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Heat Wave Advice Given and Land Use Element Discussed

By Julie BUTCHER

At the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council, various city officials briefed the council and public about precautions for the current heat wave.

Fire Chief Jeff Brooks cautioned that during triple digits days, like those expected through Sunday, folks should be careful to put out cigarette butts properly; to watch for sparks from power equipment; and to be on the alert for anything that could ignite dry vegetation. He urged residents to limit outdoor activities to the cooler parts of the day and to stay hydrated.

"Drink more than you think you need," Chief Brooks advised.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) Chief Scott Mellon noted that the heat threatens the city's power system. Mellon urged the conservation of energy as much as possible including delaying the use of major appliances – electric ovens, dishwashers, clothes washers – until after 9 p.m. and for homes to set the thermostat to 78 degrees "when you're home and to 80 degrees when you're away."

"Close your curtains and blinds to block out direct sunlight," he advised.

GWP also has a program that provides free fans to low-income seniors. To access call (818) 548-3775 or email CSPCares@GlendaleCA.gov.

Mellon added that the GWP hotline for power outages is (818) 550-4400.

Councilmember Dan Brotman also urged those with electric vehicles to charge them after 9 p.m. or in the morning.

Onnig Bulanikian, director of Community Services & Parks, announced that the city will be opening four cooling centers Thursday through Sunday;

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Safety Stressed as Local Streets Get Busy

By Mary O'KEEFE

Local streets, especially those near schools, will see increased traffic as schools open for the new year.

School districts are welcoming students back to school, including Glendale Unified School District, and that means back-to-school traffic.

Law enforcement will be out in force to make certain drivers are following traffic laws and pedestrians are safe. In the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County-La Crescenta Montrose that means drivers will be seeing units from the California Highway Patrol.

"Give yourself enough time to get where you're going," advised Officer Keller, CHP.

That may seem like a simple task but every year law enforcement officers see drivers racing to drop off their children or letting them out of the car into traffic



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Students at Crescenta Valley High School were welcomed by a giant falcon when they came to campus.

in order to beat the school bell. But it's not just those dropping off and picking up their children at school that need to factor in the need for more driving time; those who have been driving to work or running errands all summer need to remember that

due to additional traffic those tasks will take longer. Drivers may forget school has started, which means a lot more cars on local streets.

For those who are dropping students off drivers are advised to not only give themselves

enough time but to also make sure they know the drop off procedures for all schools.

Elementary schools have specific drop off and pick up areas where students can get safely to and from school.

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» PART V

Sacramento and E-bike Laws

By Mary O'KEEFE

The use of electric bikes, scooters and mini-motorcycles has grown and has received some attention from Sacramento. There have been some bills passed over the last few years regarding e-bikes and e-scooters; however, as the popularity of the electric mobility vehicles continues to grow and as more issues arise, legislation will have to be enacted.

A few bills include:

Assembly Bill (AB) 544. This requires electric bicycles and non-electric bicycles to be equipped with a red reflector or a solid or

flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear of the bike visible from 500 feet. These lights must be displayed during the day and night. The bill was signed into law in July of this year.

AB 545. This deals with the speed of an e-bike and that some owners have manipulated the bikes to go faster than originally intended. This law makes that practice illegal. The existing e-bike classifications are: Class 1 – pedal assist only, no throttle, can reach a maximum of 20 mph. Class 2 – pedal assist with a throttle, maximum speed of 20 mph.

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Photo provided by Charly SHELTON
The popularity of electric bikes, scooters and mini-motorcycles has forced Sacramento to take a closer look at the situation.



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Wishing I Was All Thumbs

When I was a kid, we didn't have cellphones; heck, we didn't have backpacks – well, there were *backpacks* but we didn't use them for books. They were mainly used for camping (as I remember). We carried our books in the crook of our arm.

I often marvel at the things we *didn't* have: in addition to no cellphones, we didn't have CDs, VCRs, ATMs, cable, streaming services and delivery service (except for pizza) (to name a few).

I think that's why I'm so astounded when seeing little kids using cellphones to get to a gaming screen and even adults using all their fingers (known as touch typing) when sending a text. I usually use just a single digit on my dominant (right) hand.

Last week I heard that kids don't even need to see their phones when texting; they intuitively know what buttons to push in order to create and send a message. Of course, I am a stickler for correct spelling – even when texting – so perhaps touch typing wouldn't work for me.

However, there is an AI (artificial intelligence) tutorial for people like me who are “touch typing challenged.” Just feed “Texting using all fingers” in the search bar of your search engine and up comes AI instructions on how to achieve this phenomenon.

Of course, texting as a primary means of communication has its drawbacks. While it may be convenient to send a text to someone rather than giving them a call and going through the chit chat of “Hi, how are you? What did you do this weekend?” the fact is that many kids today don't even know how to have a meaningful conversation – either with adults or with each other. For example, how many times have you seen a gaggle of girls quietly texting – sometimes each other! – rather than interacting?

I don't know about you but when I was a teenager, there was so much drama in living day-to-day. I remember talking to my girlfriends ad nauseam about how someone looked at me, what I (or someone else) wore, who I liked, who she liked, etc. I can't imagine trying to relay that information in a text. Sensitive and/or tricky topics deserve a phone call or in-person meeting, don't you think? I mean, emojis can only relay so much.

And speaking of emojis, did you know there was an entire “secret library” of emoji meanings? Don't even get me started...

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

August 26 is National Dog Day. It was started by author Colleen Paige in 2004 and Aug. 26 was chosen because that is the day she and her family adopted their first dog.

In my family every single day is a dog day. I did not have a dog growing up; I had a horse and a cow (for a while) but no dog. I didn't get a dog until after I was married and it wasn't by choice. My brother was upset that I had been married for almost a decade and he did not have a niece or nephew. So he called and told me to go to LAX to pick up a “package” he sent to me. That is all he said. I went to the airport and discovered my brother sent me a perfect little Old English sheepdog with a note that said, “If you can take care of this puppy, you can take care of a baby.”

Lloyd was our first Old English sheepdog, and he was just perfect. My brother was right; we later had three kids and I am now on our third sheepdog, who was a rescue.

I cannot imagine my life without a dog. They are there in the morning to greet you and at the end of the day waiting for you. Two of my three kids have dogs; the one without a dog has cats.

Having dogs or a pet can help reduce stress and anxiety, ease feelings of loneliness, provide unconditional love and support, create a calming presence and gives a sense of purpose for pet parents, according to UC Davis Mental Health.

Now, I am not saying that it is always easy. Having a pet is a big responsibility and requires a lot of patience but the love you get in return is worth all the poop

scoops and chewed up shoes.

“The Army is using dogs ‘much more’ to help soldiers recovering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), according to the former Army Surgeon General's special assistant for mental health, Col. Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D.,” as stated in a 2010 article by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

In a study by NAMI, it found that about 20% of people living with depression have used animal therapy treatment with 54% finding it extremely or quite a bit helpful.

“Pets can reduce work-related stress. Two out of three employees say work stresses them out and 40% say their job gets in the way of their health. Studies show that pets in the workplace help reduce stress and improve employee satisfaction. Pets can help increase productivity, wherever you work. When a dog joins a virtual meeting, group members rank their teammates higher on trust, team cohesion and camaraderie. Pets help manage anxiety. Now more than ever many people are feeling anxious or struggling with mental health. Pets provide companionship and support. Pets can help you be more active. They give you a reason to get outside, get some fresh air and get active, which is proven to improve your mood, sleep and mental health. Pets provide a sense of togetherness. The bond with a pet helps you not to feel alone. When owners see, touch, hear or talk to their companion animals, it brings a sense of goodwill, joy, nurturing and happiness,” according to American Heart Association.

In addition to mental health, dogs get you up and moving.

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Legally Uncensored Podcast

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What Happens to a House in a Divorce

Phyllis speaks candidly, even when the truth is hard to accept. If you're considering a divorce, be aware that you may face the possibility of losing your home.

Here's the straight truth: In California, your house typically gets divided through one of these four scenarios:

- 1. Buyout:** One spouse pays the other their 50% share of the equity
- 2. Sale:** Both spouses sell the house and split the proceeds
- 3. Co-ownership:** Both keep ownership (this is rare and usually messy)
- 4. Offset:** One spouse keeps the house, the other gets equivalent value in different assets

Sounds simple, right? Wrong.



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Don't Miss Next Week's Q&A – Phyllis discusses “Avoiding a Pre-Nup”

NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVTC MEETS TONIGHT

The next general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) is tonight, Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd. On the agenda is the proposed deviation on parking for the Planet Fitness located at the former Rite Aid site on Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta.

For more information visit CVTC's official website or follow it on social media.

NOT FROM CVWD

Customers have reported individuals from the "California Efficiency Group" going door-to-door in the local community with misleading water quality information.

This group is not affiliated with CVWD. Contact the District with any water quality concerns.

REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

On Aug. 12, the City of Glendale announced a 10-day extension to Friday, Aug. 29 for the public review and comment period for the draft land use element and map and the draft environmental justice element.

The community can access the draft elements at GlendalePlan.com.

The City of Glendale has also published a set of facts about the general plan updates at GlendaleFactPage.com.

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.

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.

CVCA TO MEET AUGUST 28

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 28, this month in the community room at the La Crescenta Library. The meeting will include discussion on land use issues such as SB 79 and the Glendale General Plan, as well as other topics of concern to the community.

The library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com with any questions.

All are welcome.

PATRIOT MOTORCADE

The Sept. 11 Patriot Motorcade begins at 8:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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GUSD Provides Resources for Students Ahead of Back to School

By Eliza PARTIKA

For the second consecutive year, on Saturday, Aug. 16 the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) held its Back to School Community Resource Fair at its offices at 223 N. Jackson St. in Glendale. The event provided hundreds of families from Cerritos, Columbus, Jefferson, Horace Mann and Marshall elementary schools with free backpacks, school supplies, counseling, health care and CalFresh services, and dental screenings from Colgate. The event also featured a STEM Makerspace (a hands-on learning environment incorporating science, technology, engineering and mathematics), crafts and the Glendale Library, Arts and Culture (GLAC) Bookmobile.

Rose d'Amato, coordinator of GUSD Community Schools, said she goes out into the community to find resources that best fill the gaps for local families to ensure the District can "provide as many services as we can to get kids school-ready."

D'Amato begins planning the event six or seven months in advance, surveying families for what they need, connecting with community organizations and making sure families are aware of the event. After last year's turnout of around 500 families, d'Amato said there was a lot of positive feedback that helped design which resources would be present again this year. She estimated attendance tripled at this year's event, and hopes next year the resource fair can be filled with even more supplies.

"Families are so grateful that they are able to have these resources," said d'Amato.

Nina Trujillo, a representative for the District's newest partner, Colgate's Bright Smiles Bright Futures oral health program, said Colgate will be bringing its mobile dental clinic to all GUSD elementary schools to provide health education and dental checkups to children 12 and under.

"[Bright Smiles Bright Futures] wants to make sure it can collaborate with [GUSD elementary schools] to provide this free service to families. We want [students] to develop good oral hygiene, to have good oral health, because everything enters through our mouth. We want them to understand that whatever goes into your mouth goes through your entire body. The Community Schools program is meant to serve families that really need these resources," Trujillo said.

Longtime partners like Pedro Ramirez, director of Outreach & Community Engagement for Comprehensive Community Health Centers (CCHC), said his passion is to provide students and parents with what they need to maintain their health and thrive. CCHC brings its mobile clinic to all elementary school campuses to provide immunizations and health screenings for GUSD students.

"My commitment is to provide [families] with information, to save lives," he said. "I want to show families they have a medical home here."

Ramirez said families can also utilize tele-health video calls and phone calls with doctors to receive care in addition to the mobile clinic that will come to schools. Ramirez said the CCHC clinic on Chevy Chase Drive is open to families when they need it.

"Don't be scared to come to us for care," he said.

Glendale Council PTA parents gave away free backpacks to students. PTA President Lea Awni said, as an immigrant and parent of children who were products of GUSD schools, it was helpful to have someone there to make her aware of all the programs that exist for students. Awni continues to serve on the PTA, even though her children are now in college, because of the powerful impact it makes with the resources and events the PTA arranges throughout the year.

"We want to make sure we provide [students] with the best tools to succeed. As a parent, I am thrilled to offer support in any way we can. When we are together, supporting our students, we make a positive impact on families, especially of incoming students, when they see all that is happening here. We make a difference when we get together with a vested interest in our students," Awni said.

The GLAC Bookmobile made an appearance at the resource fair to provide kids with free books to start their school year. Eric Gomez, an outreach coordinator with the library, said literacy is vital to accessing a good education.

"As a kid, I remember I didn't go to the library until I was in high school. I didn't even know there was such a thing. But then after that, I developed an appreciation for what a library is – I take this book home and take it with me and then bring it back? That's a totally different concept! So, for us, it's providing students and families with access to books that fit their interests, getting them excited to read," he said.

Rosa Hohman, board member of Kiwanis Club of the Verdugos, said Kiwanis has held a longtime partnership with Al Barro Foundation to support families in need.

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Photos by Eliza PARTIKA

TOP: A student picks out a book from the GLAC Bookmobile at the Community Resource Fair.

ABOVE: A Glendale PTA volunteer helps a student pick out a backpack.

BELOW: A student demonstrates proper flossing at the Colgate booth.



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West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Confirmed in Los Angeles County

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD/District) has confirmed the first mosquito samples to test positive this year for West Nile virus (WNV) in Los Angeles County. The positive samples were collected from mosquito traps in Arleta, South El Monte and Valley Glen, confirming the presence of the virus in mosquito populations within the community. Subsequent testing has confirmed three additional WNV positive mosquito samples collected in Van Nuys, Panorama City and Lake Balboa. This brings the total number of detections to six so far this year in the District's service area.

"West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease transmitted to people through the bite of an infected Culex mosquito," said Steve Vetrone, GLACVCD assistant general manager of

Vector Management. "The virus is endemic to Los Angeles County with activity typically increasing during the summer months."

The native Culex mosquito is most active during dawn and dusk. West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Los Angeles County and is naturally found in the environment across the entire county, even in areas where recent mosquito sample detections have not occurred. Because there is currently no human vaccine for the virus, residents must take personal protective measures by using mosquito repellent when spending time outdoors, especially during peak mosquito activity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends using insect repellent with any of the following active ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. These

ingredients have been proven safe and effective when used as directed.

"While we continue to monitor and treat public spaces, we rely on residents to help reduce mosquito breeding in their properties," added Vetrone. "Dumping out standing water and wearing mosquito repellent are simple but powerful ways to stay protected."

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents must take an active role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking these additional steps:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything else that holds water for over a week.
 - Ensure that swimming pools, spas and ponds are properly maintained.
 - Change the water in pet dishes, bird baths and other small containers weekly.
 - Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
 - Wear CDC-recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present.
 - Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.
- For an extensive list of common indoor and outdoor sources and recommended solutions, visit bit.ly/diy-mosquito-solutions. For more information, residents and businesses can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656, visit www.GLAmosquito.org or connect on social media.

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Update on La Crescenta Avenue Project

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*CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND CLOSURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DURING WEEKDAYS ONLY.

During the construction period, detours, intermittent lane closures and traffic delays are expected on the following streets:

Location and Dates

- *La Crescenta Avenue at Piedmont Avenue and Shirlyjean Street:* Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between Aug. 25 and Sept. 5 (excludes weekends)
- *La Crescenta Avenue at various locations between Glenwood Avenue and Montrose Avenue:* Travel may be closed intermittently between Aug. 25 and Sept. 5

Description of Work

- Contractor performing sanitary sewer main upgrades.
- Contractor constructing traffic signal pole foundations.
- Contractor installing ADA compliant curb ramps and repairing damaged sidewalks.

**Construction activity and closures are subject to change.*

By Mary O'KEEFE

Since the publication of the CVW articles last week concerning the City of Glendale's General Plan update, there has been a lot of talk, confusion and accusations concerning accuracy regarding the update process. CVW spoke with Bradley Calvert, director of Community Development with the City of Glendale, to attempt to get a clearer picture of what the General Plan is and what it may mean to Montrose and Glendale.

According to the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), "A general plan is each local government's blueprint for meeting the community's long-term vision for the future."

The local General Plan should start with a shared community vision that will help set priorities throughout the planning process and inform decision makers about community values, according to LCI.

Let's be clear: there is a lot of work that goes into creating the General Plan. There are specific

guidelines that have to be followed and numerous elements that have to be included.

In 1971 California amended its Government Code to make General Plans mandatory for every city and county in the state. It also required all local land use approvals to be consistent with the jurisdiction's General Plan as the statement of local planning policy for the future. The General Plan requirements have been updated over the years but at its base it is to act as the link between the expressed values and vision of the community and the result. This is the basis of why the update of the General Plan is being done.

The issue that seems to be gathering a lot of attention is that within the plan, if approved by the Glendale City Council, City-owned parking lots could become residential developments. This includes parking lots in Montrose.

"The large lot, number three, is zoned for R3050 and parking, so it could be both [residential and commercial]," Calvert said.

R3050 zoning means the property is zoned for moderate density, residential development.

"The other [parking lots in Montrose] have a ST3 zoning," he added. "Those are a combination of our commercial zoning. With that being said, the ST3 zone does allow residential densities at what we call R1250."

ST3 zones allow for medium-to-high density multi-family dwellings, which is similar to Glendale's R1250.

The bottom line is that most business owners and residents are not as concerned about how the lots are zoned but what would be planned for those lots.

