lot where they are located.

Andre Ordugegian, MSPA president, said members had met with Athens, the shopping park's debris collection company, and discussed possibly creating a contained area for the trash bins. The discussion is ongoing between Athens and the City of Glendale.

Another presentation was made by the City concerning new designs for the circular seating found throughout the shopping park. Three specific circular benches have been chosen for new designs. The designs presented include painted

flowers, and bright and pastel colors. "We selected three of the circular benches that are just brick benches. We [thought] that would be a great way to create more engaging spaces for the public," said artist Kassia Rico.

The City had put out a notice to artists who may be interested in designing the benches; CVW will follow up with the designs.

Then it was time for the subject everyone in the room was waiting for: updated information from the Glendale General Plan and the Draft Land Use.

The presentation was made by Vilia Zemaitaitis, deputy director of Community Development/Long Range Planning at the Glendale Community Development Dept. (CDD), and Teresa Santilena, principal planner with the City.

Having a General Plan is a state requirement for all cities and counties in California. The plan is to establish "a citywide vision and consistent direction for future development. It reflects community priorities and values and includes supporting goals, policies and implementation measures to achieve the community visions," according to the City's website glendaleplan.com.

That latter description regarding community priorities and values was mentioned several times during the presentation's question and answer period with most people saying the plan to build apartments in the parking lot did not take into consideration their needs or values.

The presentation began with a bit of a hiccup as the prepared PowerPoint could not be shared due to technical difficulties. From there the presentation seemed to spiral downward.

Before the presentation local activist Patrick Murphy, who announced he is running for the Glendale City Council in the upcoming election, shared his opinion during public comment regarding the land use issue. Murphy lives in the area and is a small business owner.

"My wife and I are [in Montrose] several times a week. I am running [for office] because I want to help Glendale fix the issues that are so pressing in our community," he said, "and one of the biggest ones is engaging the public."

He cited the lack of City outreach regarding the discussion of the land use issue and the proposed building of a housing complex.

"You're going to see this land use element that's going to be presented. The first meeting that I went to was [on] Dec. 9 and it was called a 'scoping meeting.' There were four members of the public there," he said. He added there were more staff and consultants at that meeting than the public.

Another meeting held on July 15 also had little public response.

"There were three call-ins and two speakers ... the meeting was at 3 on a Tuesday afternoon," he said.

Those types of unsuccessful outreach efforts by the City were repeatedly referred to throughout the meeting.

Zemaitaitis stated that her department is a newer division of the Community Development Dept.

She asked the audience if they knew of this plan prior to hearing about its presentation at the MSPA meeting. Few raised their hands, so she explained what the General Plan was including that it is a "high level overarching plan."

"These are our goals and aspirations for the city moving forward," she said. "The General Plan includes multiple topics [that] include land use, mobility, open space and conservation ... Land use is a big component because it obviously affects the City, where our use is located, what are the densities."

"Densities" is in regard to what percentage of acre per land can be developed.

"We are here before you because I think the majority of you are really interested in the land use element," she said.

She said the land use element uses land maps, which are being updated in certain locations including in Montrose.

Zemaitaitis spoke about some issues that are being worked on in downtown Glendale. Then it was time for the Montrose specific plan.

"I think the issue at hand is the proposed City-owned residential overlay that refers basically to an overlay, which would not change the existing General Plan land use designation or the zoning, but would allow the City to develop residential [housing] on its parking lot, on the City-owned parking lots," she said.

The proposal would be to build a low-density development on the parking lot between Honolulu Avenue and Florencita Drive. The lot is zoned for commercial use so the City would need to change that zoning restriction.

Zemaitaitis assured the audience the City would not just approve any developer and that no one would purchase the land from the City ... meaning the City would own the land.

In addition there would be no parking spaces lost, she said.

None of these assurances calmed the nerves of the residents and business owners in the area, including all members of the MSPA.

Questions and comments from those in attendance were fairly consistent: Small business owners were concerned how adding an apartment complex to the parking lot would affect their businesses. Many were certain the construction alone would affect their customers and many stated they would most likely have to close.

Small businesses are already facing challenges with online companies as well as higher rents. One business owner whose shops are adjacent to the parking lot said she would not survive the construction let alone the addition of a housing complex.

Concern about parking, historically an issue in Montrose, was also raised. If the proposed site would not take away any parking from the lot, as according to Zemaitaitis, the assumption was that parking would be within the complex and not underground. This caused concerns that the developer would charge for parking in the lot. Currently the lot offers free parking for three hours.

Another concern was that the proposed building would have to be several stories high to accommodate the displaced parking spots.

Another issue was regarding fire and traffic. Those who live and shop in Montrose know what happens when an accident, or fire, closes part of the Glendale (2) or the 210 freeways. Traffic is backed up on surface streets in all directions, including on Florencita and Honolulu. The concern is the increased housing would add to the existing fire issues facing the community, including insurance costs and cancellations.

The one issue that both residents and business owners did consistently complain to City officials was its outreach. Many echoed Murphy's problem stating that they did not get any notice about the meeting from the City, either via its website or on social media.

Zemaitaitis said the CDD had reached out via social media; however, MSPA vice president Gigi Garcia said the board was only notified of this presentation two days before the meeting; she had

searched social media posts but found nothing.

"I just posted it on my Facebook [account] and that is why so many people showed up," she said.

None of the people at the meeting said they received any notice from the City about the meeting. Zemaitaitis added there are plans to have future informational meetings in the area at locations such as Sparr Heights Community Center.

A question that was important to those present concerned the size and scope of the proposed development; however, Zemaitaitis could not answer how many units are planned for the site.

Local realtor Robbyn Battles also shared her concern about the notice of the General Plan and Land Use. She said that knowing the square footage of the parking lot area that would be used was crucial information that should have been provided.

Battles was wondering why outreach was so poorly done, especially since the close of public comment was scheduled for Aug. 19.

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# Hardening Your Home: A Positive Step Toward Fire Safety

By Mary O'KEEFE

As of Wednesday there were 5,362 wildfires burning in California covering a total of 354,878 acres burned, 16,344 structures destroyed and 31 fatalities, according to CalFire.

The Gifford Fire in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, which began on Aug. 1, as of Wednesday was 37% contained, the Mountain Fire that began on Aug. 11 is 30% contained and the Perez Fire, Aug. 12, is 0% contained.

“Across both Northern and Southern California, spring 2025 was warmer and drier than normal. In Southern California, precipitation since October was about 70% of average, with consistently above-average temperatures in May. Northern

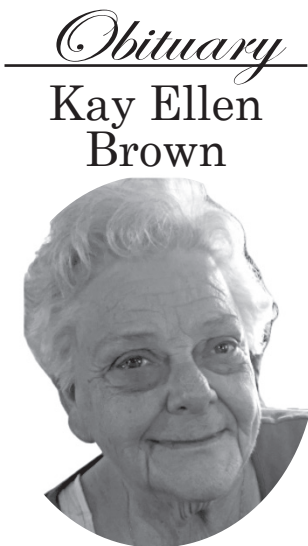
California experienced below-normal rainfall, a notable heat wave at the end of May, and about 2,400 lightning strikes – well below the 10-year average. Snowpack in the north Sierra declined rapidly from 75%–80% of normal on May 1 to 20%–30% by month's end. In both regions, dead fuel moisture was low, and live fuels at lower elevations cured quickly. Coastal marine layers are showing signs of weakening, especially in Southern California, which may contribute to increased fire risk in coastal zones,” according to CalFire.

The wildfire activity is trending above normal in both regions. Although fire season has been year round for quite some time, as September and October months approach they bring more hot, dry weather and Santa Ana winds.

For those who have not “hardened” their homes, now is the time. Home hardening is making a house as fire resistant as possible. Something as simple as cleaning gutters can go a long way to protecting a house when embers travel from fires located miles away. The average ember can travel a little over a mile but with winds it can fly as far as 25 miles.

CalFire offers a quick “home hardening self-assessment” online at <https://tinyurl.com/ywe64nzc>.

CVW will be looking at lessons learned from the January fires, Eaton and Palisades.



Feb. 14, 1943 – Aug. 3, 2025

Kay Ellen Brown, 82, of San Marcos, California, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 3. Born on Valentine's Day in 1943 in Lakewood, Ohio, Kay embodied the true meaning of love, warmth and generosity to everyone she met.

Known affectionately as “Ms. Kay” and “Mama Kay,” she was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her unwavering kindness, wonderful silliness and love for others left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

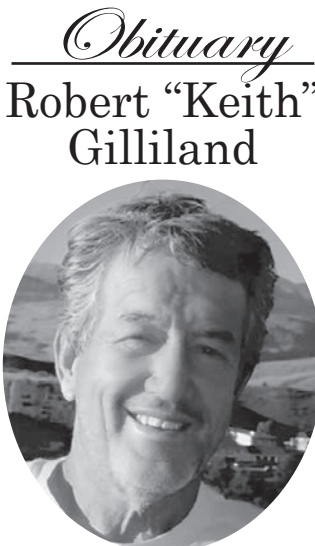
In the early 1970s, Kay followed her passion for early childhood education and, alongside her sister and brother-

in-law, co-founded Montrose Preschool. With a vision of creating a nurturing and inspiring environment for young children, she devoted herself to building a space where learning and love could thrive hand-in-hand. Under Kay's leadership, for over 30 years Montrose Preschool flourished. Generations of children experienced her care, and many former students fondly recall Ms. Kay as a joyful and comforting presence.

