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**Police Chief Addresses Incident Video**

By Julie BUTCHER

Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis read a statement to the Glendale City Council at the beginning of its Tuesday night meeting, responding to “an incident the public may have seen.”

As Mayor Paula Devine summoned the chief to report, she observed that it is “very important that our residents know where we are in the resolution” of this.

Povilaitis told the council, “I know that many people have seen the coverage of an incident that occurred in the Glendale Galleria and the associated video. It is certainly not the type of news coverage that we’re used to nor the type of coverage that we would expect. I also watched the video. And what I saw was concerning, enough so that I immediately initiated an investigation and removed the officers involved from their policing duties. That investigation is currently underway.”

“What we do know at this point – it may change as the investigation continues – is that our officers responded to the report of a theft at one of the stores in the mall. The officers located an individual involved in that theft. When the two officers attempted to take that individual into custody, the person did not cooperate. A longer struggle ensued between the officers and that male, which resulted in that use of force.”

“The video shown by the media appears to capture a small portion of that incident,” the chief concluded his statement. “What I would like to do is to assure everyone that I take this matter very seriously. It will be thoroughly investigated, and we are asking anyone who witnessed the incident – including the use of force – to please contact the Glendale Police Dept. And, in addition to our internal investigation, I’ve also asked the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s

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**Celebrating Commencements – In Person**

By Mary O’KEEFE

*After more than a year apart, graduates throughout Glendale Unified School District gather – perhaps for the last time.*

Last week, in-person commencement ceremonies were held for Glendale Unified School District students. The students who graduated in 2021, like the graduates of 2020, were challenged with an entirely new way of schooling over the past two years.

In the speeches made by the students during graduation, thoughts on the pandemic were shared. The speeches were inspirational as speakers spoke about getting through this historic time. Most acknowledged what they, as a class, had gone through, from virtual learning to isolation. All reminded their

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Photo by Vic PALLOS

The uncertainty of the last 15 months is reflected on the mortar board of a graduating student at Clark Magnet High School.

**Judge Decides Against SVP Placement in Briggs Terrace**

By Mary O’KEEFE

“We know now and we can’t unknow,” said Alex Gardner after Superior Court Judge James Bianco decided that sexually violent predator Calvin Grassmier would not be placed in a Briggs Terrace neighborhood. A court date of June 25 was scheduled to discuss a new proposed placement.

Grassmier is a sexually violent predator (SVP) who has been in the Department of State Hospitals since 1999. In November he received a conditional release. The company that is in charge of monitoring him after his release is also tasked with finding a place for him to reside.

The place that was being considered was on Freeman Avenue in Briggs Terrace. On Friday, the judge cited this area as too great a risk and ruled against the specific location. Therefore

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Photo by Mary O’KEEFE

Alex Gardner, at left, addressed a crowd who rallied on June 5 against the placement in the Briggs Terrace area of SVP Calvin Grassmier. The judge ruled against the placement on June 11.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# To Mask or Not to Ask ... That is A Question

June 15, aka the great unmasking (okay, that's my definition), aka personal responsibility day, was Tuesday. The big question seems to be, "What does this mean?"

First off, the County of Los Angeles has aligned itself with state mandates regarding masking guidelines. Among the changes is that requirements for wearing a mask in public have adjusted depending on individual vaccination levels. It needs to be noted that some people, even those who are vaccinated, might prefer to continue wearing a mask. Businesses have the right to mandate that all of their employees and/or customers wear masks, too, regardless of vaccination levels. (Side note: I thought that due to HIPAA laws an employer couldn't ask if someone was vaccinated. But schools can before letting a student into class?)

So what does that all mean? In some cases, there won't be much of a change at all. Where we wore a mask before, we'll have to continue doing so. However, now there will be a choice where to do business. If there is a mask mandate that is in place at one restaurant and the diner doesn't want to follow it, for example, s/he can go elsewhere. Unfortunately that won't be the case everywhere. For example, if there are government buildings that mandate wearing a mask inside and a person doesn't want to, s/he doesn't have much choice as far as where to take their business. Ultimately, though, I think that beyond personal preference we need to be cognitive of and sensitive to those who want us to continue wearing a mask. If I want to shop at one supermarket and it continues with a mask mandate then I'll

wear the mask. It makes others more comfortable; it's not about me. It's not an opportunity to banter about the issue, proclaiming my "rights." For me it's about somebody else's comfort level.

Amy and I went to a wine pickup party in Paso Robles this past weekend. At check-in we chose one of three different colored wristbands representing attitudes of comfort regarding interacting with others: green for completely comfortable interacting with others, yellow for being a little wary and red indicating stay away. (I thought it unlikely that anyone would wear red at a social function like that one. I never did see anyone with a red wristband.) I thought it was a non-confrontational way to let others know of a person's feelings.

Let's face it; we've all seen the people driving alone in cars with the windows up who are wearing a mask. It seems ridiculous to me; I mean they're alone. But for whatever reason it makes them feel better and it doesn't do anything to me so I say go for it; whatever makes you comfortable.

Just like I didn't enjoy wearing the mask, some folks prefer wearing it.

So, as we're coming out of COVID, we need to be mindful of others and respectful of others. After all, at the end of the day we're just trying to figure it out.

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# Weather in the Foothills

Water is a very good servant, but it is a cruel master.

~ Canadian poet C.G.D. Roberts, 1886-1940

Summer 2020 was like no other as a pandemic overtook our lives. Instead of the usual 4th of July celebrations, we waited in long lines for COVID tests and then anxiously awaited the results. Our entire family fell victim. Thankfully hospitalization wasn't necessary. Now here we are, one year later and life seems to be getting back on track.

June 21 marks the first day of summer. Graduations and senior proms have come and gone. Now with heightened anticipation we're moving along to vacations, beach days, backyard barbecues, the Hollywood Bowl ... the list goes on and on. Best of all, we are together and rarin' to go! The weather mirrors our eagerness. The typical June Gloom is a no-show and without its cooling nature to make for a slower transition into summer the heat arrived early and intensified.

Temperature readings beyond 100 degrees have settled in, in spite of a few spring days remaining. It goes without saying that the chance for measurable rain has come and gone. Rainfall for the 2020-21 season, according to my gauge and counting every last drop, stands at a concerning 7.43 inches; normal is 23-24 inches. The drought returns ... but in the southwest U.S. is it ever gone?

Drought, as defined by the National Weather Service, isn't a sudden onset of characteristics but rather a creeping trend. It's classified after a period of time when the prolonged lack of water in a system causes problems in a particular area. California is a big state and impacts vary by location. Impacts for water users in one location may not represent drought for water users in a different part of California, or for users with a different water supply. There are two sources, reservoirs and groundwater basins - aquifers - and their supply dictates as to the impact and timing of when drought occurs. A single dry year isn't a drought for most of California because of the state's extensive system of water infrastructure. Groundwater resources buffer impacts.

Individual water agencies, such as Crescenta Valley Water District, may use criteria such as rainfall runoff, the amount of water in storage or expected supply from a water wholesaler to define its water supply conditions. It's all rather complicated and at times becomes political. From what I gather there are three major contenders vying for a single class of water: farmers/ranchers, environmentalists and us "average Joe" users.