Concerns range from business owners who worry about development and how that would affect their businesses, that Montrose would lose its valuable parking spaces, and residents who are concerned about the size of additional housing and how that will affect a variety of issues, including fire safety.

"The thing that I have to

continue to caution is that it doesn't mean that [the City] is or will or anyone can just come and [develop the City-owned property]," Calvert said. "The City owns these properties, the City decides ultimately if anything were to happen at all ... The City has complete control over those properties and the decision of whether or not anything would happen to them at any point in the future – now or 20 years away."

The point Calvert wanted to stress was that the City does not have a developer chosen nor does it have a development planned.

CVW pointed out that those most concerned about the information being shared, specifically at the Montrose Shopping Park Association meeting this month, were not concerned that the City was going ahead with a development but that it could do this.

"And that is a fair concern," Calvert said. "That is the kind of concern and kind of comment we would like to hear. I think the problem with the narrative,

and what I am seeing in flyers and what I am seeing in print elsewhere, is that it's imminent, that we have a proposal in our hands, which we don't."

He said he understood the fears business owners and residents have.

Another matter was in regard to the City's outreach pertaining to the issue, which from the City's point of view has been extensive; however, from those interviewed by CVW concerning the General Plan, outreach has been lacking.

MSPA's board of directors has been focused on getting information out to business owners and residents in the area, including putting flyers on its website and handing out flyers throughout the shopping park that urge the public to speak up about this issue.

"We are working with Bradley Calvert to schedule four informational meetings to help clarify the issues," said Andre Ordubegian, MSPA president.

Once those dates have been set, CVW will share that information with its readers.

On Saturday, Aug. 16 at approximately 7:55 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash with ambulance responding, which occurred near the intersection of Ocean View Boulevard and Mira Vista Avenue.

Upon arriving at the scene, deputies with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and personnel with Los Angeles County Fire located a male pedestrian lying within the roadway.

The pedestrian sustained major injuries as a result of the crash. Los Angeles County Fire personnel began life saving measures on-scene. The pedestrian was subsequently transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased as a result of his injuries.

Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined the driver of a blue Volvo was traveling southbound within the No. 1 lane of southbound Ocean View Boulevard at Mira Vista Avenue at approximately 35-40 mph when the pedestrian crossed the roadway directly in front of the Volvo. As a result, the Volvo struck the pedestrian.

The name of the deceased has been withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is encouraged to contact Officer A. Martinez, ID 22342, at the CHP Altadena Area office at (626) 296-8100. After business hours, please contact the Los Angeles Traffic Management Center at (323) 259-3200.

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Coffee Hour with Ardy

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian had his weekly Coffee Hour on Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf in Montrose.

The meeting is a time to talk to Kassakhian and ask questions about a variety of issues. On Friday many who joined the councilmember for coffee had questions about the updating of the Glendale General Plan.

The General Plan is a state requirement for all cities and counties in California. The plan is to establish “a citywide vision and consistency 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 Glendale City website,

glendaleplan.com.

Most of the questions concerned how the General Plan, when approved, would affect Montrose and if Montrose could possibly be excluded from the plan, which may include a housing development in a nearby City-owned parking lot.

Kassakhian took note of all of the comments and questions and said he would research many of the concerns. He did remind everyone the General Plan is a state-mandated process and that he would like if cities, like Glendale that have put a lot of effort into updating transportation and increasing housing would have those efforts considered, especially when other cities have not done nearly as much.

Kassakhian will host another Coffee Hour at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, 3701 Ocean View Blvd. in Montrose, on Friday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.



Glendale Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian (in black) met with constituents at his weekly Coffee Hour on Friday at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf in Montrose.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Cooling Centers Open in Anticipation of High Temperatures

With extreme temperatures forecasted this week and the potential for little overnight relief, Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is urging residents and businesses to conserve energy to help prevent potential strain on the city’s electrical grid. Sustained high heat consistently leads to increased air conditioning use, which can overload power infrastructure and raises the risk of service interruptions. GWP is taking proactive steps to maintain grid reliability and asks customers to join the effort. The city will also activate cooling centers from Aug. 21-Aug. 24 at various locations, including Starr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale 91208. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Center is closed on Sunday. For more locations, visit GlendaleCA.gov/BeatTheHeat.

“To avoid potential power outages during this period of excessive heat, we’re encouraging our customers to take simple yet impactful steps to conserve energy, while always keeping the health and safety of families and pets in mind,” said Scott Mellon, general manager of GWP. “Our crews are on standby and prepared to respond quickly to any service disruptions.”

Energy-Saving Tips to Reduce Power Use During Heatwaves: Residential Customers:

- Charge electric vehicles in the early morning or after 9 p.m.
- Delay use of major appliances (electric ovens, clothes washers/dryers, dishwashers) until after 9 p.m. or early morning hours.
- Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher’s heat cycle.
- Set thermostats to 78°F when home and 80°F when away, keeping in mind to adjust

- based on the health and wellbeing of family and pets.
- Use ceiling fans instead of A/C when possible. Remember: fans cool people, not rooms.
- Close curtains and blinds during the day to block out direct sunlight.
- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.
- Use LED bulbs, which produce less heat and use less energy.
- Keep refrigerators full. A full fridge retains cold better and uses less energy.
- Unplug “energy vampires” including chargers, electronics, and anything with standby lights or digital displays.

Business Customers:

- Shift energy-intensive operations to early morning or evening hours.
- Keep doors closed to retain cool air and reduce indoor heat.
- Turn off unnecessary lighting and encourage employees to unplug chargers and turn off devices before leaving for the

day or weekend.

City of Glendale Residents Who Want to Stay Informed and Prepared:

- Sign up for outage text alerts at GlendaleCA.gov/OutageTextAlerts.
- Monitor power status on GWP’s Live Outage Map at GlendaleWaterandPower.com.
- In the event of an outage:
 - Keep flashlights and batteries easily accessible.
 - Charge cellphones and mobile devices in advance of the hottest times of the day.
 - Avoid opening refrigerators/freezers to retain cold air.
 - Store extra drinking water and stay hydrated.

For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

The County of Los Angeles is also issuing a heat warning and advisory. Visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=5116> for details.

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEWS OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – Part 1

The sweet, fruity scent of baked apples and cinnamon filled the air as the oven door opened at Rice’s Café on the edge of Sunland Park. Plates were laid out that soon were filled with slices of steaming hot pie and large scoops of ice cream. Out in the park, a couple dozen people were gathered. Among them was a handful of Los Angeles City officials, members of the Los Angeles Police Dept., local leaders and a cadre of aviation experts, pilots and enthusiasts.

This was a time in 1927 when aviation was all the rage. Just four months prior, on the streets of New York, Charles Lindbergh had inspired an estimated four million people to attend the ticker-tape parade in his honor. They celebrated the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Only one month prior, MGM’s Leo the Lion, the first beast to roar on screen, survived a plane crash near Gisela, Arizona and was returned to Hollywood to much fanfare.

On Friday, Oct. 14, 1927 this group had arrived for a presentation in support of the Sunland Airport.

The City of Los Angeles had begun the process of identifying a location for a new municipal airport. Several locations were put forth, but the Sunland Airport had an ace in the hole: less fog.

After enjoying lunch in the park, the assembly headed east down Foothill Boulevard and made a left turn on Mt. Gleason. They were transported to the top of the hill overlooking the Big Tujunga Wash. They exited their autos and climbed a nearby peak to the west. These hillsides were barren then but days before a crew had constructed a wooden platform upon which chairs had been spread. From there, the party could see the proposed airport laid out before them.

Among the officials there that day were Van Griffith, son of Colonel Griffith J. Griffith, the eccentric benefactor of Griffith Park in Los Angeles, and Charles Randall, the former U.S. Congressman, then Los Angeles City Councilman. Randall’s history was notable as he was the only Prohibition Party candidate ever elected to the U.S.

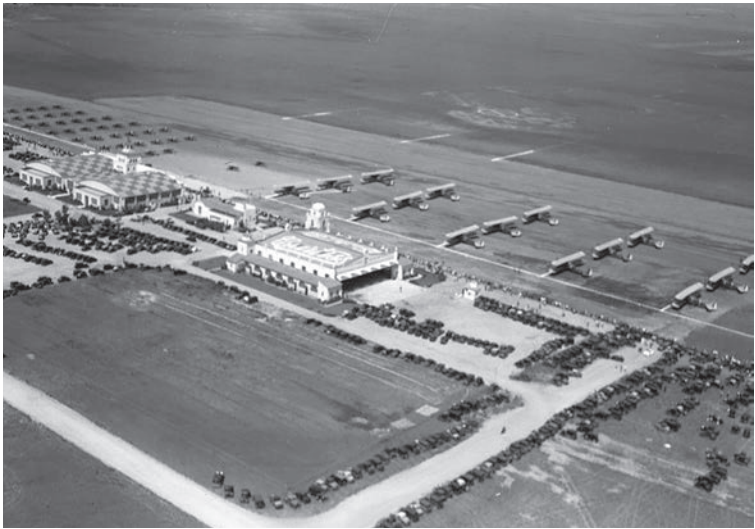
House of Representatives. WWI aviator and stunt pilot “Daredevil” Henderson, stepped forward to address the group.