Kay's legacy is one of inclusion, warmth and laughter. She welcomed others with open arms and an open heart into her life, offering joy even during challenging times. Her ability to bring smiles and laughter to those around her made her not only admired but deeply loved.

Kay is survived by her daughters Nora and Dena; seven grandchildren: Jacob, Brent, Raven, Ben, Michaela, Jack and Lucy; great-granddaughter Carol; sister Carol; brother Richard; and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Her light will be deeply missed but her spirit will continue to shine through the countless lives she touched ... and the memories held.



Sept. 6, 1933 - Jan. 31, 2025

Keith Gilliland, a beloved educator, legendary coach and gifted athlete, passed away on Jan. 31 leaving a legacy of excellence and dedication that touched generations. He was 91 years old.

Keith was born in Callao, Peru while his parents, Dr. Roy and Susan Gilliland, were serving as medical missionaries. From an early age, Keith's life was shaped by service and a deep love for sports, science and being outdoors – values he carried with him throughout his life.

Growing up alongside his three brothers – Bruce, Vince and Victor – Keith was part of a remarkable family of athletes, physicians and science educators. All four brothers were coached by the renowned track coach Payton Jordan at Occidental College. In 1956, long before the Fosbury Flop and cushioned landing pits, Keith cleared 6'4" in sawdust, famously out-jumping future NBA legends Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain.

But Keith's greatest impact came not from his own athletic feats but from the decades he spent guiding and inspiring young people as a science teacher

and cross country/track coach at Crescenta Valley High School from 1961 to 1998. Over nearly 40 years he was an enthusiastic teacher and coach who guided athletes and teams to multiple league championships, CIF titles and one CIF 4-A championship. In addition, he coached many All CIF, All-American and Olympians during his career. Keith was inducted into the Crescenta Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

He helped organize the Kenny Staub Cross Country Invitational, held at Crescenta Valley Park for more than four decades, helping it become a staple in the Southern California running community. His excellence was recognized in 1995 when he received the prestigious CIF Coach of Excellence Award.

Outside of teaching and coaching, Keith traveled the world with his beloved wife Lynnai and their friends. He also enjoyed weekly poker nights and various card games with friends. You could commonly find Keith doing crossword puzzles while watching sports on TV, bird watching or informing everyone about the wildlife that surrounded them – along with some bad puns.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents (Roy and Susan), brothers (Kenneth, who died in infancy, Bruce, Vince), former wife (Sue), his daughter (Cathy) and his grandson (Anders). His younger brother Victor passed away this summer.

He is survived by his wife Lynnai; children Ken (Rhonda), Mark, Kristen (Jeffrey); stepchildren Christy (Chris), Steven (Tamara), Brandon (Marcy), and Taylor (Allie); and many beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren.

All are invited to a celebration of Keith Gilliland's life on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the Crescenta Valley High School auditorium. All are welcome!




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# Glendale Unified School District Prepares for Upcoming School Year

By Eliza PARTIKA

GUSD Superintendent Darneika Watson wrote a welcome letter to students and families celebrating the progress the District has made on the availability of programs that are “closing opportunity gaps,” such as the recent addition for more resources for students learning English as a second language, the strengthening of reading, arts and dual language opportunities, and nutritious school meals at low cost.

“Over the past couple of years, we’ve worked diligently, side by side, to make meaningful progress – celebrating successes, navigating challenges and always keeping students at the center of our work. Every student in our district will receive high expectations, support and access to the tools that will help them thrive,” she wrote in the letter.

At the Aug. 12 Glendale Unified School District board of education meeting, the Child Development and Child Care Dept. presented the board with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), which brings school-age child care programs up-to-date with current state, District and department policies. ELOP ensures

quality after school programs for English Language Learners, fosters youth and low income students, and ensures after school programs are provided every school day.

Once approved, the program would be available at Balboa Elementary, Cerritos Elementary, Columbus Elementary, Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Dunsmore Elementary, Glenoaks Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, John C. Fremont Elementary, John Marshall Elementary, John Muir Elementary, La Crescenta Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Mark Keppel Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary, Mountain Avenue Elementary, Richardson D. White Elementary, Thomas Edison Elementary, Valley View Elementary, Verdugo Woodlands Elementary, Eleanor J. Toll Middle, Theodore Roosevelt Middle, Wilson Middle, Glendale High and Hoover High.

The board also held an information session about changes to board policies regarding student instruction in mental health and wellness, alcohol and drugs, married pregnant or parenting students, history and social science instruction, special education instruction and individualized education plans (IEPs).

A proposed study outline was presented for

a new high school level Advanced Dance Choreography and Production course. This was discussed, as well as a pending grant application for the robotics program at Clark Magnet High School. The outline was studied closely and recommended for board approval at a later date.

“None of this progress is possible without the deep unwavering commitment to our students,” said Watson.

At Dunsmore Elementary, 4717 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta, applications are being accepted for the Japanese Immersion Program for the school year 2025-26. New Student Orientation is on Aug. 19.

Parent Welcome for new students at Rosemont Middle School, 4725 Rosemont Ave., will be at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 15. Seventh grade WEB Orientation is today, Aug. 14.

Welcome Week at Crescenta Valley High School, 2900 Community Ave., began on Aug. 12, with the makeup day on Aug. 15.

Classes for all GUSD schools begin on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

CAPTAIN *from Cover*

Next, he wants to enhance the use of data-informed and evidence-based policing to address crime and traffic concerns. Finally, Vienna wants to prioritize emergency preparedness.

“It is my belief that the citizens deserve the best service possible from the sheriff’s station, said Vienna.

Vienna also strongly values community engagement and wants to prioritize strengthening the Clergy Council at the station and improving partnerships with community and faith-based organizations. He plans to reach out to these organizations and ensure that there is strong dialogue and communication.

“I believe that these relationships are critical to ensuring that people know they have trusted people they can go

to,” Vienna said.

He is also very passionate about the community’s youth programs. Currently, the CV Station offers the Explorer Academy, a youth program that teaches young people about law enforcement in their community. Vienna wants to add to the programs offered and explore the creation of a Youth Activities League. Vienna feels that a program like this would build partnerships with youth in the community and help deputies become mentors.

“It is critically important that the people here at the station who wear the badge stay intact with their humanity,” Vienna said.

Vienna also values volunteerism in the community. In his new role, he wants to continue working with volunteer

programs, such as the Montrose Search and Rescue team and the Volunteers on Patrol, and be available to them.

Vienna recognizes that there is a bit of a disconnect at times between law enforcement and the community it serves. He feels that public trust is one of the biggest issues the community faces.

“Though I think challenges will exist for him to reconnect to the community, I’m confident that Ryan will address and, if necessary, change whatever needs to be done,” Hahnlein said.

Overall, Vienna wants to foster community engagement and adopt an open-door policy.

“I want to make sure that everyone in the community feels safe and that everyone knows that this is their station,” he said.

## CRIME BLOTTER

AUG. 11

1200 block of Fernside Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a possible burglary. The resident reported as he was inside his residence he heard a noise coming from the backyard. He assumed it was his gardeners leaving his home. While standing on the east side driveway of the property he observed an individual described as a male Hispanic adult, about 5’7” and weighing 220 lbs. The suspect was wearing a black mask and dark clothing and was standing near an open door leading to a room inside the resident’s home. The resident yelled at him. The suspect immediately fled the area with the resident chasing him. He saw the suspect enter a blue Mercedes SUV that was parked nearby. The resident described the driver of the SUV as a male Hispanic, about 6’2” tall and weighing about 180 lbs. He had a beard and was wearing dark clothing. Apparently this second suspect was acting as a lookout as he was standing on the corner near the property.

The resident ran to the SUV and struck the rear window with his fist causing the window to shatter. Both suspects fled the area. The resident had minor injuries due to the shattered glass.

The attempted residential burglary occurred at 11:08 a.m.

AUG. 9

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee of a store at the location reported two suspects had entered the store and stole several items. Suspect No. 1 was described as a male Hispanic, 5’4” tall, weighing 125 lbs. with a mustache and wearing a black hat, black shirt and black pants with miscellaneous tattoos on both arms.

Suspect No. 2 was described as a female Hispanic, 5’6” tall, weighing 145 lbs. with long black hair, black long sleeved shirt and blue jeans. Surveillance footage revealed the suspects entering the store and placing items into a hamper, which they then put into a shopping cart. The suspects proceeded to the emergency exit of the store but turned away as the employee approached them. They walked down a nearby aisle where Suspect No. 1 grabbed the hamper full of items and ran out of the rear emergency exit as Suspect No. 2, carrying what appeared to be sheets, left via the store’s front door at 8:57 p.m.

AUG. 6

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies

responded to a call concerning a theft. The victim reported she had used the self-service walkup ATM at the location. Upon completion of her transaction she observed a woman, described as an adult, about 60 years old, of Armenian descent with red hair, pacing near the entrance of the bank. Shortly after the female suspect approached the victim in the parking lot and showed her cash and either asked for change or asked whether she had dropped the money (the suspect had a thick accent). The victim said no, but the suspect asked her to check her purse just to make sure. When she did the suspect attempted to touch the victim’s purse. The victim asked her not to do that and stepped back from the suspect. The victim left the area but then began receiving multiple text messages from her bank company indicating her debit card had been used in attempted transactions from the branch the victim had just left. She returned and spoke to the bank manager to report the incident and then contacted law enforcement.

The theft occurred at 12:36 p.m.

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Ordubegian added that he was at a meeting with the City on another issue when the staff presented an example of a “high percentage” of respondents who were positive about an issue; however, when he asked how

many had responded he was told eight. He pointed out eight people does not represent a high percentage of the community and he was concerned this process for the proposed development could go down the same road.