Our water story goes like this: An average of 50% of CV's water comes from local wells. The rest comes through the Metropolitan Water District, which receives water from the Colorado River. The original source is the snowpack melt in the Rockies stored in Lake Mead/Hoover Dam. As of June 15 it was at 35% capacity. Not good. Although not mandatory yet, water conservation goes with the territory of life in the southwest.

In conclusion, it's over 100 degrees. A cool down can be expected by late September

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# NEWS

## Legacy of Flag Week

### IN BRIEF

#### BIDDING CONTINUES ON CV CHAMBER AUCTION

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce continues accepting bids on a number of items in its Vendors' Live Silent Auction. To see a list of items and to place bids, visit [www.32auctions.com/123420](http://www.32auctions.com/123420).

#### PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED

The City of Glendale is having a public hearing regarding development of 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta/Glendale. The hearing is being held virtually on June 24 at 5 p.m. It can be viewed on Charter Cable channel 6 or online at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/management-services/gtv6/live-video-stream>. Those who would like to make comments or ask questions during the meeting can call in (818) 937-8100. Written comments can be submitted beforehand to Roger Kiesel at [rkiesel@glendaleca.gov](mailto:rkiesel@glendaleca.gov).

#### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Sunday, June 20 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve.

LA County guidelines are being observed in requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

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

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

#### HSCV HOSTS 'SELF DISCOVERY THROUGH EXPLORATION'

The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley hosts journalist Sandi Hemmerlein on Monday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

Hammerlein has been a professional journalist for nearly 30 years. She will share with members of the HSCV a sampling of her local discoveries – which includes a sloppily demolished celebrity enclave on a Malibu beach, the rebuilt remains of LA's "old" city hall, and the medieval-looking remnants of the 19th-century Los Angeles County Courthouse, hiding in plain sight. She'll also take attendees past a forgotten collection of recycled art; down washed-out and re-routed roads; and through a deserted beachside town where the streetlights still turn on at night.

Meetings of the HSCV are back, live and in person! (Masks required inside.) They take place at the Center For Spiritual Living – La Crescenta, located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. at Santa Carlotta Avenue. All are welcome to this free event.

#### CITY OF GLENDALE REOPENS APPLICATION PERIOD FOR BLUE RIBBON PENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Glendale City Council seeks applicants for a Blue Ribbon Pension Review Committee. Those interested in serving will need to submit an application to [myglendale@glendaleca.gov](mailto:myglendale@glendaleca.gov) by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 5. Applications and details on committee duties can be found online at [www.glendaleca.gov/pensionreviewcommittee](http://www.glendaleca.gov/pensionreviewcommittee). All applications received by the deadline will be shared with the City Council for their review and selection of candidates.

For more information, contact John Takhtalian, deputy city manager, at [jtakhtalian@glendaleca.gov](mailto:jtakhtalian@glendaleca.gov) or (818) 548-4844. Applications can also be found online at [www](http://www).

By Mary O'KEEFE

June 14 is officially recognized as Flag Day, which was originally established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. But for a group of Montrose community members and a congressman, one day was not enough to celebrate and honor the American flag.

Local community leader Vito Cannella, who died in 2017, was one man who did not think a single day was enough to honor the flag. In 1965 Cannella, with businessman Bill Bailey, Ledger Newspaper Editor Don Carpenter, Congressman H. Allen Smith and Crescenta-Cañada Rotary Club members, gathered thousands of signatures to petition Congress to implement Flag Week.

Of the original Montrose members from that first Flag Week petition drive, Cannella was the last surviving one who continued to spread the word of the importance of the flag. Each year since 1967 he sent a letter to the sitting U.S. President reminding him of the importance of Flag Week.

"Congress requested and by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966 that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as 'National Flag Week' and calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week," according to a statement released on June 11, 2021.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021, as Flag Day, and the week starting June 13, 2021 as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the flag on all federal government buildings during this week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by displaying the flag. I encourage the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, set aside by the Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor the American spirit, to celebrate our history and the foundational values we strive to uphold, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America," the statement continued.

This public statement is what Cannella had worked so hard for and was so proud of since 1966.

"My attachment to the flag is because this country helped me be what I am today," said Cannella in an interview with CVW in 2016.

Cannella emigrated from Italy in 1953. In 1958, he opened Vito's Barber Shop in the heart of Montrose. He also served as the postmaster of Montrose in the 1960s.

The flag was an important symbol to Cannella. He was born in Trieste, Italy on Oct. 27, 1928. He moved to Sicily where he attended school. After World War II, he returned to the town of his birth to work with the American Occupation soldiers and the Merchant Marines in hopes of finding a path to the United States. Cannella's father had moved to the United States years before and it was his goal to find him.

As a Merchant Marine Vito sailed around the world and, on his 25th birthday, he arrived in Providence, Rhode Island. With limited resources and language skills, Vito searched for his father for months. He found him in San Pedro. Not only did he find his father but it was there that he met and married his wife Florence in 1954.

Cannella began learning English and started the process of becoming a United States citizen. It was this act of becoming a citizen that set him on a path that wrapped his life in the American flag.

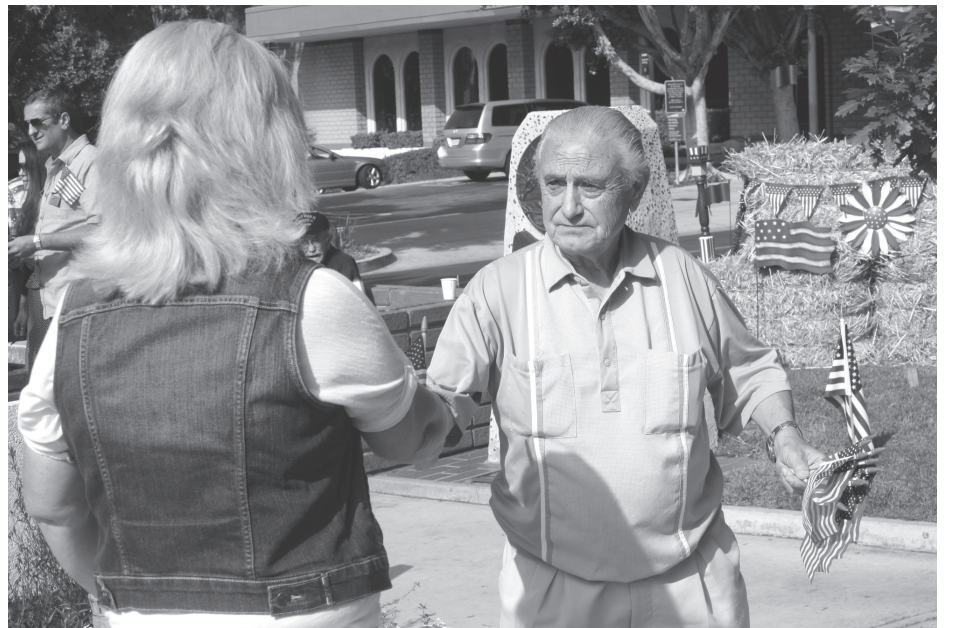
Although Vito is gone, his presence is still felt along Honolulu Avenue not only during Flag Week but also throughout the year with a plaque dedication to him, Bill Bailey and the Rotary Club that helped in the creation of Flag Week. The plaque is located at the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

ABOVE: In recognition of Flag Week, community leader Steve Pierce [not pictured] and, from left, members of the Crescenta Valley High School Prom Plus Club David Green and Chowen Mingsuwan placed flags throughout the shopping park.