Henderson had arranged for a pilot of the Aero Corporation of California to buzz the crowd and circle the proposed airfield and the plane arrived just as he began to speak.

“The City of Los Angeles must have a municipal airport,” he pointed his finger at the aviator flying by. “This 660-acre site is a rare spot; while a haze of fog covered the city this morning, here in Sunland, this valley below was clear and fogless.”

Next up was Otis Burton Curtis, speaking on behalf of the Airport Committee. He pointed out the boundaries: “The field would be 2600 feet wide and 10,000 feet long.” At that moment, the aviator flew by at the same level as the gathering and they all instinctively waved as he passed.

Otis continued, “The land included in this proposed site extends from the foot of the hill to the south to a line about midway



between Hill and North streets (Hillrose and Wentworth Streets today) and from Walnut Drive (Mt. Gleason) to the Big Tujunga Bridge.”

Shortly after this hilltop assembly, despite Councilman Randall’s assurances that the Sunland site would receive serious consideration, a final choice was made in the southern part of Westchester. This site had been promoted by real estate agent William Mines

and Mines Field, as it was known, was leased by the city in August of 1928. The airport opened on Oct. 1 and was renamed the Los Angeles Municipal Airport on June 7, 1930.

Come back and visit with me next time. I’ll take you for a ride on the Wahoo Railroad Spur in Part 2 of Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

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

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

Learning About the Life Cycle of a Bill

Over the next three weeks, the California State Legislature will consider nearly 850 pieces of legislation (referred to as bills) currently pending in both the state assembly and the state senate. It’s all part of our legislative process governed by rules and deadlines that begin in January and conclude on Sept. 12.

The Life Cycle of a Bill

Every year when the Legislature convenes, legislators are allowed to introduce bills. Those bills are developed from a variety of sources; they can be based on policy recommendations from scholars, experts and advocacy organizations, they may be responding to changes at the federal level or emerging technology, and many times from constituents noting problems in their own communities.

Those bills go through policy committees that examine and debate the impact of the proposed law as well as a fiscal committee that reviews the potential financial impact of the bill. As you might expect, this process whittles down the number of bills, especially as the Appropriations Committee

weighs the cost of a bill and the state’s budget resources. When both the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations meet on Aug. 29, we’ll see the number of bills considerably reduced.

If a bill passes through the committee process, it moves to the floor for consideration by the entire assembly or senate. Importantly, bills that impose a tax increase or which take effect immediately require a two-thirds vote – that’s 27 votes in the senate and 54 votes in the assembly. Most other bills require a simple majority – 21 votes in the senate and 41 votes in the assembly.

After the house of origin approves the bill, it proceeds to the other house for a similar process. If a bill is amended in the second house, it must go back to the house of origin for concurrence, which is a separate vote by the house of origin on agreement to the amendments.

Once a bill has been approved by both the assembly and the senate, it then goes to the governor.

The governor has three choices. He or she can sign the bill into law,

allow it to become law without his or her signature, or veto it. Normally, the governor has 12 days after receiving a bill to decide to sign or

veto it, or a bill will become law automatically without his or her signature. However, the governor has 30 days to make this decision

on bills submitted to him or her at the end of session when the annual interim recess is near at hand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Community

I am writing on behalf of my family to express our deepest gratitude to the wonderful Crescenta Valley community. On Sunday, Aug. 17, we held a celebration of life for my husband Dennis Gossard under the lights on the new home field at CVHS. We were truly overwhelmed by the outpouring love, support and compassion from every corner of the community and from all his past players both at CV and Pasadena City College.

From the heartfelt messages to the many who attended and

shared their memories, we felt surrounded by a true sense of community spirit. Your kindness has been a great comfort to us during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to be there or who watched it live on the Falcon Football Facebook page ... we felt your love and presence.

Please accept our most heartfelt thanks and know that we will always remember this incredible community for standing by us. Dennis loved his Falcon family.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Glendale Latino Association Serves Up Pizza With A Purpose



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP LEFT: Former GLA member Stephen Ropfogel enjoys a slice of pizza at GLA's pizza night fundraiser at Shakey's in Glendale.
TOP RIGHT: Former Glendale mayor and current City Councilmember Dan Brotman (middle) likes to "be involved" in community activities.
LEFT: Shakey's Pizza Parlor will donate 25% of food purchases at GLA's pizza night fundraiser.

By Ruth SOWBY

Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Glendale was the tasty venue for GLA's pizza night fundraiser. On Aug. 13, about 35 hungry GLA members and guests gathered at the red checkered tables to sip and sup. Shakey's will donate 25% of food purchases to support GLA scholarships and programs.

Guests Claudio Gil and fiancé Jenny Gutierrez dug into a pineapple, jalapeño, and pepperoni pizza. "I'm here to support the fundraiser," said Gil.

"It's a good time with good friends."

Former Glendale mayor and current Councilmember Dan Brotman also attended as a guest. He eschewed pizza in favor of a bit of a beverage. Former GLA member Stephen Ropfogel was single for the night having left recently retired wife Pamela at home.

GLA Advisory Committee member Susan Hunt has been active in GLA "for a million years." She said she never misses a fundraiser.

GLA's scholarships are awarded at its annual scholarship breakfast.

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three months, and longer terms come with big perks – like a free three-month bonus when you rent for six months. No deposits, no registration fees and you can even share your box with a second person – totally free.

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anywhere in the world – making it perfect for travelers, small business owners or just anyone who likes flexibility.

"Honestly, I think people are just happy there's finally something like this in La Crescenta," Gaby added. "We're not a big bank – we're local. We're here to give people peace of mind."






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St. Bede The Venerable Announces New School Principal

St. Bede the Venerable School has announced Brandon Birr as its new principal. Birr officially joined St. Bede on July 1 and brings a wealth of experience to his new position, having dedicated nearly two decades to the field of education including a decade in leadership roles in both Catholic and public school environments.

Most recently, Birr served as principal for the Victor Elementary School District in Victorville, California overseeing everything from curriculum development, school operations and budgeting, admissions and enrollment, and student discipline. Prior to that, he was assistant principal for the Jurupa Valley School District with roles including Student Management & Accountability and Student Services.

He also served at La Salle High School in Pasadena for 10 years in various roles. His dedication to nurturing both the academic and spiritual growth of his students was highlighted across all of his positions during his time there as dean of Students, student advisor, social studies/religious studies/Spanish instructor, student mentor, liturgy coordinator, discipline advisory board member, vocation coordinator and service coordinator.

Birr's educational philosophy is deeply rooted in his belief in the importance of building meaningful relationships as the cornerstone for effective learning. By fostering



transparent and open communication with students, parents, and faculty and staff, as well as the general school and parish communities, he strives to create a 21st century educational community dedicated to forming future leaders who bring about positive change.

Birr was selected last spring from a wide pool of qualified applicants as a standout leader and clear choice to guide St.

Bede School into the future. As a California native, born and raised in Los Angeles, he received his BA from St. Mary's College, his MA in secondary education from Loyola Marymount University, and his California Clear Credential/Administrative Services from Riverside County Office of Education.

Birr is married with two sons and considers himself a soccer dad and avid Dodgers fan.

YMCA of the Foothills Granted \$57,500 for Fire Relief by LA Dodgers Foundation

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) recently partnered with the YMCA of the Foothills (Y) by awarding a grant of \$57,500 to support those affected by the Eaton Fire. The funds will further the Y's commitment to offering YMCA memberships and youth programs to families impacted by the fire.

The Eaton Fire directly affected 765 Y members living in Altadena and Pasadena, many of whom lost their homes or experienced long-term displacement. In January, the YMCA of the Foothills launched its FOOTHILLS STRONG initiative, an emergency response program designed to provide basic needs and monetary support to those affected by the Eaton Fire. As of Aug. 6, the Y has given \$202,947 to Y members impacted by the fire, offering emergency assistance and access to membership and programs at no cost. The LADF partnership will expand the Y's reach and mission.

In June, the Y partnered with LADF and friends from AWM Capital for the Uncork for a Cause event hosted by the Dodger Family,

Max and Kellie Muncy. The event supported wildfire recovery efforts and youth development programs through LADF and the YMCA of the Foothills. One of the event's activities was a live online auction featuring exclusive items and experiences. The auction continued beyond the event, ending on Friday, July 25. The proceeds from the auction's charitable bids made the LADF grant possible.

"We could not be more humbled by the opportunity to partner with the LADF," said Vince Luculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills. "We sincerely thank everyone who joined us and contributed to the event's success and who has made this collaboration possible. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient community – because at the Y, community enrichment is at the heart of our mission."