Ordubegian told those present, and urged them to tell others, the best way to make sure their voices were heard was to comment at <https://tinyurl.com/3km9rand>, or send an email to [GlendalePlan@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:GlendalePlan@GlendaleCA.gov). People can also get comment cards at Mountain Rose Gifts, 2328½ Honolulu Ave. Comment cards can also be dropped off at Mountain Rose Gifts.

For more information visit [www.GlendalePlan.com](http://www.GlendalePlan.com). MSPA has since provided flyers with information on how to comment. Zemaitaitis stated that she would try to get an extension on the deadline for public comment from Aug. 19 to Aug. 29.

E-BIKES from cover

and parents who purchase the vehicles. GPD is planning on conducting more outreach. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station has also held meetings in La Cañada Flintridge, an area that has been dealing with many issues concerning these vehicles.

The city and school district of La Cañada Flintridge have

taken steps to educate the public on e-bike safety. The city has a website, <https://lcf.ca.gov/public-safety/e-bike-resources>, that includes information on how e-bikes are classified and specific regulations surrounding their use.

For example, La Cañada High School has an application that must be filled out and submitted to the school by anyone who plans to ride an e-bike to school. The student e-bike permit agreement requires students, and their parents, to agree to specific requirements including not riding the e-bike on campus. They must also take an online e-bike class and submit the certificate of completion with their application.

Numerous cities across California, and nationally, have created new regulations and requirements as the use

of e-bikes grows. In Huntington Beach an ordinance was passed in 2024 amending a municipal code concerning bike regulations. The new revised code gives law enforcement the discretion to issue civil or criminal citations depending on the circumstances to “individuals riding bicycles, e-bikes or electric powered motorcycles in an unsafe manner.”

“Examples of unsafe bicycling behaviors include riding on sidewalks without watching for pedestrians, going against the flow of traffic on sidewalks or highways, and failing to yield to vehicles or pedestrians when required by the California Vehicle Code. Additionally, actions like swerving around traffic, carrying passengers on bikes not designed for it, or disobeying posted signs are also considered unsafe. These amendments also grant

officers the authority to tow bikes operated by juveniles, including Sur-Ron bikes, that are not street-legal, to increase safety on our streets,” according to the city’s website.

Westlake Village is also facing issues regarding e-bikes and e-scooters. Its city council banned from sidewalks, parks, trails and fields the use of all e-bikes, e-scooters and other “recreational” electric mobility devices.

“This new ordinance was put into place to reduce conflict between electric vehicles and pedestrians and to provide further safety of park goers. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. will now enforce these rules and [violators] can be given a ticket if they are found operating an electric mobility devices at a City park or other facility. Please note, ADA mobility devices are

exempt from this ordinance,” according to the Westlake Village website [wlv.org](http://wlv.org).

Santa Monica has an informational e-bike “buyers guide” website; however, its law enforcement is also cracking down on e-motorcycles.

In a post on social media Santa Monica Police Dept. stated that on July 26, it “impounded 12 off-highway vehicles. While these electric bikes may look street legal, they are not permitted on public roads, bike paths or sidewalks.”

The popularity of micro mobility and e-motorcycles has grown quickly placing communities in a position of having to react after issues arise. CVW will next turn to Sacramento to see if constituents have reached out to elected officials for support with micro mobility vehicles and e-motorcycles.



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What does it take to be on such a prolific team? The most important thing, according to Sgt. Gilbert, is “a gigantic heart, to want to do the right thing for people they don’t even know.”

The team is made up of LASD reserve members who are paid one dollar a year, which allows for record of employment so that they can receive medical care in the event of an emergency, and

passionate volunteers willing to learn a wide variety of skills such as climbing, cold survival, water rescue, knowledge of the local area, fire safety and de-escalation. Some volunteers even go through the officer reserve academy. Almost all the volunteers are employed full time despite being on call for each and rescue at all hours.

As for Gilbert himself, he trained as a sheriff in Palmdale before becoming a patrol deputy – all the while picking up “a little bit of everything.” While he liked hiking and the outdoors, when he was first offered the position as MSAR coordinator, he had a more casual relationship with mountaineering. He had never rappelled, rock climbed, or ice climbed. Soon, Gilbert discovered he had “fallen in love with the

job and the team” and dedicated himself to learning the skills expected of a volunteer. “If I am supposed to manage these people...I should have that skill set myself,” he says. He admires his team for their dedication, especially when the team is “dog tired and hiking out in the middle of the night or climbing down.”

Gilbert encourages hikers to take precautions before going out on trails.

“Often when things go wrong, it is multiple small things that add up,” he said. Risk can be reduced by going out with a buddy or in groups – the bigger the group the better. He advises group members to stay within eyesight of one another. Without group members in the front and back actively looking out for their buddies, one group member could take a fall

and the others would never know.

He also recommends a satellite SOS device so if something does go wrong, one can phone for help outside cell service.

The sheriff department website offers a hiker’s plan that can be filled out and left on the dashboard of a car or with a loved one so that the correct information can be disseminated quickly about what clothing the hiker is wearing, which trails they plan to hike, who they are with and what their projected time is on the trail.

Those looking to volunteer with Montrose Search and Rescue can attend team monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. to learn more about the training process. Meetings are at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta.



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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Calling All Fremont Elementary Alumni!

John C. Fremont Elementary School will be 100 years old next year and the parents at Fremont are planning a big celebration. If you, or a friend or relative, attended Fremont, the Centennial Committee hopes you'll connect with them. I'll give details at the end of this article.

Fremont Elementary was the direct result of the development of Sparr Heights, just below Montrose, beginning in 1923. The Sparr orchard, mainly made up of citrus, was a major feature of the valley since 1900. But with the housing boom of the 1920s, Mr. Sparr subdivided his orchards and houses began to be built among the lemon trees. Sparr Heights, as the development was named, was a big hit and by the mid-'20s it was obvious that an elementary school was needed for this growing community.

In late 1925, the Glendale School Board approved the funds – \$42,000

for purchasing four acres on the south end of Sparr Heights and for building a new school. As it edged toward completion in the spring of 1926, the LA Times printed a glowing description of the school's location: "The school building faces the Community Center Building and has an outlook over the beautiful grounds of the Oakmont Country Club, while a comprehensive view of the green Verdugo Hills, the San Gabriel Hills and the towering Sierra Madre Range is obtained from every window."

The school opened in the fall of 1926, only the third elementary school in the Crescenta Valley. At that point there was nothing offered in the valley beyond the elementary school. (It wasn't until 1933 that a junior high was built and 1960 for a high school.) We have very little information on the opening of Fremont but we have a lot on the various activities of the students

and parents over the years. Here are a few of the more interesting ones.

- In 1933 the school put on a Halloween parade where the students in costumes paraded the streets of Sparr Heights, finishing the day with a motion picture and popcorn balls.
- By 1935, paper drives began to be a regular fundraiser.
- It was noted in 1937 that most of Fremont's students were in either the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

Beginning in these years and going on for several decades were visits by Sparr Heights resident Clarence Nash. (Clarence Nash was the voice of Donald Duck in all the Disney cartoons.) He loved to entertain the kids at Fremont.

- In 1938 the fathers of Fremont put on a comedy show where they dressed in drag and jokingly portrayed the ladies of the PTA.

(On so many levels, I think that wouldn't fly today.)

- The 1940s began with a turn to world events. 1940 featured a drive for clothing for British relief. With the beginning of WWII, plans were made for the care of children in the event of an air raid. Parent committees were formed to make sandbags, assemble medical supplies, donate blood, fingerprint all the students and propagate plants for camouflage purposes.
- In 1950, the school helped with the Two Strike Series, a series of celebrity baseball games to fund the creation of Two Strike Park.
- Christmas presents were bought for kids in Juvenile Hall.
- 1955 saw war awareness again. Clothing was assembled and donated to help civilians in Korea during the Korean Conflict.
- And in 1969 the students put

together care packages of candy and personal letters, meant to provide a morale boost to the American troops in Vietnam.

Here's a snippet of one of the letters, "creative spelling" preserved: "Dear Sir, How are things going over there in Viet Nom? Over here in the U.S. things are going just fine. Because the astronots set foot on the moon, on July 1969 A.D. witch you've probalely heard about. But on fryday Nov forteenth they are going to send Opoll 12 to the moon!"

These are the kinds of memories the Fremont Elementary Centennial Committee is hoping to celebrate next year. They would love to have former students share memories and photos. Here's their website: [www.fremontcentennial.com](http://www.fremontcentennial.com).

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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## It's A Balance

I've always thought that one of the best features of the Crescenta Valley is living in an active wildlife corridor. My home in Sunland where I grew up sat adjacent to Big Tujunga Canyon; the hills and wash behind it became the setting for many of my childhood adventures. During the long, hot summers our gang of neighborhood kids would head out to explore the wilds of the canyon, not having a plan or knowing the creatures we would encounter. We always had the best time.

Growing up, I didn't think about the human-wildlife interface. We knew to be careful of snakes and the occasional coyote group headed down our street. We peered at the owl that lived in the cave around the corner and collected polliwogs from the nearby stream, which was good

for knee-level wading. If we were lucky, we would spot a horny toad or tarantula. Most of our time was spent building dams out of large rocks then jumping in the refreshing pools of water we created. We came home all wet and sandy and sometimes with punctures in our feet from stepping into patches of goat head thorns. Somehow our parents didn't ask too many questions no matter how long we were gone or in what condition we arrived home.