BELOW: Vito Cannella, seen in 2014 handing out flags to shoppers, was one of the founders of Flag Week



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# Jehovah's Witnesses' Year Without Knocking on Doors

It's been one year since Jehovah's Witnesses adjusted their hallmark methods of sharing comfort and hope from the Scriptures due to the pandemic. For many, the change from ringing doorbells and knocking on doors to making phone calls and writing letters expanded and invigorated their ministry.

Brian Portzel and his family in La Crescenta have enjoyed writing letters and calling their neighbors during the pandemic. Noting the positive impact virtual meetings have had on the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Brian commented, "attendance has grown" and those who are housebound or disabled have "an opportunity to enjoy the ministry" and meetings more fully.

In March 2020, Witnesses in the United States suspended



Photo provided by Braden VILLANUEVA  
Brian and Cynthia Portzel dedicate time to writing letters and making phone calls to their neighbors in La Crescenta.

their door-to-door and face-to-face forms of public ministry and moved congregation meetings to videoconferencing.

"It has been a very deliberate

decision based on our respect for life and love of neighbor," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's

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## NOTES & NODS

### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites the community to worship in the church's Worship Center for the first time in over year. On Sunday, June 20 at 10 a.m. Pastor Stephen Robertston will deliver his farewell message called "What's on the Other Side?"; graduates will also be celebrated.

The service will also be live-streamed at 10 a.m. on the church's YouTube channel. For those unable to attend or watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel after 11 a.m.

Visit the church's website at [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for details on all of the events happening including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve.

The church office is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office via email at [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

### Indoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

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Sunday services also feature special programs for children

and youth from preschool age to high school.

COVID-safe practices in line with Los Angeles County public health guidelines will be observed.

For those who prefer to worship from home, LCPC's online services are available at [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

### Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).



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# Let's Talk with Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian wants residents and those who work in Crescenta Valley, including far North Glendale and Montrose, to know that their voices and their opinions matter. To gather those opinions, on Fridays he can be found at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for his "Let's Talk" outreach.

Kassakhian is the newest elected official on the Glendale City Council but has a deep knowledge of the city after serving years as city clerk.

During a recent Glendale City Council meeting, members of the Council seemed to dismiss the fact that part of the Crescenta Valley

and Montrose are included within the City of Glendale. Kassakhian was the lone councilmember who supported the CV area.

Kassakhian has ties to the Crescenta Valley; his parents live in the CV area and his brother went to CV High School.

The sting from that city council meeting is still being felt by residents, as was evident when they spoke to Kassakhian at one of his Friday meetings. In addition to discussing the relevancy of the Crescenta Valley to Glendale, residents and those who work in the area asked for help with a variety of things, like construction permits. A business owner stated that she has been in "permit limbo" during a remodel and that she was concerned that she would lose clientele as the process continued to stall.

Kassakhian filled his notebook with issues presented to him, and handed out his business card and said he would find what information he could to help those who had brought concerns to his attention.

One resident stated it was nice to see a Glendale councilmember in Montrose.

Kassakhian said he would be holding "Let's Talk" outreach events in the future throughout neighborhoods that make up the Glendale community including Kenneth Village and Adams Square. He wanted to start in Crescenta Valley/Montrose area because he wanted residents and business owners to know he was "there for them."

Kassakhian will be at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf this Friday but will be taking a break on June 25.

# GPD Officers Placed on Administrative Leave after Video Shows Them Punching and Kicking During the Arrest of a Suspect

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale Police Dept. has placed four officers on administrative leave after a video of an arrest in the Glendale Galleria showed a struggle between officers and a person suspected of theft. The video shows officers punching and one officer kicking the suspect.

The incident occurred at 7:10 p.m. on June 5 when GPD officers, some in plain clothes, responded to a theft that had just occurred inside Dick's Sporting Goods, GPD stated in a release.

"While attempting to detain the

suspect a struggle ensued and force was used by the officers. Stolen merchandise was recovered from the suspect and he was arrested for petty theft and resisting an officer by force," GPD stated.

"Glendale Police officers are held to a high standard and we work hard to maintain the trust of our community. We take these types of incidents very seriously. Appropriate actions will be taken following the investigation," Glendale Police Chief Carl Povalaitis.

The Glendale Police Dept. is seeking additional witnesses

who were inside the Glendale Galleria Mall or inside of Dick's Sporting Goods during the time of this incident and can provide additional information to assist with this investigation.

Anyone who witnessed this incident in person, or have additional video of the incident, is encouraged to call (818) 548-4911.

According to CBS 2, KCAL 9, a witness sent the station a video of the incident. The video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxKT4erz2DIA>.

# Anderle Steps Down as Rosemont Principal

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley is seeing some administrative changes at secondary schools for school year 2021-22. For example, it was announced that CV High School Principal Linda Junge has taken a position as assistant superintendent of human resources for the South Pasadena Unified School District.

The school community was recently informed that Principal Scott Anderle at Rosemont Middle School will not be returning to the school as principal.

"I am writing to inform you that Principal Scott Anderle is currently on leave and will not be returning to Rosemont Middle School. Our wonderful assistant principals, Mrs. Rosabel Park and Dr. Adriana Pestonji, will support our expanded learning programs at Rosemont this summer," stated Glendale Unified School District Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

She added that as they begin the hiring process for the new principal

the district will gather feedback from students, teachers, staff and families to ensure the candidate brings qualities that reflect the needs of the local community.

Anderle has been at Rosemont for four years; prior to his position as principal he was at the district office as the assistant director of Student Services and he was assistant principal at Toll Middle School. He has been with the district for 20 years.

Anderle may not be returning as principal but he does have plans to continue serving students as a teacher. He is in the process of working with the district on this next phase of his journey.

"I always said I wanted to [retire] the way I came into the district, as a teacher," Anderle said in an interview with CVW.

He praised the "greatest group of teachers, staff and cafeteria staff." During the last four years the cafeteria staff has received a 100% rating for their work.

There are many aspects of Rosemont Middle School that

Anderle said he is proud of, including its athletic program with "great athletes and coaches."

Anderle said the highlight of his Rosemont career was one specific award.

"There is no question that receiving the California Distinguished School Award from Tony Thurmond in April 2019 was the highlight of my career," he stated.

Anderle was honest about how he has struggled during the pandemic and how that is, in part, why he felt it was best for his health that he step down.

"It has been really, really difficult," he said.

He said switching to a virtual model and the technology challenges and general changes that had to be made, including adapting to the fluctuating rules and restrictions that the pandemic created, was overwhelming.

In November Anderle found that he was facing a major depression

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# GPD REPORTS

## Pair Arrested for Possession of a Firearm, Illegal Drugs, Fraud and Vehicle Theft

On June 3 at approximately 12:45 p.m., officers located an occupied stolen vehicle driving in the area of Los Feliz Avenue and Gardena Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the two occupants, 37-year-old Roberto Luis and 42-year-old Nina Maynard of Glendale, were detained. Both Roberto and Nina told officers they were currently on post release community supervision.