The YMCA of the Foothills will continue to highlight the impact of the grant in supporting those affected by the Eaton Fire and promoting the mission of FOOTHILLS STRONG.

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Greek Summer Salad

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I've heard they call this a village salad in Greece. I call it delicious!

Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 garlic clove (minced)
½ teaspoon dried oregano
¼ teaspoon Dijon mustard
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
English cucumber (cut lengthwise, seeded, and sliced ¼-inch thick)
1 green bell pepper (chopped into 1-inch pieces)
2 cups cherry tomatoes (cut in half)
5 ounces feta cheese (cut into ½ inch cubes)
1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion
1/3 cup pitted Kalamata olives
1/3 cup fresh mint leaves (garnish)
Bibb lettuce (for plating)

Directions:
Place four salad plates in the refrigerator to get

them cold.

In a small bowl, whisk together the first seven ingredients –olive oil through black pepper – and set this dressing aside.

Remove the salad plates from the refrigerator. Place the lettuce leaves on each plate. Arrange the cucumber, bell pepper, tomatoes, feta cheese, onions and olives on top of the lettuce. Drizzle with the dressing and gently toss. Sprinkle with a few generous pinches of oregano and garnish with the mint leaves.

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» MOVIE REVIEW

Supernatural, But Disturbingly Real: ‘Weapons’ Terrifies with its Depiction of Suburban Grief

By Jackson TOYON

Like Jordan Peele, the oddly consistent “comedy-writer-to-horror-film-director” pipeline has produced another gem in the form of writer and director Zach Cregger. Cregger started his career among his close friends in the irreverent sketch comedy troupe The Whitest Kids U’Know, but later directed the breakout horror hit “Barbarian” (2022). That film had a mere \$4-4.5 million budget while this new venture clocks in at \$38 million, signaling New Line Cinema’s faith in the script it paid top dollar for. Coming off his last success and following the death of his good friend and fellow Whitest Kid Trevor Moore, Cregger seeks to create another thrilling tale and cement his career as one to watch. “Weapons” centers around the sudden disappearance of 17 elementary school children at exactly 2:17 a.m. – all of them from the same third grade class and all of whom calmly woke up and ran out of their homes into the night as though in a trance. The missing children’s teacher Justine Gandy (Julia Garner) begins her day with the revelation that all but one of her students never made it to school that day plunging the suburban town of Maybrook, Pennsylvania into despair and disarray. As residents wrestle with what happened to their children and why, a few parents merely give up and mourn after a month without success from the police investigation. Many, like desperate father

Archer Graff (Josh Brolin), persist in anger and suspect that a devastated Ms. Gandy knows more than she’s letting on. In a story told almost like a novel, the film follows the town’s descent into social paranoia. Events unfold across the overlapping perspectives of six characters ranging from Ms. Gandy to an alcoholic police officer (Alden Ehrenreich) to the lone child (Cary Christopher) who avoided disappearance as the truth about the Maybrook Missing slowly comes to light. Cregger has a particular knack for keeping viewers on their toes for the entire runtime. He creates scenarios where a shot suggests something horrible (such as a door slowly opening, dark nothingness behind it) and quietly holds that shot for a stressful amount of time before finally revealing precisely what you feared you would see – or something completely different. While not as claustrophobic as the cramped environments featured heavily in “Barbarian,” this technique works just as well as it does in the film’s predecessor. Cregger combines scares from the horror genre with terrors from the real world, creating something more thrilling than what a scary creature on its own can accomplish. Multiple scenes gave my audience collective gasps and fearful wincing, which measurably heightened the theater-going experience. Josh Brolin gives the standout performance of the film. He portrays heartbreak as he laments the loss of his son and even a few

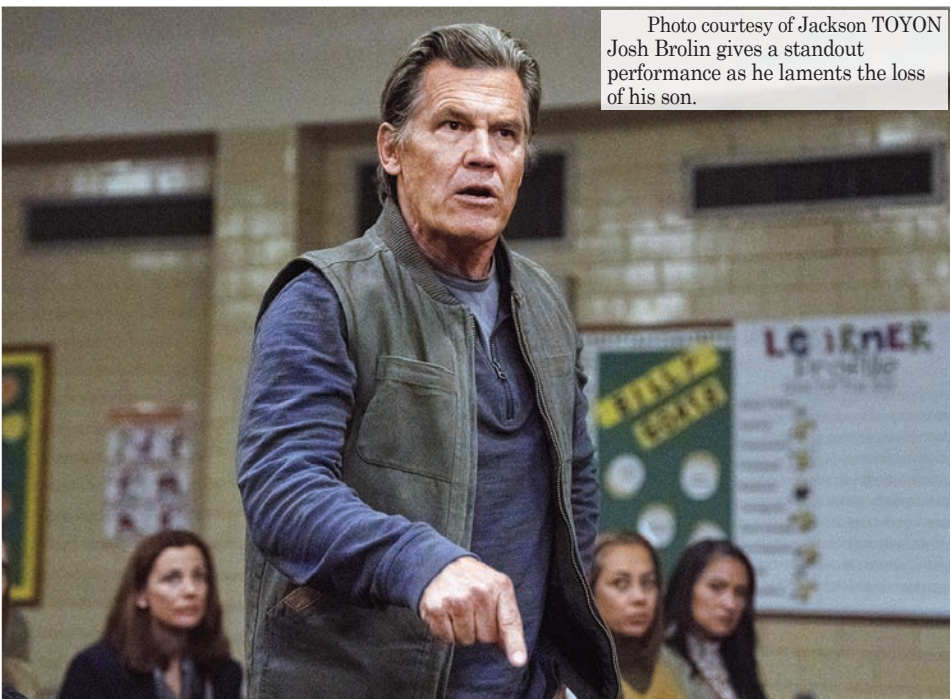


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Josh Brolin gives a standout performance as he laments the loss of his son.

laughs as he throws around an enraged, possessed man more times than would usually be necessary. And though it’s a story focused on an ensemble cast, none of the six protagonists of “Weapons” is ever truly the hero. All struggle, most succumb to their vices or base instincts, and none ever gains a full understanding of everything that went down. A little girl narrating the beginning of the film explains that the local police later covered up the disappearance case out of shame because they were never able to determine exactly what happened – information the audience is privy to by the end. There is a core theme in this film that I feel it did not go far enough exploring – it’s hard not to see the Maybrook Missing as a chilling allegory for a class of children lost to a school shooting and the local community’s reaction to it, especially when one specific scene of the film directly implies it in an uns subtle manner. But “Weapons” is still compelling and it stands as strong evidence that “Barbarian” was no fluke. Zach Cregger is no one hit wonder – he’s here to stay, and I look forward to seeing what horrors he next comes up with.

White to Perform at GNC

On Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 12:10 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. Featured is pianist Brendan White performing Seven Memorials by Stephen Andrew Taylor: I. Fountain, II. Glacier, III. Plateau, IV. Baobab, V. Cloud Forest, VI. Black Smoker and VII. Satellite. Seven Memorials is inspired by a project of the artist Maya Lin to build a “last memorial” dedicated to the extinction of species on our planet, according to Taylor. Seven Memorials is dedicated in friendship and admiration to the pianist Gloria Cheng, for whom it was written. <https://www.stephenandrewtaylor.net/bio.html> Brendan White is a Grammy-award-winning artist whose performances feature a wide range of classical and contemporary piano repertoire. White is based in the LA area where he collaborates with orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo artists. He is a featured musician on Danaë Vlasse’s Grammy Award-winning album, Mythologies. He performs solo recitals celebrating new composers and historically overlooked masterpieces. His collaborations include performances with with the Eastman School’s Musica Nova, Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Global Harmony Symphony, Jackson Symphony, Symphony of the Verdugos, and more. As one of Piano Sphere’s emerging artists,

he has worked with notable composers and conductors including Thomas Adès, Alma Deutscher, Alan Pierson, Donald Crockett and Steven Stucky. A Tennessee native, White studied at the Eastman School of Music and University of Southern California’s Thornton School of Music. In addition to his performance career, he is passionate about music education and teaches students of all ages. He is an original member of the annual Sunset Chamberfest in Los Angeles, which features the work of young composers in Southern California. <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>



“Fernandomania” Coming to CASA 0101 Theater

CASA 0101 Theater will present Moratorium Day/Gloria Molina Day in Los Angeles) through Sept. 21 in the Gloria celebrating the life and legacy of the world-renowned Mexican major league baseball pitcher Fernando Valenzuela. “Fernandomania” is part of CASA 0101 Theater’s 25th anniversary season presented by Josefina López, founding artistic director, and Emmanuel Deleage, executive director. “Fernandomania” is a collection of 12 world premiere 10-minute plays celebrating the phenomenon of how Fernando Valenzuela, a 20-year-old pitcher from Mexico, changed major league baseball and the lives of many Angelenos. The show, in English and Spanish with subtitles, features 16 actors playing 57 roles in 12 short plays, helmed by four directors. “Fernandomania” will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. for a four-week run, Aug. 29 (Chicago



Citizen Kitten Performs for 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. 22 – Jazz by Citizen Kitten

Your favorite songs – completely reimagined. Citizen Kitten is a Los Angeles-based jazz group

known for its bold blend of classic sophistication and contemporary edge. Founded in 2016 by drummer Paul Tavenner, lead singer Amanda Achen, bassist Jon Keenan and guitarist Matt Berger, Citizen Kitten has been delighting audiences in the greater Los Angeles area for years with their fusion of straight-ahead charm and contemporary sensibility, offering sultry renditions of hits by Led Zeppelin, Daft Punk, Soundgarden, Beyoncé, Britney Spears and more. These seasoned veterans of the studio and stage will surprise and redefine the audience’s musical experience with their innovative arrangements that transcend genres with a distinctive and sophisticated allure, perfect for all ages and musical backgrounds.