There were a couple of precarious moments when wildlife got a little too close for comfort. There was the time when a rattlesnake wandered into our side yard and headed to the area where our little husky puppy lay and another time a raccoon decided that our pet Peking duck looked tasty and took a couple of

bites to her head. Thankfully, both survived the close calls but those were good reminders to keep our pets safe.

I believe that my childhood adventures "jump started" my interest during college in studying animals and set me on a path to work at the LA Zoo. I worked as a research volunteer then landed a paid job in education and eventually became the volunteer coordinator.

I loved my time there. I learned so much about wildlife management and gained a better understanding of the native animals that flourish in our own backyards. I discovered some basic rules that I intuitively already knew – that it's important to find a balance of mutual respect so that both humans and animals can thrive in our shared habitat and

are protected from harm. Don't feed wildlife – it discourages them from looking for food on their own. Don't set out poison for rats or other pests – their bodies could be eaten and the food chain could become polluted. Don't let your kitties wander outside of your home and keep barnyard animals locked up; they will become a food source for coyotes and bobcats. Always remember that wild animals are not pets; it's best if we leave each other alone.

Sometimes we do need to fix a problem caused by human encroachment. I applaud the efforts of several local conservation groups that purchase land and reestablish local wildlife corridors that have been disrupted by urban sprawl. I am also pleased that we have been able to bring animal populations, such as

the California condor, back from the brink of extinction. Leave it to the experts to know when to interfere and correct these imbalances.

Living in La Crescenta for 29 years, we have noticed a substantial uptick in wildlife encounters in the last few years. My family is amazed by the number of animals that appear on our front porch cameras. We regularly get visits from rabbits, skunks, opossums, raccoons, coyotes, hawks and a pair of Great Horned owls – sometimes all in one day. We continue to be vigilant on behalf of our pets knowing the next close encounter could be a bear.

That would be both thrilling and frightening.

*Susan Bolan  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bears Are Out and About

It's not really a surprise that in a canyon nestled in the beautiful mountains of Glendale we have wild animals roaming the hills. The balance of having animals living in the same area should not be a complete surprise. The trees and the streams help to provide a perfect place for animals, and birds, to coexist [with humans].

Just five weeks ago, we received a surprise greeting by a beautiful black bear that wandered into the backyard of our neighbor's home by climbing a short wall. As he looked around his surroundings, he headed across the backyard to the opposite side of the property. My wife and I were trimming our plants along the side of our home when we unexpectedly looked down and there was a 300-pound bear looking up at us! We immediately stopped cutting the branches of the tree and quickly moved back, away from this beautiful beast. He viewed the backyard and felt no danger as he quickly high jumped over the neighbor's side gate returning to the open street. He then strolled up the street until he saw an opening

to climb behind another's person's home that allowed him to head into the mountains.

On Sunday, Aug. 3 at 11:46 a.m., a neighbor was running down Shirleyjean shouting, "There's a bear coming." My wife and I stopped what we were doing and moved from the side yard to our backyard. In seconds, while we walked around our home to the backyard, we found climbing on one of our redwood trees a huge bear looking down at us. He jumped from the tree on to the barbecue. I quickly feared for [the safety of] our pets and my wife. I immediately ran [and] opened the backyard gate to allow this wild bear to go down the driveway. I made loud noises to hopefully move the bear in the right direction. Luckily the bear followed my suggestions and headed back onto Eilinita Avenue. I'm not sure if making lots of noise helped but I hoped the beautiful bear would not hesitate his walking down the driveway onto Eilinita Avenue.

As the bear sensed no danger, he walked across the street, looked around and appeared to look for another exit to

the hills. As he walked from house to house, he appeared not to be disturbed by people. He appeared to be calm as he looked for a backyard that would lead him to higher ground. In seconds he was gone. I could hear a horn being used to scare this beautiful creature out of the yard higher up. Finally the horn stopped and the black bear returned to the mountains where he lives.

My best advice would be to recommend to anyone seeing a bear, "Try to stay calm, do not panic and get yourself out of the pathway. Secure your pets, especially if you have a dog."

*Leonard Coutin  
Glendale 91208*

### Holden – Not a Friend of Commoners

Former California Assemblyman Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), who was termed out of office in November, recently landed a job as chief executive officer of LA Fire Justice, a Pasadena law firm working on behalf of Eaton Canyon Fire victims.

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SPECIAL SECTION 2025 Part 2

# Preparing Pre-Teens and Teens for the Classroom Includes Immunizations

Young people ages 7 to 18 are busy checking off their back-to-school or college lists. Visiting their pediatrician or family doctor to get up-to-date on immunizations should be part of that list. Immunizations will prepare their immune systems to recognize and resist viruses that spread quickly once classes begin. These are viruses that can lead to health issues like infertility, muscle paralysis, brain damage, blindness, deafness and cancer.

The recommended immunization schedule approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is based on ongoing review of the most recent scientific data and relies on two main factors: when the vaccine works best with your child's immune system and when they need protection most.

"Seeing your pediatrician to catch up on vaccinations helps keep classmates, teachers and others in the school community healthy, too," said Rebekah Fenton, MD, FAAP, an adolescent medicine physician at a community health center in Chicago.

The AAP is sharing this information about recommended vaccines and the diseases they prevent:

**Meningococcal Disease.** At 11 or 12, your pre-teen should get their first dose of meningococcal vaccine to protect against meningococcal disease, a fast-acting disease that is life-threatening if not caught and treated within a few hours. Caused by bacteria that can infect the bloodstream, brain and spinal cord, anyone can get meningococcal disease. Among young people, it's most common in babies and 16-20 year olds. Infections are spread through close contact like coughing or kissing, and lengthy contact in spaces like college dorms.

**Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)** vaccine protects against four bacterial strains, labeled A, C, W and Y.

**Meningococcal B (MenB)** vaccine protects against another bacterial strain and is recommended for kids with certain chronic health conditions that make them more vulnerable or anyone 16-18 whose pediatrician recommends it.

**Meningococcal ABCWY (MenABCWY)** combines pro-

tection from MenACWY and MenB. If both vaccines are recommended at the same visit, it can be used instead of separate injections.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.** At 11 or 12, pediatricians give the Tdap booster to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). It's a slightly different version of a vaccine your child received as a baby (DTaP), with lower doses of the diphtheria and pertussis vaccines. After this, they'll need additional boosters every 10 years.

**Tetanus** is caused by exposure to naturally occurring bacteria in soil or dust through a break in the skin. Tetanus produces a toxin that causes painful muscle contractions. Also known as lockjaw, it can cause neck and jaw muscles to lock, making it hard to open the mouth or swallow.

**Diphtheria** causes serious throat infection, breathing problems and heart failure. The vaccine is a lifesaver. Before it existed, diphtheria killed one of every five kids infected.

**Pertussis** can cause a cough that won't go away and sometimes vomiting or trouble breathing. The protection your teen got from their childhood vaccine starts to wear off around age 11, making the booster essential. Teens can easily spread the disease, including to infants, who are at even more risk.

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV).** The HPV vaccine prevents genital warts and works well to protect against strains of the virus that cause more than 90% of six types of cancer, including cervical cancer, penile and anal cancers, and cancers of the mouth and throat. Vaccinating kids ages 9-12 allows them to build strong immunity against the virus before exposure. If they don't get the first dose until age 15, they'll need three doses.

**Influenza.** The flu is unpredictable and there is no way to know if your child will have mild illness and miss just a few days of school or if they will get seriously ill and need hospital care. But be wary. U.S. flu deaths in children broke records during the 2024-25 season, with at least 216 deaths. The AAP recommends flu shots annually for everyone 6 months



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and older to prevent severe illness.

**COVID-19.** Millions globally, including teenagers and children, have received the COVID-19 vaccine. If your child has never had this vaccine, their immune system won't be ready to recognize and resist the virus that can lead to long-term problems associated with COVID.

Delaying vaccines leaves your child vulnerable to preventable diseases. The AAP vaccine schedule is designed to prepare their body to resist contagious diseases as early and fully as possible. This keeps them healthy and active, instead of missing out while they're sick.

Learn more about vaccines at [www.HealthyChildren.org](http://www.HealthyChildren.org) and catch up on those your child missed. Most vaccines can be given at the same time as others.

"Kids' and teen's bodies can handle multiple vaccines in a short time because their immune system is in constant learning mode," said Dr. Fenton. "Vaccines help kids stay healthy by keeping them ahead of serious, preventable diseases."

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There's nothing quite like the energy at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy (FSHA) at the start of a new school year. The Hill buzzes with anticipation — classmates reconnect, faculty set the tone and new students step into a community that will challenge, support and celebrate them.

"We're proud to welcome our TOLOGS back to a place where young women lead with purpose, are courageous thinkers and embrace their power to make their mark," said Principal Rebecca Bostic. "At Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, our all-girls environment isn't just empowering — it's transformational! Rooted in Veritas, we're building a generation of confident young women ready to change the world."


Guided by their Dominican Catholic mission, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy encourages students to think critically, act compassionately and deepen their faith. FSHA's challenging academic program, vibrant residential and day community, and commitment to spiritual formation prepare students not just for college, but for a lifetime of leadership and purpose.

"At Flintridge Sacred Heart, our mission is unwavering — to form young women of faith, integrity and truth," said President Marlena Conroy. "We are deeply committed to helping each student become her most curious, courageous and authentic self — grounded in Dominican values and inspired by a lifelong love of learning."

Whether they're diving into research in their state-of-the-art STEM labs, exploring justice in humanities seminars or discovering their creative voice in the arts, students are encouraged to take intellectual risks, ask meaningful questions and grow into the most authentic version of themselves.