During a search of the stolen vehicle, officers located a loaded handgun, multiple baggies of methamphetamine, a large quantity of marijuana, a digital scale, bolt cutters, a pry bar and a credit card reader along with numerous credit cards and identification cards belonging to other people.

Luis and Maynard were subsequently arrested and booked for a multitude of charges including being convicted felons in possession of a firearm, possession of illegal drugs for sale, vehicle theft, identity theft and violating the terms of their post release community supervision.

## Male Arrested for Shooting into an Inhabited Building

On May 22 just before 5 p.m., Glendale Police officers responded to the Glendale Market Place parking structure on the 100 block of South Artsakh Avenue regarding possible "shots fired." On arrival, officers determined multiple rounds had been fired at an adjacent occupied structure; however, no one had been struck. Officers canvased the area and located several spent shell casings along with a discarded handgun.

During the subsequent investigation by the Glendale Police Department's Robbery/Homicide Unit, 28-year-old Ruben Garsevanyan of Glendale was identified as the involved suspect and a Ramey Arrest Warrant was obtained for his arrest. On June 14, detectives assigned to the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force located, arrested and booked Garsevanyan for shooting into an inhabited building.

# CRIME BLOTTER

## June 12

600 block of Knight Way in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between midnight and 10 a.m.

## June 11

4300 block of La Crescenta Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between midnight and 8 a.m.

## June 9

2400 block of Frances Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident reported hearing a noise coming from the front of his home. He walked out and saw a sedan drive past his home without the vehicle's lights on. He reported that he felt this was suspicious; he went to his vehicle and didn't see anything unusual. It wasn't until the next day when he found the catalytic converter was stolen from his wife's vehicle.

The theft occurred at 2 a.m.

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, several bottles of liquor were stolen from a store's storage locker between 9:50 p.m. and 9:56 p.m.

## June 7

1100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear driver's side window was smashed and the lock was damaged on a business truck. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

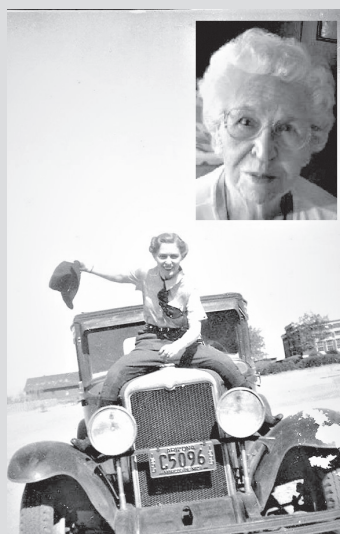
The incident occurred between 6:30 p.m. on June 7 and 6:30 p.m. on June 8.

## June 1

900 block of Coral Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, gardening equipment was stolen from a locked van between 12:45 p.m. and 1 p.m.

## Obituary

### Adeline (Peg) Lucy Childers-McClish



April 2, 1919 - May 14, 2021

Adeline (Peg) Lucy McClish passed peacefully at Windsor Home in Glendale on May 14. She was 102. There is no formal service set for her at this time.

Adeline was born on the outskirts of Douglas, Arizona and showed her talents and spirit early in life, beginning with the violin. While denied the opportunity to attend college, she was nonetheless salutatorian of her senior class, concert mistress of the high school orchestra, and sang recitals with a beautiful lyric soprano voice, while maintaining

her treasured violin studies. She sang in and directed the choir at Grace United Methodist Church in Douglas. She also was in the marching band playing clarinet, and cruised by the Gadsden Hotel in her 1930 Model T, hand-painted her favorite green.

Adeline met future husband Felix at a badminton party in 1939; he, a dashing manager trainee for SH Kress, transferred to Douglas while she worked in town. They were engaged on Valentine's Day and married on June 1, 1940. Within a year they were transferred to the Southern California area.

After surviving WWII they started their family and settled in the Glendale annexed part of La Crescenta. Felix was manager on Brand Boulevard at SH Kress and The Toy House. Adeline always continued her singing while being a full-time mom and part-time accounts manager. "Peg" and "Mac" sang at Glendale First Baptist for over 30 years. Their two children, Susan and Michael, also became professional singers.

Family night was usually tacos, burritos and tostadas at Ernie Jr.'s Taco House.

Life was never dull around Peg. She taught Vacation Bible School, and cooked tacos for the youth groups at Glendale First Baptist Church. She once peacefully disarmed a suicidal man in front of the family house.

Peg eventually started her own accounting services business. One of her clients was the Family Law Firm Grayson, Maxwell, and Sugarman, and Barbara Maxwell became a very good friend in her final years.

Peg and Mac were married over 70 years until his passing in 2011 at 93. She then moved into Windsor Home in Glendale where she sang every hymn by heart, and wowed them with "The Lord's Prayer." Mind you, at 100 she was still singing.

Adeline and Felix helped their two children complete their college degrees and teaching credentials, and supported all their efforts their entire life.

Adeline is survived by her daughter Susan M. McClish-Frantz of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and her son, Michael D. McClish of Los Angeles.

Both Adeline and Felix are interred at Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood. Those wishing to honor her memory can make a donation to Disabled Veterans Charity ([dav.org](http://dav.org)) "In Honor of Adeline L. McClish." She would be very pleased because, when Mac was recuperating at a veteran's hospital after WWII, she would run bases for the injured vets playing baseball who could hit, but couldn't run.

May her unselfish spirit touch all of our lives, and her talents reach out to others through us.



SVP from Cover

another location will be proposed for Grassmier.

Gardner, a neighbor in Briggs Terrace, became a reluctant community activist concerning the placement of the SVP. After hearing that 5632 Freeman Ave. was the proposed location for Grassmier's residence post-release, Gardner began to research SVPs and how they're placed. After investigating, he and others throughout Crescenta Valley were surprised this location had been selected.

The judge agreed with several of the concerns raised, many which were also voiced by community members including Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. – Crescenta Valley Station and Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Those concerns included the lack of cellphone service in Briggs Terrace and being in an extreme high fire risk area. The judge also cited the close proximity to other homes.

Community members had held rallies and created Briggs United as a way to bring attention to Grassmier's possible placement. Deputy District Attorney Jay S. Grobeson received about 480 emails regarding the placement with the vast

majority against Grassmier's placement in the Briggs Terrace area.

"I am truly relieved that Judge Bianco has found the proposed La Crescenta home as an unsuitable placement for Sexually Violent Predator Calvin Grassmier. This potential placement was a grave concern for me, the impacted residents and the community at large that mobilized and expressed their strong concerns.

"I want to thank and commend Judge Bianco for his thoughtful consideration of this matter and the unique circumstances that made this an unsuitable placement," Supervisor Kathryn Barger stated in a press release after the judgment.

Gardner made it clear not only in interviews but publicly during rallies that this was not a "not in our neighborhood" issue.

"It is not about 'not in our neighborhood;' it's not in any neighborhood," he said.

Barger has made a motion to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to change the way local agencies are notified if and when a SVP will be released in their area.