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

Images provided by Brand Summer Music Series



Doo Dah Parade Takes A Pause

The next Pasadena Doo Dah Parade will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026 in its original location in Old Pasadena. Citing this year’s wildfires and concerns over possible cuts in education, Light Bringer Project, the Parade’s non-profit producer, is making the decision in order to conserve financial resources and sustain the high quality of programs it delivers throughout the community. The

organization is a significant provider of arts education to underserved youth.

Managing Director Patricia Hurley stated, “The wildfire crisis and other uncertainties have placed stress on our school programs in several ways. However, we’re determined to stay vital to those we serve all year long. In the larger picture, the question of where educational funding may or may not be coming from

factored into our decision.”

Among its work plan adjustments, Light Bringer Project relocated two art programs this spring and added a summer program for school-aged youth at a community center.

“We’re making a difficult decision but a responsible one. We know how many people love the parade, so have no doubt we’ll be back in full force!” added Hurley.

The parade returned to the historic retail district in 2023 after appearing for many years in East Pasadena. The unconventional event, often called the “twisted sister” of Pasadena’s New Year’s Day parade, will celebrate its 46th year in 2026. Launched in 1978, the Parade has missed some other years giving it the playful title of “Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade.”

THEN & NOW La Crescenta Library

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: The Holly House was built in 1886 on the northwest corner of what was then Los Angeles and Michigan avenues (La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard today). This mansion was a showpiece featuring indoor plumbing and a hot water system. This photo is from a chamber of commerce brochure from the '20s when the house had been renamed Hillside Terrace.



Now: The old mansion slowly decayed and in 1962 it was torn down to build a gas station. A few years ago the county purchased the property for the location of our gorgeous new library. The new La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., has become a vital community center and it’s in constant use by studying students and for public events and meetings.



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NOTES & NODS

SUMMER DODGERS ON LCIF ROSTER

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.

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

REV. KIKANZA NURI-ROBINS GUEST SPEAKER AT UUCVH

On Aug. 24 Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) welcomes recurring guest speaker author Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins to the UUCVH pulpit for her sermon “The Soft Underbelly.” The soft underbelly of most things is the most tender and sometimes the most vulnerable spot. As Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins will explore, it’s a place that most people don’t see. The underbelly is protected and rarely exposed to the light and never taking advantage of leading with perceived weakness.

“The Soft Underbelly” begins at 10:30 a.m. at UUCVH, 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link www.uuverdugo.org/.

Reprinted from March 2021

Question: We have two children who have had to be on distance learning for the past year. Our daughter, who is 10, is doing okay. We’re concerned about our son, age 7, who is a second grader. He literally crashed a few days ago and began crying. He said to us, “We can’t do this – we can’t do that – I miss my friends at school and my friends at Sunday school. Will I ever get to go to school and Sunday school again?”

We told him that we, too, have had challenges with the stay-at-home orders and we, too, are looking forward to not living this way. We also told him that we believe that soon we’ll get back to the way we used to live but for now we must be safe. We were careful with our vocabulary because of his age.

Do you have any words of reassurance we can share with him? We appreciate any help you can give us.

~ Caring Parents

Dear Caring Parents,

Thankfully, the end seems to be in sight! But I have found that each of my kids, at different times

throughout this year, have hit an emotional wall. One of the earliest lessons I learned was that I needed to give them room to grieve. Rushing to encourage or console – without acknowledging how they feel – only made matters worse.

When our kids are feeling down, we can communicate that how they feel matters and how they feel will not last forever. We are lonely now, but will not be lonely forever. I have found that sharing ways that I also feel how they feel is helpful. Agreeing with their assessment shows them that they are not alone, and that there are others who can bear their burdens with them.

But we, as parents, have the benefit of perspective to see beyond this time. While this moment is unprecedented in our lifetime, history shows that people have weathered seismic shifts in “how things are.” Building resilience in our kids can be tough because we often want to protect them from bumps and bruises. But they only learn how to get up when they fall down.

Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with your kids about how they’ve learned to adapt before: learning to read or how to do math; learning to ride a bike or play a

game; and learning how to cope with new rules about COVID-19. It does get better. Showing them that they have overcome something difficult before can give them resolve to overcome this, too. We have also built ways of looking forward to the end of a week – movie nights on Friday with popcorn and candy; donuts on the weekend for breakfast; spending money for a trip to Old Town Pasadena.

Finally, I think it is appropriate to dream and imagine – to hope. Where should we go when we can safely travel again? What restaurant do we miss the most? Who should we invite over for a sleepover when it’s safe? You can also make plans toward this end. Maybe you perfect a cookie recipe so that you have a special snack when friends come over.

In Holy Week we learn that timing is important. There is a lot of waiting, anticipating, and even hurting, along the way. But the new life we discover once we get through it is filled with grace. We are sustained by God’s spirit and by those God has gifted to us. It is an important lesson: We are not alone!

Rev. Kyle Sears
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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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Seasons of Life Bible study offers two classes to choose from:

* Joy of Living studying The Gospel of Mark and the Book of Esther

* Women of Faith studying living a purposeful life

Classes are on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 25 through April 9 at Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

If interested, please contact the church at (818) 405-0763 or Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or email lyndahessick@gmail.com. The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 7 to have the book selected to be ordered.

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. 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.

All are welcome. If the hike is too

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meetsonFridaysatnoon.On Friday, Aug. 22, Fr.Anthony Garcias will be making a presentation on “Journey to the Priesthood.” 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.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosts a variety of events for the community.Among them are:

- 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,Aug. 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.

•Community Cares Volunteer Event on Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. We’ll create simple, meaningful messages and designs that will brighten someone’s day when they discover a stone painted with care. We’ll also be creating a kindness rock garden at the Community Center and dropping kindness rocks off around the community.

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

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.

BURGERS, BREWS & BLUES

OnSaturday,Aug.23from6p.m. to 10 p.m. the community is invited to enjoy charbroiled burgers, craft beer and rocking out to the music of LaRue Sounds under the stars at McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga.

Admission is free. Food and drink available to purchase.

All proceeds benefit McGroarty

Arts Center’s mission to provide affordable arts instruction to the community.

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.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

August 18, 2025 - August 24, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Throat problems could be an issue now, but you feel moved to take action. Communication and getting your message across may be at the core of your problems. If you think you might be coming down with a cold, take some vitamin C and zinc. If you have something to say, go ahead and get it off your chest. Keep up your diet and exercise program, too.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may be tempted to work too hard, which is going to mess up your diet a little. For your own sake, don't overdo it. You could be more sensitive to the effects of alcohol and too much fast food. Indulging could still be the main problem you face, but don't try to beat it cold turkey. A small, occasional treat is better than none at all.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Others may tempt you off track and into habits that aren't good for your health. It's important that you keep your boundaries firm and not listen to other people. Don't be swayed by their approach to life, especially if it's harmful to you. Stick to your principles. Decide for yourself that this is what you'll do to stay in great shape.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You could be suffering from a strange ailment. It may not be easily explained, but it could be linked to an allergic reaction. If your symptoms don't make sense, this is one possibility to investigate. Find out if what you eat, wear, or breathe is affecting you in some way. Have a doctor check out any problems.

LEO July 23 - August 22

There could be a busy time ahead, so you might need to relax more. Perhaps the main problem entails ridding your system of toxins. If you can eat a diet that's relatively pure, and try a steam room or sauna, this may help. Aspects suggest that your body is trying to ward off something. Help it and you'll feel rejuvenated.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Don't lose your temper over a career issue. There isn't a lot you can do about it except try to relax. Tension in the muscles, back, and neck could lead to headaches. The answer is to be less impatient. Develop the ability to let go and surrender completely. If you can do that, your health will improve.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Health matters are in your hands now. You can now take conscious control of all your unconscious habits. Your good mood is certainly going to make you feel better, no matter what ailment you may have. Minor ailments could strike, but the positive boost from the Universe will help you in all ways.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

If you should experience any symptoms, have them checked by a professional. You could have a tendency to imagine things are worse than they really are. Your mind is working overtime, and this could influence the way you feel about physical issues. Instead of worrying, opt for peace of mind and do something proactive!