This year, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy is excited to welcome the Class of 2029 and transfer students and open its doors to prospective families eager to learn more about the Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy experience.

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Pastor Fr. Jim Bevacqua expressed his excitement in starting the new school year under Mr. Birr's leadership: "I am proud to welcome Brandon to the St. Bede School team. During our conversations, it was abundantly clear that he embraces our mission to educate the whole child – mind, body and spirit. I am confident that he will guide our school community into the future with both academic excellence and our trademark faith development."


Mr. Birr commented: "I am thrilled to join the St. Bede community and can't wait to meet and work with the students, parents, faculty and staff. I am committed to establishing and nurturing the highest academic standards and am equally committed to accompanying students along their faith journey. I am looking forward to a great 2025-2026 school year."

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Over the past couple of years we've worked diligently, side by side, to make meaningful progress – navigating challenges, celebrating successes and always keeping students at the center of our work. This year, we continue our shared commitment to accelerating our progress in closing opportunity gaps – we see this in our classrooms, in our policies and in the everyday interactions that shape student lives. Every student in our district will receive access to the tools, support and high expectations that will help them thrive.

We will continue to foster a positive culture of learning where curiosity, creativity and kindness are the foundation of every school. This culture doesn't happen by chance – it is something intentionally built by how we treat one another, how we celebrate growth and how we face challenges together.

We will also continue to invest in the professional growth of all employees. Each employee in our district brings richness and strength to this work and this year we're supporting their development to help them grow in their craft, leadership and impact.

When our staff grows, our students grow.

None of this progress is possible without a deep, unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff. Every student and employee deserves to feel safe, seen and supported physically, emotionally and socially.

As we begin this new school year, I am committed to ensuring that you feel encouraged, empowered and cared for. We will continue to elevate student voices, build strong partnerships with families and community members and create inclusive spaces where every student feels seen, heard and valued.

To our Board of Education: Thank you for your continued trust. To our educators and staff, thank you for your dedication and partnership. And to our students – you inspire us every day. I am fortunate to witness the incredible effort our students, families and staff bring to this work every day.

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MOVIES IN THE PARK  
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La Cañada Congregational Church brings  
back its Movies in the Park film series for a  
fourth year lasting over six weeks. Everyone  
is invited to these free, family-friendly events

each Saturday starting at 6 p.m. from Sept. 20 to Oct. 25 at Memorial Park in La Cañada  
Flintridge. This year's films feature the power of unlikely friendships.

"The message of these films is that our differences do not have to hold us back from caring  
for each other," said LCCC's pastor Rev. Kyle Sears. "We hope to give families an accessible  
way to meet together, have fun and make memories."

Though the movies start at dusk, the fun gets underway early. The theme of each film  
inspires crafts, activities and food trucks to deepen the enjoyment. And we always kick off  
Movies in the Park with a Disney film and that means Disney karaoke to start – this year with  
the 2016 hit "Moana." Participants can make shiny shells inspired by Tamato and enjoy Ha-  
waiian food from Aloha Fridays.

The message of one movie is particularly meaningful this year. "Paddington 2" is the story  
of a refugee unjustly imprisoned. Inspired by the movie, representatives from the International  
Institute of Los Angeles will share their important advocacy work on behalf of immigrants and  
refugees. Anyone who donates at least \$25 will receive their own Paddington Bear to take  
home.

"I hope a night at the movies can also demonstrate the power of a community that cares  
for those in need," Rev. Sears said.

The Movies in the Park: Unlikely Friendships line up is:

- Sept. 20 – "Moana"
- Sept. 27 – "Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up"
- Oct. 4 – "Paddington 2"
- Oct. 11 – "The Wild Robot"
- Oct. 18 – "The Emperor's New Groove"
- Oct. 25 – "Wicked" (Sing-Along Version).



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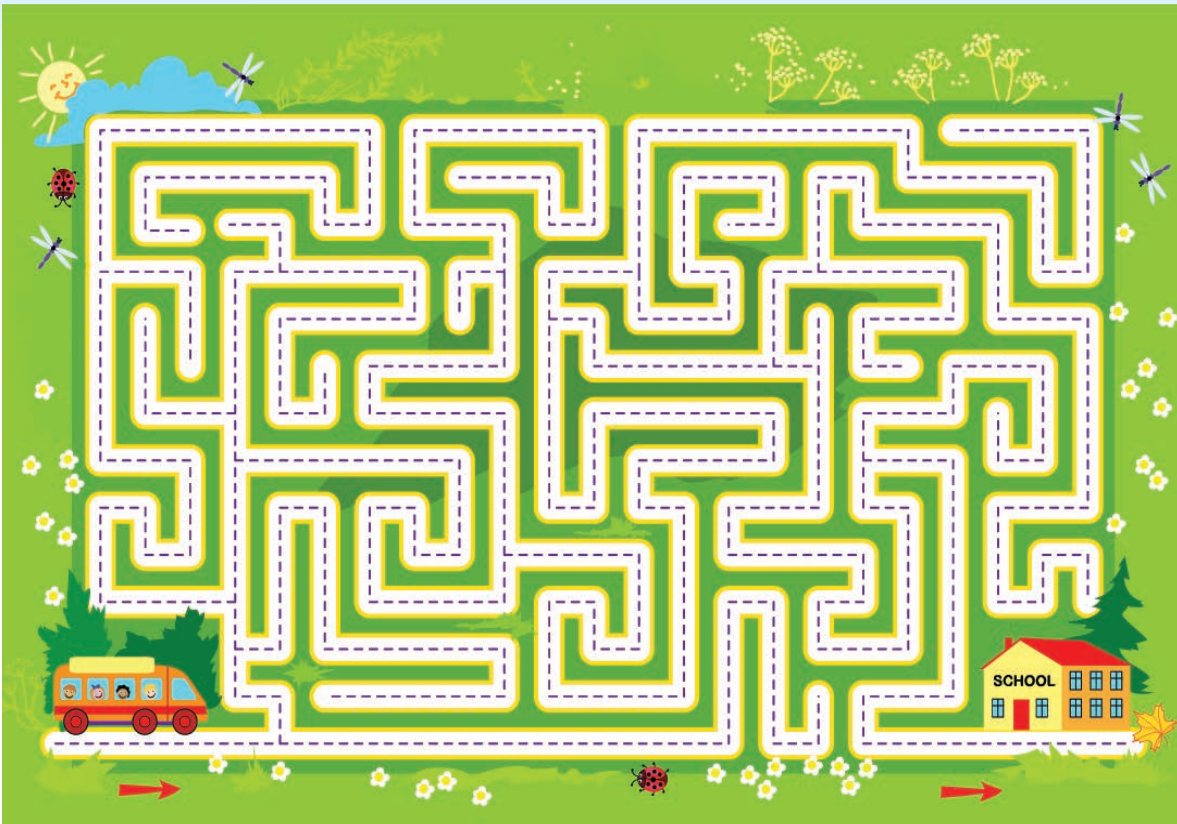
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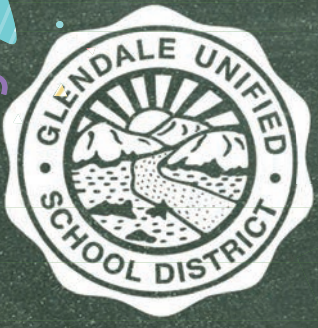


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*Arpy Jahjah-Director*





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**TEN FUN FACTS ABOUT SPACE**

**6.** Space junk is any human-made object orbiting Earth that no longer serves a useful purpose. Scientists estimate there are about 500,000 pieces of space junk today, including fragments from rockets and satellites, and everyday items like spanners dropped during construction of the International Space Station.


**7.** An asteroid about the size of a car enters Earth's atmosphere roughly once a year – but it burns up before it reaches us. Phew!


**8.** The highest mountain known to man is on an asteroid called Vesta. Measuring a whopping 22km in height, it is three times as tall as Mount Everest.


**9.** There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth. That's at least a billion trillion!

**10.** The sunset on Mars appears blue.

<https://www.skyatnightmagazine>.








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The McGroarty Arts Center Welcomes  
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La Rue Sounds will be performing at The McGroarty Arts Center’s Burgers, Brews & Blues on Saturday Aug. 23 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. This is a free community event that is appropriate for all ages and is hosted by The McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga.

People Making News

Approximately 1,500 students were named to the Biola University Dean’s List in spring 2025. Biola students earn a spot on the Dean’s List with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

The following local residents were named to the dean’s list:

Faith Choi of La Crescenta, majoring in allied health, and Silas Lee of La Crescenta, majoring in business administration, and Emily Low of Sunland, majoring in comm sciences disorders, earned spots on the Dean’s List.

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Questions About Today’s Real Estate?  
Ask Phyllis!  
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Dear Phyllis,

I recently purchased a home, and my real estate agent assured me the washer, dryer, and refrigerator were included in the sale. The Zillow listing clearly stated they were part of the purchase. During the final walkthrough, I saw them in place. When I moved in, I was shocked to find they had taken all three appliances with them. Confused, I contacted the seller’s agent, who informed me they were not left behind because my real estate agent failed to list these items in the purchase contract. If I had known these appliances weren’t included, I might have made a lower offer to account for my additional expense. Or, at the very least, I would have arranged to purchase replacements ahead of time. Instead, I moved in without these appliances and had

to wait weeks for new ones to be delivered, which made settling into my new home much harder than it should have been. Do I have any leverage to address this with the seller or my agent?