"I also want to thank the local

community for their advocacy and stewardship as well as the efforts by the district attorney's office and the sheriff's department. Today's decision underscores the value of collaboration and commitment by the community and the need to ensure transparency for issues that directly impact our residents. I have authored a motion that will be heard at the June 22 Board of Supervisors' meeting that will further the county's efforts to promote transparency in future court proceedings involving conditional releases and residential placements of sexually violent predators in Los Angeles County," Barger stated.

Gardner and the grass roots organization Briggs United have been contacted by residents of other neighborhoods in California who have gone through this same awakening of how the state places SVPs. Gardner said he is willing to share the information learned of the process with any neighborhood that is facing this same issue, and hopes to work to change the system.

How that system works will be the subject of a CVW article in next week's edition.

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disorder. He knew what this meant; he had a family history of depression. It was a difficult journey for him as he sought help, which included counseling and medication. With depression it is not a "one pill fits all" fix; it often takes time to get just the right balance.

Anderle said he wanted to go public with his depression diagnosis because he knows many students, and adults, have faced mental health issues during the pandemic and wants everyone to know it is important to get help and not ignore these issues.

"There are a lot of students who have struggled in the last year and a half. They have to reach out [for help] – that is the first step, I think, as we move forward," he said.

For now, Rosemont continues its summer enrichment resources. The assistant principals are taking the reins to lead the summer program while Anderle waits to hear what his next position will be at GUSD.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, major depression is one of the most common mental disorders in the United States. An estimated 17.3 million adults in the US had at least one major depressive episode, according to a 2017 study.

Outreach organizations include CalHope, speak via Live Chat with calhope.org or call (833) 317-4673

CalHope calhope.org live chat or 833 317 4673. CalHope is operated by the California Department of Health Care.

GCC from Cover

Dept. to conduct an independent investigation into this matter. When that investigation is complete, we will make sure that our standards of ethical conduct are upheld and the appropriate action is taken. We are committed to continuously evaluating ourselves, our expectations, and ensuring that the interactions we have are carried out in a way that fulfills our oath and in a manner that is consistent with our values and that will maintain the trust of the community."

Mayor Devine then dismissed the police chief and moved on to reminding the public that the city has set up a "cooling station" at the Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., throughout the duration of the current heatwave. Pets are allowed provided they are on a leash.

The city also offers a free fan to Glendaleans 60 plus years of age (who meet eligibility requirements); call (818) 548-2187 or email cspcares@glendaleca.gov for a fan.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) is urging energy conservation, especially during peak energy-using hours from 2 p.m. to 8 pm.

Devine announced an upcoming regional meeting of the redistricting commission. Focused on Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena, the

meeting is set for Wednesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. (overall information on LA county's redistricting organization at <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>).

City Public Information Officer Eliza Papazian announced the launch of a new, streamlined city website (<https://www.glendaleca.gov/home>) set to go live early Thursday morning, June 17.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian reminded city staff that he remains concerned about unshaded bus stops. He shared a photo of an example along San Fernando Road.

City Manager Roubik Golanian announced the selection of Mark Young as the new general manager of GWP, following a months-long search and formal interview process.

"My appointment is a testament to the possibilities of dedication and hard work; it sends a signal to all Glendale employees that perseverance and investing in the job are valued and rewarded here," Young said to applause in the council chambers.

The prospect of scooters or shared manual or electric bicycles in Glendale was delayed again, for months, as the city attorney determined the changes the council asked for on March 9 when it

reviewed responses to a "shared mobility pilot program" are substantive enough to require a new RFP. The council voted to request that bids responsive to the new requirements be resubmitted.

Glendale City Attorney Mike Garcia provided the council with a detailed report on a proposed "code of conduct" for city commissioners, board members and members of the city council, including samples of similar policies from other jurisdictions.

Existing policy explicitly prohibits the use of city resources and equipment for personal gain; receipt of gifts, money for favors; solicitation of employment; use or disclosure of confidential information; and retaliation against anyone for reporting waste, fraud or abuse, Garcia explained. Enforcement is via discipline, up to and including removal, or, for council, censure or other legally permitted mechanisms.

"Council asked for something broader, more rule-specific, related to the conduct of councilmembers and commissioners; in essence what is and what is not acceptable, based on some recent events," the city attorney explained.

The expansive proposed policy proscriptions include new explicit

prohibitions against drinking at commission meetings, or before commission meetings. Councilmembers added bans on the use of illicit and legal drugs and on smoking during the public meetings.

"I believe I asked for this to come forward," said Councilmember Ara Najarian. "At the time councilmembers – and members of the public – felt that without a specific prohibition against certain behavior, it would be unfair to hold someone accountable or to give some sort of punishment." (Najarian is referring to a controversy

regarding a member of the city's Design Review Board allegedly drinking wine at its Jan. 14 meeting [reported here on Feb. 18 <https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/news/02/18/2021/commissioners-actions-debated-council/>]).

"This is overdue and I'm glad we're doing it because if we're going to hold our board members and commissioners accountable, surely we need to look at ourselves and not ask anyone to follow rules we wouldn't impose upon ourselves," Kassakhian opined before the unanimous vote adopting the new rules.



Provided by Ardy KASSAKHIAN  
Unshaded bus stops, like this one on San Fernando Road, are of particular concern during these days of high temperatures.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Pioneer Memories: Helen Haskell Thomas (Part 2)

Continuing on with the memories of Helen. She was the niece of La Crescenta founder Dr. Benjamin Briggs. (Again, my comments are in brackets.)

Last week we related Helen's memories of being the first teacher for La Cañada Elementary School in 1885. She further wrote that the schoolhouse also served as a social center for the valley.

"We organized a sort of club, or properly speaking, a society without dues for the purpose of social gatherings. There was singing, dancing and recitations, and sometimes skits and talks." [La Cañada School was located at Foothill and La Cañada boulevards where Memorial Park is today.]

"On Sundays the school was used for church and Sunday school as there was no church building, so the building served as a gathering place for all occasions. We had a preacher, an Englishman, from the city of Leeds, a Mr. Hesmalhash.

And listen, this is very naughty, we heard that he had deserted his wife and children and eloped with the wife of Dr. Hillard, who had also left her children." [Very naughty indeed! Dr. Hillard was a gravely wounded Civil War veteran who tried to regain his health in La Cañada. Hillard Avenue is named for him. I show him having died in 1887, which would have been soon after his wife left him. Sad. It seems there was a lot of "dirty laundry" around the church that met at the La Cañada schoolhouse. Besides this scandal, there were the "dance wars" of La Cañada in which the community was violently split over the morality of public dances, fueled in large part by the alluring dance master, a Miss Sexton. The school was used for dances on Saturday nights, and church on Sunday mornings. Dancing was considered a sin by church-goers, and the disagreement over this dual-use was intensely fought over. This

was eventually solved by building a new dance hall and a new church, separating the two factions.]

Helen relates that her uncle, Dr. Briggs, loved trees. "In fact nearly all the old trees planted 50 years ago [1880s] were at Dr. Briggs' instigation. He got his friends interested in clearing the land and growing trees. It was natural for Dr. Briggs to plant as he was one of the Briggs brothers who planted in the Sacramento Valley the first large fruit orchards that put California on the map as a fruit-raising state." [That was in the 1850s. The Briggs brothers, including our Dr. Briggs, also planted the orchards of the Santa Clara Valley in 1862. There are roads and schools named for Briggs between Santa Paula and Oxnard.]