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

A more positive outlook is keeping you in top condition. If you suffer from any particular issue, it could be overindulgence. It's hard to give up the things that taste good but aren't that great for your body. Instead, try some exercise. This will keep you in shape and help you to clear away any melancholy. Go for it.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're likely to be focused on your career now, but you don't need more pressure than you already have. For the sake of your health and peace of mind, it might be time to look at what's going on in your life. Routines that give you bodily strength and clarity of mind are the ones to nurture. Discard the ones that run you down.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You may have a lot to contend with now, so keep up your strength. You could be more emotional and sensitive than usual. You might feel any problems more acutely now than at other time. It's important to rest and eat enough protein to sustain your energy. You might also need to protect your lower back. It may be prone to stiffness.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The cosmos could increase the emotional energy between you and your partner. This can energize you or tire you out, depending on the circumstances. Emotional issues need to be discussed with an open heart. Don't hold them in and make yourself ill. Find a way to bridge the gap between inner problems and the way they manifest in your body.

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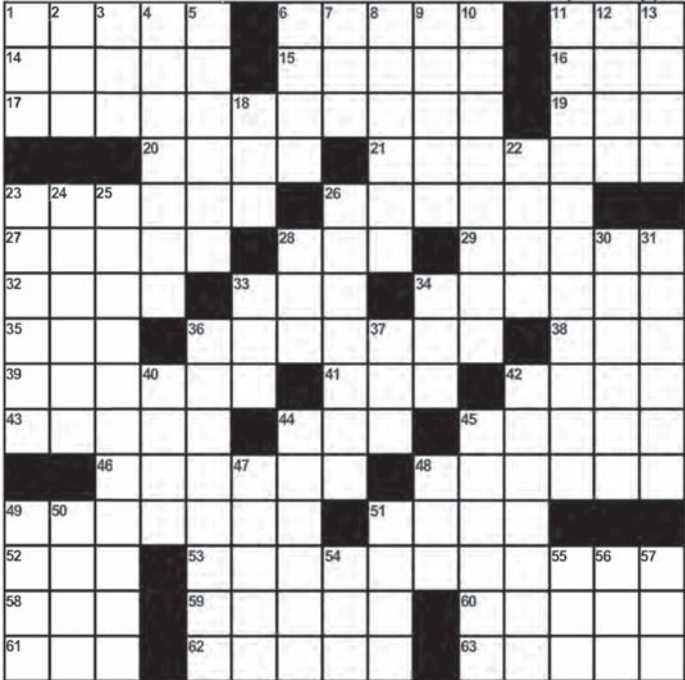
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ACROSS

- 1) South African plains
- 6) Indian state
- 11) X-ray dose unit
- 14) "The Little Mermaid" heroine
- 15) Ancient Greek council
- 16) Creeping vine
- 17) Head
- 19) Victory sign
- 20) Grad student's hurdle
- 21) Trap setters
- 23) Seize militarily
- 26) Doctor's accessory of old
- 27) Breeds, as livestock
- 28) Got together
- 29) Barn-door fasteners
- 32) Word with "liberal" or "fine"
- 33) Good friend
- 34) Lame excuse
- 35) After expenses
- 36) Franklin's first lady
- 38) Paranormal showman Geller
- 39) Milky Way, e.g.
- 41) Dracula, at times
- 42) Get ready, for short
- 43) Nod off
- 44) Loudly weep
- 45) Twin crystal
- 46) More frigid
- 48) Ambles along
- 49) Less mentally sound
- 51) Swedish version of Lawrence
- 52) Earthbound bird
- 53) Head
- 58) Diesel on a set
- 59) Construction girder
- 60) "Starsky and ____"
- 61) "Addams Family" cousin
- 62) Ring champ Mike
- 63) Shopper's stop

GETTING A HEAD

By Jill Pepper



DOWN

- 1) Actor Kilmer
- 2) Before, for a bard
- 3) Started a match
- 4) Temporary routes
- 5) Doesn't drink daintily
- 6) Biblical shepherd
- 7) Ten centimes, once
- 8) Strip in Hollywood
- 9) Dress style with a flare
- 10) Symbolic figure of speech
- 11) Head
- 12) Say with confidence
- 13) Changes color, in a way
- 18) Archipelago part
- 22) Harvest crops
- 23) Arboreal apes
- 24) Kellogg's product
- 25) Head
- 26) Over-explain
- 28) "Diamond Lil" star West
- 30) "It was ____ coincidental"
- 31) Mushroom stems
- 33) Single layer
- 34) Portable bed
- 36) Spelled out
- 37) Capture, as a crook
- 40) One spelling of a billion years
- 42) Faint
- 44) Weekly TV program
- 45) Transforms on screen
- 47) Churchill Downs event
- 48) Household heads, sometimes
- 49) Name on many jean labels
- 50) Bypass
- 51) Outline in clear detail
- 54) Start for "Paulo" or "Vicente"
- 55) "What was ____ think?"
- 56) Big ATM manufacturer
- 57) Title opener, often

see ANSWERS on page 5

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Ticketmaster Fraud Problem: I Can’t Access My Braves Tickets!

Toni Bowick buys tickets through Ticketmaster to an Atlanta Braves game but then can’t access them before the event. Ticketmaster claims she doesn’t have an account. And then it keeps her money! Can Ticketmaster do that?

Question: I bought seven tickets to an Atlanta Braves game through Ticketmaster for \$702. Two days before the game, I tried to sign into my account to retrieve the tickets, but I received a message that there was no account for my email.

I called customer service, and it could not find my account either. I sent an email with that information and received a case number but I missed the game.

I called again and a Ticketmaster representative said the fraud team was investigating the IP address where the tickets were transferred and they would escalate the case. I have left multiple messages with the fraud team but have not received a response.

I have talked with customer fan support several times but no one has any updates and they promise the fraud team will call me. I have been dealing with this for weeks. I would like Ticketmaster to refund the \$702 for the tickets I couldn’t retrieve.

– Toni Bowick, Ninety Six, South Carolina

Answer: Ticketmaster should have helped you find your tickets before the game. But it looks like Ticketmaster’s customer service representatives couldn’t find your account.

I see that Ticketmaster said it tried to send you a password reset link but even that didn’t resolve your problem. The tickets were lost.

So what happened? It looks like someone hacked your Ticketmaster account, intercepted your game tickets and then disabled your account. Although Ticketmaster eventually found your account and sent an email to reset your password the damage had already been done.

But why didn’t Ticketmaster refund the \$702? Probably because Ticketmaster is simply an agent for your game tickets—the intermediary between the venue and you. If something happened to your Braves tickets between here and there, it may or may not be Ticketmaster’s fault. Also, if you got hacked the blame doesn’t necessarily fall on Ticketmaster. It’s possible that you unwittingly gave your passwords to a third party.

I see a few things you might have tried to resolve this. First, you had a paper receipt for your ticket purchase. You might have tried to gain entrance to the ballgame with that receipt. It might have worked although it would have been a risk.

Also, looking back, I would have checked on the tickets a little earlier – that way, if something went wrong you would have had more time to fix it.

When your event is about to happen and customer support

is dragging its feet on a resolution, you can always reach out to an executive. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Ticketmaster customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

Still I don’t see how any of this is your fault. You bought tickets through Ticketmaster. You had a reasonable expectation that the tickets would be ready when you needed them. And you called the company two days before the game to try to resolve this.

I contacted Ticketmaster on your behalf and it agreed to refund the \$702 you spent on your tickets.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/. ©2025 Christopher Elliott

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‘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.

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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‘IMBIBING LA’ TOPIC OF 2ND SATURDAY PROGRAM

The 2nd Saturday program at Bolton Hall Museum returns on Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. with “Imbibing LA.”

LA has been a center of winemaking and brewing since the wine-loving Spaniards first settled here. The presenter for this program is journalist, author and culinary historian Richard Foss. Foss will talk about how Los Angelenos’ tastes in alcoholic beverages have shifted through the years from the first communion wines served by monks to the Prohibition Era of law-dodging partiers to modern beverage craftsmen.

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

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

For more information, call (818) 352-3420 or visit BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org

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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“One research study found that dog owners are more likely to report regular physical activity than people who don’t own dogs. Activities associated with dog ownership, like feeding, grooming, playing and letting them outside, all increase physical activity levels. Physical activity improves blood flow, induces muscle contraction and reduces joint stiffness,” according to Mayo Clinic Health System.

There is a lot of data and research on how dogs, and in fact all pets, support mental and physical health but the bottom line is there is nothing like coming home after a really long day of work and having your giant dog, who thinks he is the size of a Chihuahua, climb on your lap and cuddle.