JJ

Dear JJ,

I completely understand your frustration and disappointment. Finding yourself without key appliances like a washer, dryer, and especially a refrigerator can throw a wrench into that experience, leaving you unsettled for weeks while you scramble to replace them.

Unfortunately, I’m not an attorney, so I can’t offer legal advice. However, I can share some general insights based on standard real estate practices. Your real estate agent likely should have ensured that the

washer, dryer, and refrigerator were explicitly included in the residential purchase agreement as they were represented as included in the sale. What’s written in the contract typically governs, regardless of verbal assurances or even what’s stated in a listing like Zillow. Listings often serve as marketing tools and aren’t legally binding unless their details are incorporated into the signed agreement. If your agent didn’t list those appliances as part of the transaction—despite being advertised online, that oversight may have led the seller to believe you did not want them. You might want to reach out to your real estate agent and ask why this was overlooked.

I am sorry this happened and wish you many happy years in your new home.

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- The Simple Life
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- Strength Training for the Older Adult

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Patrick Marsh, Katherine Marsh and Brendan White on GNC Roster

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 12:10 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

Featured are works by James Domine performed by violist Patrick Marsh,

Katherine Marsh and pianist Brendan White. The program includes the Flute Concerto: “Pastorale” and Viola Concerto: “Introduzione,” “Minuetto” and “Finale.”

Music director and conductor James Domine founded the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra (SFVSO) in 1979. The group was originally conceived as the Van Nuys Civic Orchestra. That same year Domine entered the University of Southern California on a full scholarship to earn a master’s degree in music composition and theory. The community-based group eventually evolved into the SFVSO.

Domine’s passion for symphonic music began as a child when his third grade class attended a performance of Mozart’s The Magic Flute at the Shrine Auditorium. That life-changing experience was to be forever imprinted upon his consciousness. It also speaks to the importance of exposing children to the arts at a young age.

Maestro Domine continues to compose and perform music in a wide range of styles and genres. He performs regularly with several rock and blues bands, a jazz ensemble and a classical quartet known as the Symphomaniac. In addition, he teaches music at several colleges and universities and is an active

author and director of theatrical productions. More details on this virtuoso can be found on his website jamesdomine.com.

Patrick Marsh received his bachelor’s degree in viola performance from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree from The Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins.

As a violist, Marsh was one of the founding members of Clemens Quartet, a string quartet performing and competing throughout the United States. As a violinist, Marsh is a former concertmaster of The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. His performance opportunities have taken him across the United States, Europe, and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Though classical music is the foundation of his technique, he can be found branching out into the jazz and rock genres. Marsh plays a blue Fourness Fuse 5-string electric violin and runs it through a Line6 Helix for effects, and two Gallien Krueger bass amps in stereo.

Marsh can also be heard as a featured soloist in such feature films as “Kids vs. Monsters” and “Pali Road” as well as such video games as Relics of Gods and Disney’s Cartooniverse. <https://www.patrickmarshmusic.com/>

Flutist Katherine Marsh is an active professional musician and teacher. She is currently the solo piccolo player of the Santa Barbara Symphony and has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Santa Barbara Grand Opera and Master Chorale, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, Pasadena Symphony and Long Beach Symphony as well as other symphony and chamber ensembles throughout Southern California.

Originally from Bowling Green, Ohio, Marsh received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music degree from the University of Southern California. Her principal teachers include Bonita Boyd, Samuel Baron, Roger Stevens and Louise DiTullio. She was a member of the LA Philharmonic Orchestral Training Program and was selected to perform in The Round Top Music Festival and the Orchestral Institute in Graz, Austria. In addition Marsh has performed in master classes with James Galway, Jean Pierre Rampal, Sarah Jackson and Catherine Karoly.

Marsh premiered James Domine’s Flute Concerto with the San Fernando Valley Symphony. Her piccolo and flute playing can be heard in many Star Wars video games performing with the Skywalker Orchestra. In addition to orchestral work, Marsh is a member of the California Music Teachers Association and is a coach for Junior Chamber Music. She recently served as a board member for the Arts High Foundation. <https://www.kathymarshflute.net/bio>

Born in Jackson, Tennessee, but now based in Los Angeles, pianist Brendan White appears frequently in solo recitals, chamber ensembles and as soloist with orchestra. As soloist, White has performed with Musica Nova (Eastman School of Music), Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of the Verdugos, Crown City Symphony, Delta Symphony Orchestra and Jackson Symphony Orchestra. As a recording artist, White was featured on Danaë Vlasse’s Grammy Award-winning album Mythologies. White’s



Katherine Marsh and Patrick Marsh

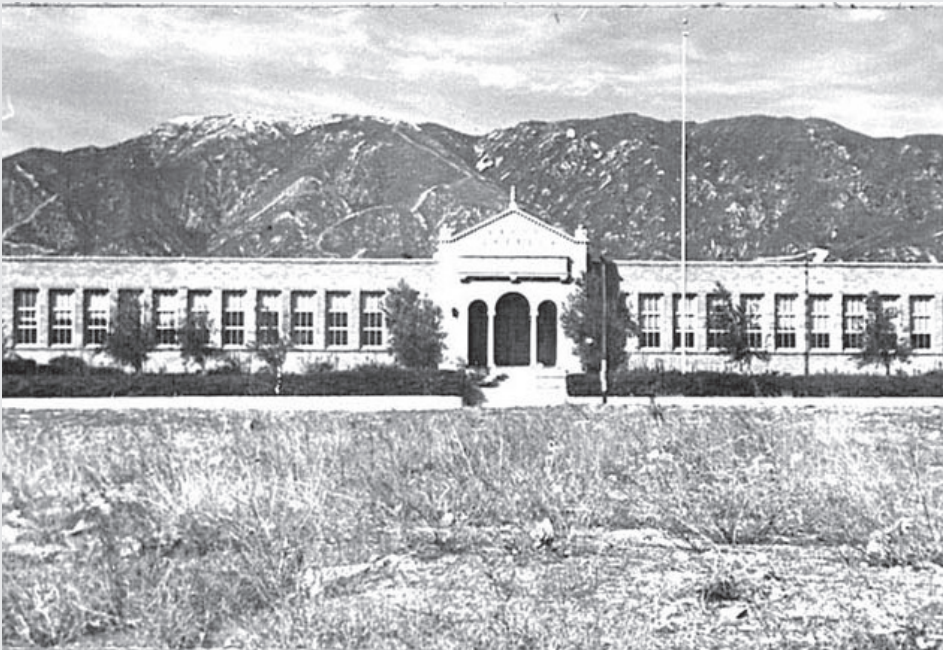
collaborations in Southern California have included the Mühlfeld Trio, which won the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, the Speakeasy Society, and Eighteen Squared. He is an original member of the Sunset ChamberFest in Los Angeles.

White’s repertoire spans many centuries and genres and he has worked with well-known composers such as Thomas Adès, Stephen Cohn, Donald Crockett and Danaë Vlasse. White is also

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

<http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>

### THEN & NOW



**Then:** John C. Fremont Elementary School was opened in 1926 in the new Sparr Heights neighborhood. Sparr Heights had been carved out of William Sparr’s citrus orchards, which dominated the Crescenta Valley below Montrose. Sparr had purchased the land at the turn of the century and established a successful fruit growing operation to supply his packing houses in Glendale. As the booming ’20s began, he subdivided the land and began selling lots. In 1925 Sparr Heights was annexed to Glendale.

### Fremont Elementary School Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now:** Fremont Elementary today still serves Sparr Heights, which has retained a true sense of neighborhood. Fremont was rebuilt a few decades ago and is still fresh from a remodel in 2001. It’s yet another of CV’s California Distinguished Schools. Its entrance is cool and shaded by beautiful mature trees, a far cry from its barren landscape when first opened in the ’20s. Fremont Elementary is gearing up to celebrate its 100th anniversary! Former students are encouraged to share memories and photos. Here’s the website: [www.fremontcentennial.com](http://www.fremontcentennial.com).



# Sundays of Sound Presents Anthony Cardella



Pianist and composer Anthony Cardella

Pianist and composer Anthony Cardella will be performing an afternoon of solo piano music at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church on Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. in a special edition of Sundays of Sound.

After a horrific accident in March resulting in a broken wrist, Cardella has made a triumphant recovery in mere months and is thrilled to present this recital in preparation for the upcoming Ibiza International Piano Competition.

This program showcases a captivating blend of technical mastery and expressive depth, featuring a diverse repertoire that spans from the intricate counterpoint of J.S. Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier to the modern

intensity of Carl Vine’s Sonata No. 1, the tempestuous drama of Franz Liszt’s Orage and lyrical introspection of Liszt’s Vallée d’Obermann, alongside selections from the hypnotic Etudes of Philip Glass.

Cardella serves on the faculty at Occidental College and the Colburn Conservatory while maintaining a dynamic concert schedule, frequently collaborating with visual artists and other instrumentalists; he is also in the final stages of completing a full-scholarship Doctor of Musical Arts in piano performance at the USC Thornton School of Music.

Admission is by donation, supporting the series’ mission to present exceptional music in an informal yet engaging setting.

# Brand Summer Music Series



The Brand Summer Music Series, an outdoor concert series located at the Brand Library & Art Center, began on July 11. Concert attendees often bring their own chairs and picnic amenities and sit on the grassy hill. *Please note that alcohol is prohibited.*

Performances begin at 7 p.m. and is appropriate for children and families. Admission is free. *Seats are not provided.* Performances run 60 - 90 minutes without intermission.

The Brand Summer Music Series began in 2014 and is supported by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban

Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Brand Associates.