Here's a quote from Helen that has elicited some smirks among local historians. "How well I remember General Shields, straight as an arrow, riding

horseback through the valley. He was over 70 and looked only 40. His recipe for eternal youth was no worries, no business cares, sleeping with his head out of a window and a diet of raw graham flour and applesauce. His family lived in Los Angeles and relieved him of all cares." [Lots to unpack here! Rumor back then was that Shields had been a Confederate general. Not true. And he was not "over 70". He would have been in his 50s. The sleeping arrangement and diet? Many moved to CV for their health, and health fads followed them. Raw graham flour with fruits and vegetables were eaten by "Grahamites" in the 1800s. This diet, along with lots of fresh air such as "sleeping with his head out the window," was supposed to suppress sexual desire. His family in LA "relieving him of all cares" was simply due to the fact that he had abandoned his wife and children in LA, and moved to CV by

himself.]

It might seem Helen was gullible as a young woman. But she returned to the valley in the early 20th century as a mature woman. She and her husband became community leaders. Helen's portrait hangs in the La Crescenta Woman's Club today in honor of her early presidency of that charitable group and for her community service.



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### NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Between responding to the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic, tackling challenges that existed pre-pandemic that were worsened by it, and doing our regular due diligence of updating existing laws – there has been no shortage of work to be done in Sacramento. I'm happy to report that I was able to have 11 bills addressing these issues pass out of the Assembly and into the Senate. But today, I want to provide you

with an important update about one of the most significant actions we take each year in the Legislature – the budget.

In the face of a tumultuous and fiscally uncertain year, it brings me great pride to announce that this year's budget has far exceeded expectations. As a direct result of a decade of responsible budgeting, we are positioned to put record revenues into a transformative budget that is bold, encompassing

and with an eye on sustainability. Our updated version of the budget contains \$264.1 billion in spending, while putting a record \$25.2 billion in General Fund reserves to save for a rainy day.

So what are we spending this money on?

First, an issue on a lot of people's minds – economic recovery. One of the toughest parts of the pandemic has been watching individuals, families and our small businesses

struggle under the weight of stay-at-home orders and a rapidly shifting economy. The impacts have been widespread – which is why we're committing to serious investments in economic stimulus and relief. Our investments include \$8.1 billion in a second round of Golden State stimulus tax cuts, providing individual taxpayers with a payment of anywhere from \$500-\$1,100 of additional relief; \$1.5 billion in new small business

and non-profit grants; and \$2 billion in additional tax relief to small businesses to help mitigate the impacts of unemployment insurance on employers.

Education has come up in our district as probably the most discussed aspect of our budget year after year. Funding for our schools, early education, and beyond have been major conversations in Sacramento for as long as I have been

see FRIEDMAN on page 19



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## Post Ceremony Dance Attracts CVHS Graduates, Juniors



Anthony Portantino dealt cards.

After Crescenta Valley High School graduation a “mini prom” was held on the school campus. The event was from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and about 350 CVHS seniors and juniors arrived in prom finery for the evening.

According to former ASB advisor John Pehar, pulling together such an ambitious evening was a team effort. “With the help of a La Cañada High School PTA member, I used their prom as a model for ours,” Pehar said. “Hoover and Glendale did similar events, on a smaller scale.”

Planning began on April 26 with the first task being to submit the school’s COVID Protocol Plan to the County of LA, Public Health.

“My wife, Christine, and the safety coordinator at Brighton Collectables and Jewelry created the plan,” he said. “The safety coordinator is a CV alum parent. We shared our

plan with CV, Hoover and Glendale High School teachers. I found out later from LACPH that a version of our plan was used by Downey High School.”

Pehar went on to say that the success of the event, which exceeded expectations, was the efforts of CVHS support staff and parent volunteer in the planning and chaperoning of the event.

Dinner was provided by Los Gringos Locos. The evening included dancing and a casino that was supplied by Prom Plus. All activities were held outside. At the casino, many dignitaries were found dealing cards including State Senator Anthony Portantino (a Prom Plus regular), Assemblymember Laura Friedman and Glendale Unified School District board of education member Jennifer Freemon.

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Guests danced outside on a temporary dance floor.



Dealers kept students busy in the casino.



Playing roulette at the casino.



The dance floor was crowded at the CVHS “mini prom.”

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# CLARK MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL



Graduates processing onto the Clark Magnet field. Photos by Vic PALLOS



ASB President Ani Sahakyan/



Senior class officers (from left) Vice President Diana Sargsyan, President Martun Gevorgyan, Secretary Natalie Baghumyan, Treasurer Ayk Petrosyan, and Assistant Principal Dr. Brian Landisi.



Seniors had the opportunity to decorate their mortar board.



Masks, including one like the Clark panther, were worn by the graduates.

# CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



CV Weekly intern Lori Bodnar with her diploma.



A newly minted graduate expresses her enthusiasm.

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE



A graduate waves to family members.



Though early in the morning, temperatures were already on the rise.



### GRADS from Cover

peers to not forget what they had gone through because it made them strong and better prepared to go into the world armed with resolve.

Due to pandemic restrictions that were still in place during the ceremonies GUSD looked outside the regular venues to hold the ceremonies to better allow parents and students to enjoy outdoor commencements.

On June 10, Hoover and Glendale high schools held their ceremonies at the Rose Bowl. The Clark Magnet High School ceremony was held on the Clark campus.

On June 11, Crescenta Valley High School held its ceremony at the Rose Bowl; Daily High School and Verdugo Academy held theirs at Glendale High School's track and field.

Principals all spoke of how proud they were of the students and what it was like just being with them.

"The GHS Class of 2021 is the very definition of the word 'perseverance.' Even after missing out on most of the traditional senior activities and having to adjust to school online, they kept working hard and with a positive spirit," said Ben Wolf, GHS principal, in an email response to CVW.

"I didn't realize how happy it would make me to see all of your faces," said Hoover's Principal Dr. Jennifer Earl during her address.

Superintendent Vivian Ekchian spoke at the ceremonies, also praising the students' accomplishments and how they are poised to affect change in the world.

"For our extraordinary graduates, the diploma you receive today marks a significant milestone, one that will open exciting new opportunities and expand your abilities to affect change in the world," she said. "Your graduation from high school

reflects your transition into adulthood and from this point on your actions, words and ideas will carry more weight and will have more lasting consequences."

She added the responsibility is now in their hands to "become actively involved in the process of making this world a better place."

It was in March 2020 that students were told their week of spring break would be extended. No one knew at that time the extension would last through the rest of school year 2019-20 and all but the last few weeks of 2020-21.

The 2021 graduates had spent most of their senior year isolated and learning virtually. The in-person commencements were a time for them not only to celebrate their graduation but also to celebrate being with each other.

"Although the challenges we are facing

today – a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, millions of people experiencing homelessness and food insecurities – may seem insurmountable, I look to our young leaders and feel a great sense of hope," Ekchian said. "You have proven you are the most passionate and resilient generation."