We are going to see some real heat in the next few days with Thursday (today) being the hottest day; however, in general it is going to be hot through the weekend with triple digit temperatures through Saturday. There is a slight chance of thunderstorms in the San Gabriel Mountains but it looks like they will head toward north of the foothills. Early next week we will see a decrease in temperatures and then – by end of next week – temperatures should be closer to normal, which is in the mid-80s.

SCHULTZ from page 9

If the governor vetoes a bill, it’s not necessarily the end of the road. A governor’s veto can be overridden by a two thirds vote in both houses. This is a rarely used option. In fact, it’s been decades since the last veto override.

If a bill presented to the governor contains one or several items of appropriation, the primary example is the annual budget bill, he or she may eliminate or reduce any or all of them while approving the other portions of the bill (known as the line-item veto).

The items may then be separately reconsidered and the vetoes sustained or overridden in the same manner as bills which have been vetoed in their entirety by the governor. The legislature has 60 calendar days to act upon the veto.

Most bills signed by the governor go into effect on Jan. 1 of the next year; however, some bills will have specific effective dates further into the future to give entities covered by the bill more time to comply. Urgency measures take effect immediately

upon being signed by the governor and chaptered by the Secretary of State.

Opportunities for Input

Throughout the life cycle of a bill, the public has opportunities to weigh in by submitting written comments, testifying in person during committee hearings or making simple phone calls or sending emails to their representative. Our office will continue to track the hundreds of bills that will be scheduled for a vote in the coming weeks.

We welcome your input! Your comments help guide the decisions that I make on bills throughout the year. You can use our website (<https://a44.asmdc.org/contact>) to send me a direct message including your comments on an existing/current bill.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our district office if you have questions or if we can be of assistance. Our phone number is (818) 558-3043, and email address is Assemblymember.Schultz@Assembly.ca.gov.

GUSD from page 3

At the Community Schools Resource Fair volunteers from the Al Barro Foundation, with the help of Kiwanis volunteers, gave away clothing, shoes, pens, markers and other school supplies.

“We believe that our mission is to help one child at a time and to come to serve. This really helped our local community,” Hohman said. “There are so many families here who really need it. We thank the families for their patience today [with the crowds].”

The event reflected an immediate impact as students and families left the District parking lot, arms heaped with boxes of new shoes, books, bags of school supplies like markers and pencils, new backpacks and fun crafts.

“We were overwhelmed with all the stuff [the Community Schools Resource Fair] had this year,” said one parent.

Latisha Perkins, a parent who works at Cerritos Elementary and whose daughter attends fourth grade there, said she wasn’t aware of the event last year but was glad she stopped by this year to gather supplies.

“It really helps me out because I’m a single mom, so it’s really hard to figure out what I’m going to spend the little bit of money I have on, and now I don’t have to worry about school supplies because it’s already taken care of,” Perkins said.

School board member Kathleen Cross, who also attended the event, said she is inspired seeing the

kids get excited about going back to school and picking out their school supplies.

“The kids come up and it’s like, ‘What color backpack do you want and what color book do you want, what color pencil?’ And their little faces light up. They learn best when they feel good and they get choices. It’s not just like a preset; this is what’s going to be shoved upon you. They have all these different booths and all these different choices that they can make throughout [the event] and then they get to be proud – ‘I’m proud of my backpack, and I’m proud of my pencils. I picked those out.’ So it’s giving them ownership over the tools that they’re going to use to learn,” Cross said.

Superintendent Darneika Watson said she is excited to see the resources at use during the school year that students receive at these events.

“Our students and families are truly the beneficiaries of our work, so there’s nothing more exciting than to see them happy, to see them celebrated, and to see them receive what they need,” Watson said.

D’Amato said she will continue to reach out to community partners around Glendale and that her office is open to feedback from families, to help improve the resources that are being provided and targeting the areas of greatest need.

For questions and feedback about resources, she encourages parents to contact her office via email or by calling the District office. Community members can find d’Amato’s contact information at <https://www.gusd.net/communityschools>.

“We’re not only building partnerships within the city, we’re building partnerships with our families as well,” D’Amato said. “They are our partners in the work that we do. And again – we’re only as good as the people we serve.”

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Senate Bill 455. The bill was introduced but held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill focused on the clarification of what an e-bike was and specifically looked at e-motorcycles [mini bikes] being sold as e-bikes. With the reclassification some of the e-bikes would have to be registered and licensed. This bill is unlikely to return to the legislation; however, similar bills are being explored.

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Councilmember Elen Asatryan commented that she hopes the plans can include asking people what additional amenities they would like to see in their neighborhoods. A caller wondered what makes Kenneth Village and Montrose unique and inviting.

“Ms. Wilson” addressed the council: “I’m here to vigorously oppose the continued destruction of California and Glendale’s environment by rampant overdevelopment hypocritically presented as sympathy for working class people. Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted to formally oppose and resist SB 79, which mandates new state zoning standards and disregards the rights of locally elected officials ... it runs roughshod over every local restriction including historic districts and is opposed by countless homeowners and

renters who reside in gracious and well-maintained older buildings, which incidentally are better for the environment than tearing down and building new.”

Mayor Najarian reported that the Glendale council voted to oppose SB 79 “months ahead of Los Angeles.”

The council acted to move forward on a “reach code” that would require residents to install a heat pump when replacing an air-conditioning unit.

Last week Patrick Murphy suggested it should better be called an “overreach code.” At this week’s meeting he said there had been no public outreach on this, that the state is not requiring this and it is being rushed through to beat the Oct. 1 moratorium on residential building code changes imposed through 2031.

“First of all, nobody is being

required to replace their air conditioning system,” Councilmember Brotman explained. “This is only if your air conditioning system is being replaced; otherwise, you would replace it with a heat pump as opposed to a traditional system.”

Councilmember Brotman noted that the budget for rebates to help residents bridge those costs would come from GWP’s public benefit funds and not the city’s budget and that the benefit to the city would be in reduced peak energy demands, which helps stabilize the grid.

“These are highly energy efficient devices. They’re going to pull less power on a hot day and save residents money because they will reduce your energy bill and improve your health as you won’t be combusting gas, which generates nitrous oxide

emissions,” he added.

Mayor Najarian made several announcements: first welcoming Glendale students back to school, sharing a reminder about this week’s concert in Brand Park, announcing the community swearing in of State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez at Pasadena City College on Saturday (festivities starting at 10 a.m.) (more info can be found at https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/rsvp_main.php?district=SD25&rsvp=1351) and the opening reception of the exhibit Of Wave and Stone by artist Yeu Q. Nguyen <https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/9311/16> in the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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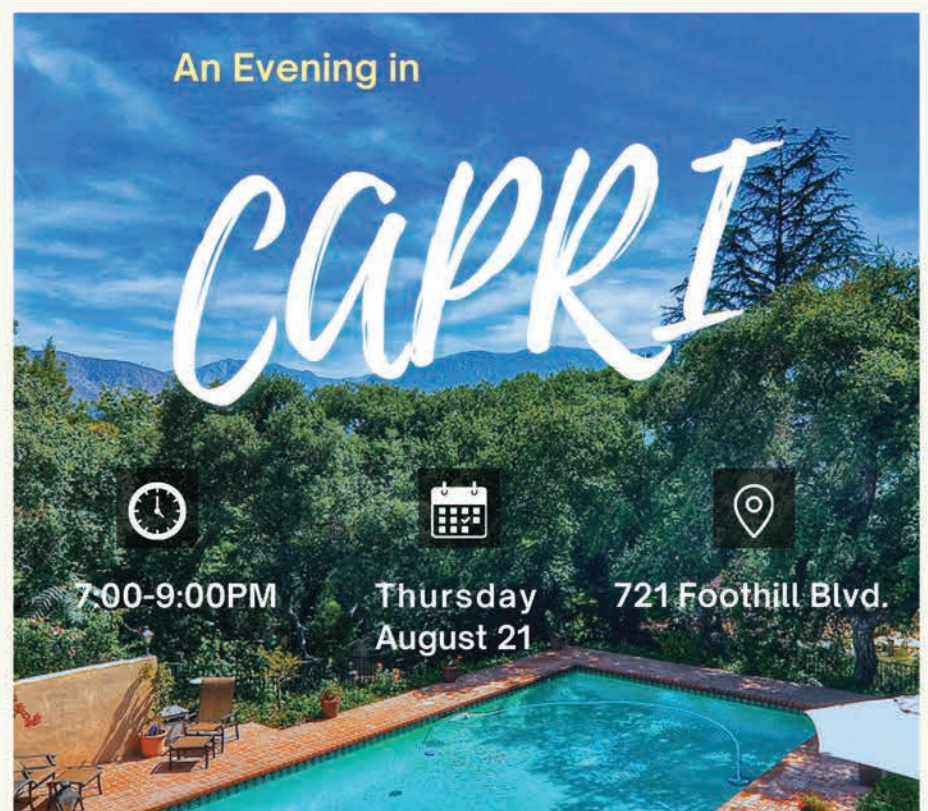
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