*Aug. 15 – French Chanson by Jessica Fichot*

Accompanied by her accordion, toy piano and fiery band, Los Angeles-based chanteuse and songwriter Jessica Fichot draws from her multi-ethnic French/Chinese/American heritage to create an intoxicating multilingual fusion of French chanson, Shanghai jazz, gypsy swing and international folk. Born in the U.S. but Paris-raised, Fichot has charmed audiences

around the world – performing her lively songs in China, Singapore, Mexico, Canada and across the U.S. and Western Europe. She also writes music for educational programs and indie video games. Featuring scorching performances from her handmates on clarinet, upright bass and guitar, as well as her beautiful vocals in French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English, Fichot’s music is truly a dazzling trans-world journey.

The Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

*Images provided by Brand Summer Music Series*

# Reimagining Algorithms: Cultural Heritage in the Age of AI at ReflectSpace

Reimagining Algorithms: Cultural Heritage in the Age of AI will be featured at ReflectSpace from Aug.t 16 – Nov. 2.

Reimagining Algorithms: Cultural Heritage in the Age of AI is an art-infused, researched-based and technologically adventurous exhibition that highlights how artists re-imagine and re-invent culture while also casting light on how the same technology is used for its destruction. Embedded in diverse cultural and historical narratives, the artists employ varied media and processes to rethink and recreate their culture through technology. In parallel, researchers and cultural workers delve into ways technology is employed to erase the art and culture of indigenous and colonized communities. The exhibit brings these two seemingly opposing polarities into proximity and questions their implications on our use of technology and AI (artificial intelligence) on cultural memory and identity.

The work of the featured artists extends to the PassageWay where the



exhibition expands through the research and documentation done by Simon Maghaky and the Caucasus Heritage Watch of current efforts to destroy cultural heritage in Artsakh/Nagorno Karabagh and the Gaza Strip.

Collectively, the artists, researchers and cultural workers in Reimagining Algorithms weave a tapestry of work that re-creates culture with new technological imaginings while also recognizing how systems can harness its algorithmic

violence.

Reimagining Algorithms: Cultural Heritage in the Age of AI is curated by Ara & Anahid Oshagan and Monica Hye Yeon Jun.

Exhibiting artists will participate in a virtual talk on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.; more information can be found at ReflectSpace.org.

ReflectSpace/Glendale Central Library is located at 222 E. Harvard St. in Glendale.

Image provided by ReflectSpace Still, □□□□□ □□□□□ (One Who Looks at the Cup), Mashinka Firunts Hakopian

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Aug. 15, inspirational speaker Ramona Smith will be making a presentation. The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

### TEENAGERS IN DISGUISE AT BACK DOOR BAKERY

Teenagers in Disguise will be performing the Back Door Bakery in Sunland on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The band will performing (mostly) original songs plus there will be some guest appearances.

Back Door Bakery is located at 8349 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland.

### CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosts a variety

of events for the community. Among them are:

- Model United Nations starts Aug. 19 and is from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. It is for ages 11 - 14.
- Summer special registrations for the Thanksgiving 5K Run and Kids' mile are available for \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids through Aug. 31.
- Painting Pots and Spreading Joy is geared for seniors over 50. It is held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (note new times) on Friday, Aug. 22. Pots will be donated to the Montrose Care Center. Volunteers will decorate terra cotta pots (no art skills required!) and fill them with beautiful blooming flowers to brighten up the surroundings for seniors in care. All materials will be provided – just bring a willingness to help others and a big heart ready to make a difference. To sign up visit cclcf.volunteerlocal.com (note new sign up link).
- Senior Bingo & Brunch is on Aug.

22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10.

- Glass Flameworking Workshop - Intro to Fused & Slumped Glass is on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. The cost is \$85.
- Teen Glass Fusing Workshop is on Sunday, Au. 31 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. It is for ages 13 - 17; the cost is \$85.
- The Gardening Club starts Thursday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registered Club members can sign up for a slot between Aug. 28 - Oct. 16. Work together on the grounds of the Lanterman House. There is no cost; the Gardening Club is free.
- Senior Speaker Series is a “Fall Prevention Info Talk” with Bobbi Kunse on Sept. 2 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free to attend.
- Senior social is on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

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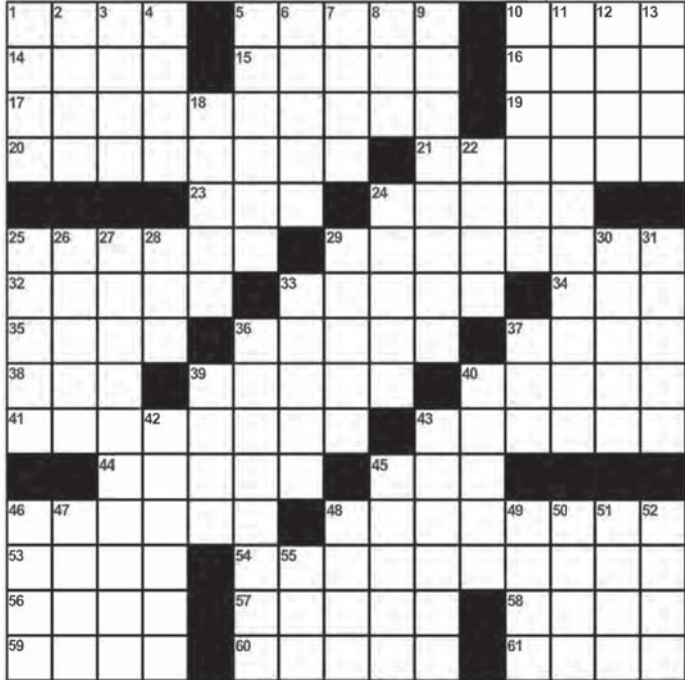
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- 5) Exchange
- 10) Gumbo ingredient
- 14) Christian of Hollywood
- 15) Merits
- 16) Once again
- 17) Headwear during the French Revolution
- 19) Monetary penalty
- 20) Common corrections
- 21) Spanish buddies
- 23) Definitely not good
- 24) Confrontation
- 25) Added filing aids to
- 29) Make taller
- 32) Unattractive citrus fruits
- 33) Is an omen of
- 34) Hotfoot it
- 35) Sometimes it's proper
- 36) More crass
- 37) Mine find
- 38) Anger
- 39) References
- 40) Made like a pigeon
- 41) Days of rest
- 43) Risque language
- 44) Desert water hole
- 45) \_\_\_ segno (musical direction)
- 46) Lab burner
- 48) Woo with song
- 53) Endings for "east" and "west"
- 54) Special Forces member
- 56) "A Death in the Family" author James
- 57) Filthy money?
- 58) One of the Baldwins
- 59) Certain pro basketball team
- 60) "Oui" and "si"
- 61) Ritz

### DOWN

- 1) Up to the challenge
- 2) Duo
- 3) Exile island
- 4) Observes
- 5) Group of four
- 6) X-\_\_\_ (took a radiograph)
- 7) Circle sections
- 8) Biological identifier
- 9) Shrubbery trellis
- 10) Goofy and clumsy
- 11) What a dubbed one enters
- 12) Vegas alternative
- 13) Fills with wonder
- 18) Yokels
- 22) Periodicals, briefly
- 24) Yields, as territory
- 25) City near Carthage
- 26) Greek marketplace of yore
- 27) State flower of Texas
- 28) Trash container
- 29) Waters, as a lawn
- 30) Large sea duck
- 31) Requiring a lot of attention
- 33) Shower alternatives
- 36) Piercingly
- 37) Temperature extreme
- 39) 24 cans of beer
- 40) Moses' spy in Canaan
- 42) Quarters of many quartets
- 43) \_\_\_ & Noble
- 45) John of tractor fame
- 46) Lima or kidney
- 47) Advise strongly
- 48) Ticks of the game clock, briefly
- 49) Kind of tide
- 50) Musician Guthrie
- 51) Below-average grades
- 52) Engrave
- 55) Have regrets

### HEADLINE NEWS

By Kenneth Holt



see ANSWERS on page 21

### DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There is live music every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

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

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

August 11, 2025 - August 17, 2025

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

You have the benefit of the doubt this week, thanks to influences in your area of politics and groups. A dream you've held close to your heart has a chance to develop as your social networks connect you to the very people you need to know. You may need to pay more attention to your house of fun, romance, and children. Bring this joyful energy into your work.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Aspects serve to bring greater security to your life in many ways, not the least of which involves your cash-flow situation. Astral activity affects your house of relationships for the better. Just stay grounded and don't get too emotional if someone doesn't respond exactly the way you'd hoped.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You have a few challenges to deal with this week, which could make you feel tired and drained. Aspects affect the area of your daily employment. Although things may be going more smoothly, your feelings about your workplace haven't changed. Now is the time to get started on making a transformation. Indications show that it's time to get serious about your career.

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

This week brings you a sigh of relief. You'll find out that change is possible. If you've been lax about stabilizing your career and looking toward advancement, it's time to make a shift. If your career doesn't want to cooperate, you need to map out the steps for change. Money follows when you get in touch with your emotions. Whatever makes you happy will give meaning to your working life.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

This week is about communication and your sector of employment. Things are likely to stop breaking down, which will make your job easier, but your money is also affected. Have you been too shy to ask for what you're worth? Find an opening to demonstrate the value you bring to the company. Then ask for a meeting and make your case. Success follows.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's a great week for you. Lots of power surrounds you, and you can now attract what you want and need. Regarding money, you're headed in the right direction, and you'll have more communication here. Aspects show that your current debt is on its way down, thanks to your diligent effort and planning. Great job!