Number of students who graduated from schools and valedictorians:

Glendale High School, 526 graduates, Alec Baghdasarians, valedictorian; Hoover High School, 358 graduates; Crescenta Valley High School, 635 graduates, Gene Jeoung, valedictorian; Clark Magnet High School, 268 graduates, Arpi Keshishian, valedictorian; Daily High School, 80 graduates, Angela L. Velasco Flores, student of the year; Verdugo Academy, 20 graduates, Miranda Delfino, student of the year.



# ALLAN F. DAILY HIGH SCHOOL AND VERDUGO ACADEMY



Photos by Vic PALLOS

GUSD Board Member Shant Sahakian, GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian, GUSD Board Member Dr. Armina Gharpetian, Daily High Principal Dr. Lonny Root, Glendale Community College Board Member Dr. Armine Hacopian.



Angela Velasco Flores, Daily High Student of the Year.



Miranda Delfino, Verdugo Academy Student of the Year.



Heidi Geronimo receives a rose from GUSD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kelly King.



Robert Vega receives a rose from GUSD Board Member Dr. Armina Gharpetian.



Agatha Grigorian, speaker representing Verdugo Academy Class of 2021.



Anthony Faalnik was a speaker representing Daily High Class of 2021.



Presentation of a rose.

Allan F. Daily High School and Verdugo Academy each graduated its Class of 2021 on Friday, June 11 with an in-person ceremony on Moyses Field at Glendale High School. Daily High's class numbered 65 graduates. Verdugo Academy, an independent study program, graduated 31 students. Families and guests were invited to attend.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of roses. This is a graduation tradition at Daily/Verdugo Academy. As graduates are awarded their diploma,

they also receive a red rose to present to someone who inspired them to complete their high school education and graduate.

The vast majority of graduates are continuing their education, ranging from four-year universities and colleges to community colleges, specialty trade schools and the U.S. military. One of the graduates is an accomplished classical pianist and will be attending the Cleveland Institute of Music.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!



# GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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# HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL



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# ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

## Rosemont Holds In-Person Promotion

By Mary O'KEEFE

Rosemont Middle School promotion of eighth grade students was held on June 9 at Glendale High School. It was the first in-person promotion since 2019 and the high school's track and field gave the students, and their parents, plenty of room to follow social distancing guidelines.

Students who took to the podium spoke about their time at Rosemont and how, in the midst of adjusting to lockers, schedules and new classrooms as seventh graders, they were sidelined by the

pandemic.

The students who promoted were seventh graders in March 2020; they went on spring break and, like other students throughout Glendale Unified School District and other public schools in the state, found those extra few days were extended to the rest of school years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Many of these promoting students only spent eight months on the Rosemont campus.

Despite the situation that the pandemic thrust them into, they are ready to move on to high school and to return to in-person learning.



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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## The Bargain Box Reopens to Eager Shoppers

The Assistance League of Flintridge – ALF – reopened its store, The Bargain Box Thrift Shop, on June 1 to a crowd of shoppers eager to see what new items the shop offered.

The community has been looking forward to the reopening of the Bargain Box Thrift Shop, located at 4607 Oakwood Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge, since it closed in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 1, shoppers were in line early and by 10 a.m. when the doors opened the line stretched to the overpass of the 210 Freeway. Due to COVID-19 protocols, the store allowed up to 50% capacity but customers were patient; those waiting outside were offered bottles of water.

Sales from the Bargain Box Thrift Shop provide funds for



ALF's philanthropic programs.

"Since 1954, Assistance League of Flintridge has actively served this community," said Kim Westhoff, newly installed ALF president. "It is exciting for ALF

to be able to continue to serve our community with the re-opening of the Bargain Box! We look forward to seeing old friends and new in the Box."

*Provided by Susan BOLAN*



LEFT: A line of shoppers wove its way to the freeway overpass waiting to get into the recently reopened Bargain Box.

Photo by: Ruth SOWBY

RIGHT: Montrose resident Linda Sweeney purchased gently used goodies at the reopening of The Bargain Box after a 14-month closure. Hundreds of shoppers were served by volunteer members of the Assistance League – La Cañada Flintridge.

## Las Candelas Holds Year-End Meeting

The ladies of Las Candelas held their end-of-year installation meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 27. Installing the 2021-22 officers and chairmen was past president Nancy Stone. Stone used the theme "A Palette of Colors" as she welcomed the new slate. Serving as 2021-22 president will be Rosina Maize. Other officers include First Vice-President Lynne Naeve, Third Vice-Presidents Karen Swan and Carol Ann Burton, Fourth Vice-Presidents Jeri Clark and Teresa Nall, Fifth Vice-President Margaret Cline, Sixth Vice-Presidents (Benefit Chairs) Diane Russell, Nancy Stone and Teresa Nall, Recording Secretary Pauline Beebe, Corresponding Secretary Anna Brewer, Philanthropic Treasurer Patti Baker, Business Treasurer Ellyn Semler and Parliamentarian Jeri Clark.

The ladies of Las Candelas also welcomed four new active members at the meeting: Sharon Hawkins, Carol Ann Burton, Linda Teeter and Kay Ladanyi.

Outgoing President JC Byer

thanked the members for their flexibility during the past year. Although the members were not able to offer their usual "hands-on" activities and programs to children and youth in vulnerable situations, they nevertheless provided financial assistance to Hathaway-Sycamores, Hillside, Hillside Youth Moving On, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services of Glendale, Ascencia, and the YWCA of Glendale and Pasadena. The guest chef program at Ascencia did continue during the lockdown

with the group modifying its food service to curbside delivery rather than its normal in-person service. Because of COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings, the Las Candelas Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon had to be postponed to 2022, but the members were grateful for the generous donations made by their supporters that allowed their philanthropic donations to continue. Las Candelas is now planning its next benefit, "Love Has No Limits," to be held on March 7, 2022.

Byer wished everyone a safe and happy break and invited all to reconvene at their annual summer party at Oakmont Country Club on Sunday, Sept. 12. Las Candelas will launch its 2021-22 programs in October under the leadership of newly installed president Rosina Maize.

Incorporated in 1955, Las Candelas' mission is to give volunteer service and financial assistance to help improve the lives of children and youth in vulnerable situations and to

support awareness of their mental health needs.

To learn more about Las Candelas, visit the website [www.lascandelas.org](http://www.lascandelas.org).

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LEFT: Outgoing President JC Byer (left) with incoming President Rosina Maize.

RIGHT: Four new active members: from left, Kay Ladanyi, Sharon Hawkins, Linda Teeter and Carol Ann Burton.



## People Making News

The following local residents and students who attend California State University, Northridge were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi: Rohini Sivaraman of La Crescenta/Glendale, Ashley Grace of La Cañada Flintridge and Lusine Melik of Sunland.

They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates Arya Ghassemloo of Glendale, Kenna Ramey of La Crescenta and Jacklyn Springer of Tujunga on being named to the winter 2021 president's list. The winter term runs from January to May.

Jennifer Kubela of La Crescenta has been named to the SNHU winter 2021 dean's list.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.700 and above are named to the president's list. Full-time status

is achieved by earning 12 credits: undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 and EW2, EW3 and EW4, or EW5 and EW6.