### DINE-OUT BENEFITS LCFOG

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopedic Guild is having a dine-out at New Moon in Montrose. Proceeds will be donated to the Lusk Orthopedic Institute for Children.

Diners are asked to place their receipt in the box at the front counter of the restaurant so a portion of the bill will be donated to the LCFOG.

New Moon is located at 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose.

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### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's a strange week for you. Although there will be forward movement in your life and fewer concerns with technology, there are issues on the home front with unexpected expenses. Meanwhile, changes come to the workplace and its personnel and policies. If you're still on board, it's going to get better. If not, it's never going to be what you want. Think about how to make a healthy change.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're learning what a joy it is to have a fit and flexible body. You'll feel better and happier if you put more effort into seeking new healthy recipes that you love to eat, find ways to exercise that are fun and give you the workout you need, and follow a less stressful and more relaxed lifestyle. Go for it.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Activity in your sector of communication makes you a very busy bee indeed. You'll be writing, e-mailing, texting, and calling your favorite people and actually reaching them this week. It's also easier for you to find freelance work and get your work done so you can get paid more quickly. You can make progress now as long as you don't step on anyone's feet. Tread carefully.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's an up and down week for you. On the one hand, much of the focus this week is on money and status. On the other, aspects affect your house of debt and other people's money. The Universe wants you to sort this out before it gets any worse.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have a lot of creativity now, as well as a desire to enhance your appearance and give more thought to the way you project yourself to the world. You're driven to look to your personal and professional relationships to help you advance in your work and money lives.

More Horoscopes for Aquarius

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This week may bring some strange feelings from your past (or perhaps past lives). You could feel somehow boxed in or forced toward a certain conclusion. Aspects affecting your employment sector mean that you need to focus more attention here to make your work meaningful and lucrative.

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Will Subaru Take Responsibility for This “Fatally Flawed” Forester?

*Despite repeated repairs, Anita Smith’s 2020 Subaru Forester won’t start and is “fatally flawed.” Why won’t Subaru help her get it fixed?*

Question: I’ve been a loyal Subaru customer for 22 years. But I’ve experienced repeated issues with my 2020 Forester. Starting in early 2024, the vehicle had frequent incidents of a drained battery and needed to be towed to the dealer. By the end of the year, it had been towed five times. The car had spent more time at the dealer than with me.

Subaru replaced two parts, but the problem persisted. A few weeks ago, I parked the car and went on a cruise. When I returned, the car wouldn’t start. I got a jump start and I drove it directly to the dealer where it remained. I wrote another letter to Subaru but the company

said there was nothing more it could do.

I believe the car is fatally flawed. It has been a great inconvenience and has cost me money in lost income. I’m extremely disappointed that Subaru will not take responsibility for its vehicle or assist me with a replacement on suitable terms. Can you help me?

—Anita Smith, Cutler Bay, Florida

Answer: Subaru should have taken responsibility for an obviously defective product, especially after you’ve been so loyal for so long.

It looks like you bought an extended warranty that expired last September. What’s the

manufacturer’s obligation to you outside that warranty? That can be subjective. A manufacturer has an implied warranty – which is not in any contract – that its vehicle will continue to operate normally even outside the implied warranty past the term of the original warranty. I think Subaru had an obligation to help you, especially considering your loyalty to the company.

You did an excellent job with keeping repair records. You also tried to resolve this yourself and escalated the matter to one of the executive contacts at Subaru that I publish on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

After the fourth repair, Subaru tried to help by offering you a cash



settlement of \$3,000 but that would have still left you with a worthless

between a repurchase and buying a new Forester or a repurchase with a replacement with a similar model. As a third option, it offered you \$7,500 as long as you signed a

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### VETERANS BINGO SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 are having a bingo game at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave., on Aug. 23. Game sponsorships from the amount of \$100 on up are being accepted.

Please contact Lynn McGinnis at (818) 427-2470 or McGinnix@aol.com for details and to arrange sponsorship.

### ‘MUSICAL KIDS, HAPPY PARENTS!’

Suzuki Music Parent Information Night will be hosted over Zoom by the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Monday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. All adults are invited to attend. To register, go to bit.ly/Suzuki-Music-Parent-Info-Night. (It’s free to all adults, but you need to register in order to receive the Zoom link information.)

The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail. If you have trouble registering, contact us at <https://www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html>.

For more information, visit [www.suzukimusicofla.org](http://www.suzukimusicofla.org).

### MODERN SQUARE DANCING

Come learn modern square dancing! A new 13-week beginner’s class is starting on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:45 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The first two classes are free.

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### SUMMER PROGRAM BREAK

The regular 2nd Saturday programs at Bolton Hall Museum are on a summer break during July and August. Regular programs will resume on Sept. 13.

In the meantime, Bolton Hall Museum remains open for summer visits every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

• The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other’s company.

Participants are asked to bring their own art supplies – whether watercolor, acrylic, ink or pencil (no oil paints). Meetings are every Monday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

• Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club meets every third Tuesday at the LA County Library - La Crescenta located at the corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room.

For more information about the club and upcoming meetings, call (818) 903-4451.

### ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m. The Sunland Senior Center runs programming from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a donations-based lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunland Senior Center is located at 8640 Fenwick St. in Sunland. For further information, call (818) 353-9571. These special events are free.

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“When I saw the fire’s devastation,” he stated in a series of advertisements, “I knew that the next chapter in my life had to be dedicated to helping rebuild the communities and neighborhoods where I have lived, worked and prayed most of my life.”

During his years in the Assembly, Chris Holden – who was hailed as “a visionary public servant” by LA Fire Justice – authored the California Wildfire Fund in 2019. The bill gave investor-owned utilities the ability to tap into a \$21 billion insurance fund, courtesy of ratepayers and taxpayers.

For an annual contribution of \$300,000 for 10 years, Pacific Gas and Electric avoided bankruptcy in the wake of the disastrous Camp Fire that killed 86 people and leveled the town of Paradise. PG&E executives (who escaped prosecution) kept their jobs and stockholders kept their dividends.

For prospective clients, LA Fire Justice offers free consultations, coffee chats, town hall meetings and, in particular, insurance workshops. Unfortunately, most fire victims wrangle with insurance companies to avoid cancellation and the near-bankrupt

FAIR plan – unaware that insurance companies and public utilities bankrolled the legislative career of Chris Holden.

For a sampling, scroll through the website Digital Democracy. Campaign contributions from PG&E to Holden for \$2,600 (2015), \$2,200 (2016) and \$8,300 (2021). Contributions from Southern California Edison for \$2,700 (2015), \$4,400 (2017), \$100 (2019) and \$4,900 (2022).

The Association of California Health and Life Insurance Companies coughed up \$3,000 (2022). Geico forked over \$1,300 (2022). Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers handed over \$2,000 (2016) and \$1,500 (2022). Mercury General Corporation wrote a check for \$1,500 (2020) ... You get the idea.

In other “progressive” legislation, Chris Holden fathered a bill to raise the wages of fast-food workers only to wipe out 18,000 jobs. On his way out of the statehouse door, he voted for a bill to give \$13 billion in health care for illegal immigrants.

But I digress.

Les Hammer  
Pasadena

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**BEELINE BUS SERVICE STUDY, MEETING**

The City of Glendale is hosting a virtual public meeting on its Beeline Bus Service. The Beeline Buzz Plan is a Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Integration Study, which will explore ways to improve access, connectivity and system efficiency in Glendale and surrounding communities including Burbank, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta and Montrose.

The meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 6-7 p.m. Participants can join the virtual meeting at [qrco.de/BeelineBuzzPlanPublicMeeting](http://qrco.de/BeelineBuzzPlanPublicMeeting).

For more information, visit [www.BeelineBuzzPlan.com](http://www.BeelineBuzzPlan.com).

**EXPLORER PROGRAM AT CV STATION**

People between the ages of 14 and 20 and interested in a future in law enforcement or public service are encouraged to learn about the LASD Explorer Program at Crescenta Valley Station. Sought are motivated youth in good physical health who want to serve their community and gain real-world experience.

The Explorer Academy runs every Saturday from Sept. 6 through December. Registration day is on Saturday, Aug. 23.

For more information, contact Deputy Ruiz at (818) 236-4026 or email [m2ruiz@lasd.org](mailto:m2ruiz@lasd.org).

**PATRIOT MOTORCADE**

The Sept. 11 Patriot Motorcade begins at 8:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. The motorcade commemorates the first responders who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

**DRONE USE BY SCE**

As part of its wildfire prevention and mitigation program, over the next few weeks SCE will be conducting inspections in local neighborhoods using drones and/or helicopters.

Inspectors are using drones and helicopters to inspect equipment from difficult angles, and top-down angles for a 360-degree view. The focus of these operations is to keep SCE communities safe by inspecting electrical equipment on poles and towers and to identify any damage or potential hazard that may need immediate repair. The amount of time it takes to conduct inspections varies depending on how much equipment is on each pole or tower (approximately 30 to 60 minutes).

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We all depend on those items that come from across the ocean in the form of global trade.

And then there is the weather.

“Ocean water is constantly evaporating, increasing the temperature and humidity of the surrounding air to form rain and storms that are then carried by trade winds. In fact, almost all rain that falls on land starts off in the ocean,” according to NOAA.

Earth really is living in the balance – when one part of it is destroyed it does impact the entire ecosystem.

We will see a warming trend this week into next with temperatures slightly higher than normal (mid-80s). Highs will be in the upper 80s on Tuesday.

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