SNHU is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The University of Utah congratulates the following students who were named to the spring 2021 dean's list: Yunus Ashtijou of La Crescenta, whose major is listed as

biology BS, Lauren Christensen of La Cañada, whose major is listed as health and kinesiology BS, Evan Grayson of La Cañada, whose major is listed as communication BS, Mia Jones of La Cañada Flintridge, whose major is listed as psychology BS and communication BS, Cameron Kearl of La Cañada, whose major is listed as psychology BS, Keya Marathe-Bajaj of Glendale, whose major is listed as parks recreation & tourism BS, Joseph Reyes of Sunland, whose major is listed as recreational therapy BS and Claire Werner of La Cañada, whose major is listed as nursing BSN.

To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the

flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world.

James Murphy of La Cañada, a senior history major at York College of Pennsylvania, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester.

Established in 1787, York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year college located in the city of York, a hub of arts and industry between Baltimore and Philadelphia. Housed on 190 acres, the College is known for its focus on experiential learning and community engagement, serving over 4,000 undergraduate and 300-plus graduate students in more than 70 baccalaureate majors, along with 20-plus graduate and professional programs.



# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## CYO Prepares for Return to In-Person Instruction



The Caesura Youth Orchestra has completed another year of providing music education and instrumental instruction. All classes were held virtually on Zoom, which created a lot of challenges; however, there is gratitude that The Caesura Youth Orchestra was able to continue providing much needed music education during the pandemic.

Many students found it very challenging to continue music along with the rest of their school work, so the number of orchestra participants was down from the previous years.

To view the spring virtual concert, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5h23kehs>.

CYO is a stakeholder in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Youth Orchestras of Los Angeles project. There is no past or present activity;

there are two planned activities: **Music education:** CYO provides free musical instruments and music instruction to disadvantaged students in Glendale. Free instruction is provided by professional musicians from various orchestras in the Los Angeles area.

The target audience to be served through this charitable program is students in the south part of Glendale in the third to fifth grades, with expansion as soon as practical to include students from pre-school to high school. Students meet four times a week after school. Education also takes the form of attending performances of orchestras at no charge to students and their parents, through cooperative relationships with groups such as the Glendale Youth Orchestra.

**Music performance:** CYO provides regular performance opportunities for students in the program. Students perform regularly at Cerritos Elementary, local churches, hospitals and community events.

It is estimated that 80% of organizational time will be spent on music education, and 20% on performance. CYO is funded through grants, corporate donations, in-kind donations, ticket revenue from performances and gifts from individuals and service clubs.

In preparation of meeting again with students in person, financial support is welcomed. Donors may send a contribution to Caesura Youth Orchestra, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale CA 91206 or via the website: [www.mycyo.org](http://www.mycyo.org).

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in office. The good news for students, parents and educators alike is that we are making historic investments in education including: \$1.1 billion to help alleviate the costs of childcare while working to remove existing inequity in the current rates parents pay across the state, \$2.7 billion into universal transitional kindergarten (TK), and increasing spending to over \$21,000 per student for TK-12 students. We're also making significant investments in special education, career and college readiness, assistance for foster youth and to help increase the number of slots available for Californians to access state-subsidized childcare. In addition to focusing on early and primary education, we're doubling down on our commitment to ensuring all Californians have the opportunity to pursue a higher education by expanding the Cal Grant program and rebooting the Middle Class Scholarship program, helping people from all walks of life have better access to a reduced or debt-free college education.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't include a few of my budget priorities that were thankfully part of the Legislature's proposal—mainly climate resiliency, wildfire prevention, homelessness and transportation infrastructure.

Across an array of programs and state departments, we're prioritizing investments to address the ongoing impacts of climate change. California is on the brink of another epic drought and through the budget we're allocating \$3.7 billion in drought relief and assistance. We're dedicating another \$3.7 billion for climate resiliency investments, as well as historic funding for wildfire prevention and response.

In the 43rd, we all know far too well the threat wildfires pose to our communities. Nearly half of our district lies within a very high fire hazard severity zone—communities most at risk of severe wildfires. Throughout my time in the Assembly, I've put a tremendous amount of focus on updating our existing laws and fighting for our first responders, cities and property owners to have the tools they need to reduce the loss of lives and property due to wildfires. I'm pleased to announce that our budget proposal includes \$1 billion toward wildfire prevention and response, including an allocation of \$3.2 million that I was able to get into the budget to help pay for the new defensible space requirements created by my AB 3074, a measure signed into law last year.

While there's been a lot of talk about infrastructure investment at the federal level, in California we're acknowledging our responsibility to make these worthwhile investments that are key to securing a safe, equitable and prosperous future. We're putting \$7 billion towards improving broadband service statewide, increasing our funding for parks and cultural institutions, and allocating \$3 billion for transportation funding. As the chair of the Assembly

Transportation Committee, I've been working closely with my colleagues and the governor's office to ensure those transportation dollars are well spent.

These dollars should not only help repair our roads, but make meaningful investments in transit and active transportation projects up and down the state.

Our infrastructure plan also includes key resources for housing across the state. Over the past few years, we've allocated billions to address our housing and homelessness crisis. In this budget, we've increased funding for the development of affordable housing, we're building on our investment in housing and services for homeless Californians with \$8.5 billion in funding over two years, and \$1 billion to help cities and local governments address the specific needs of homeless residents in their communities.

I know it may feel like there is a lot here and I've really only been

able to scratch the surface. What I'd like to leave you with is this: We're continuing to prioritize responsible budgeting. Just because we have the money doesn't mean we're going on a reckless spending spree. The work of this budget is done carefully and cautiously. Our goal has been to craft a budget that's sustainable through the good years, and the challenging years. Through our work with the governor's administration and stakeholders across the state, we're not only making bold and impactful investments, we're also focused on increasing our reserves, fully paying off our Proposition 98 deferrals, spending \$3 billion to pay down pension costs, and making an astonishing \$1 billion worth of early prepayments to our general obligation bonds.

As of Monday, we passed the Legislature's version of the budget, and now we will continue final negotiations with the Newsom Administration in order to earn his final signature.

There's a lot to unpack in our annual budget; I hope this overview helps explain some of the key areas we're looking to fund so that we can not only recover from this pandemic but also prepare for future challenges while taking care of the needs of so many who call our state

home.

If you have any thoughts, questions or would like a more detailed look at this year's budget, please do not hesitate to email me at [Assemblymember.Friedman@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Friedman@assembly.ca.gov) or call my office at (818) 558-3043.

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Witnesses. "But we are still witnesses, so we must testify about our faith. It was inevitable that we would find a way to continue our work."

Many have checked in on neighbors as well as distant friends and family—sometimes sharing links to Bible-based articles from the organization's official website, [jw.org](http://jw.org), on timely topics such as isolation, depression and beating pandemic fatigue.

If anything, the pandemic has heightened Witnesses' concern for others, said Hendriks.

"We are finding that people are

perplexed, stressed and feeling isolated. Our work has helped many regain a sense of footing—even normalcy—at a very unsettled time," he said.

Witnesses' virtual meeting attendance is up, but the most significant gains don't have numbers, said Tony Fowler, who helps organize the ministry in part of Michigan.

"We've grown in appreciation for other avenues of the ministry, our love for our neighbor, and love for one another. We're a stronger people because of all of this," Fowler said.

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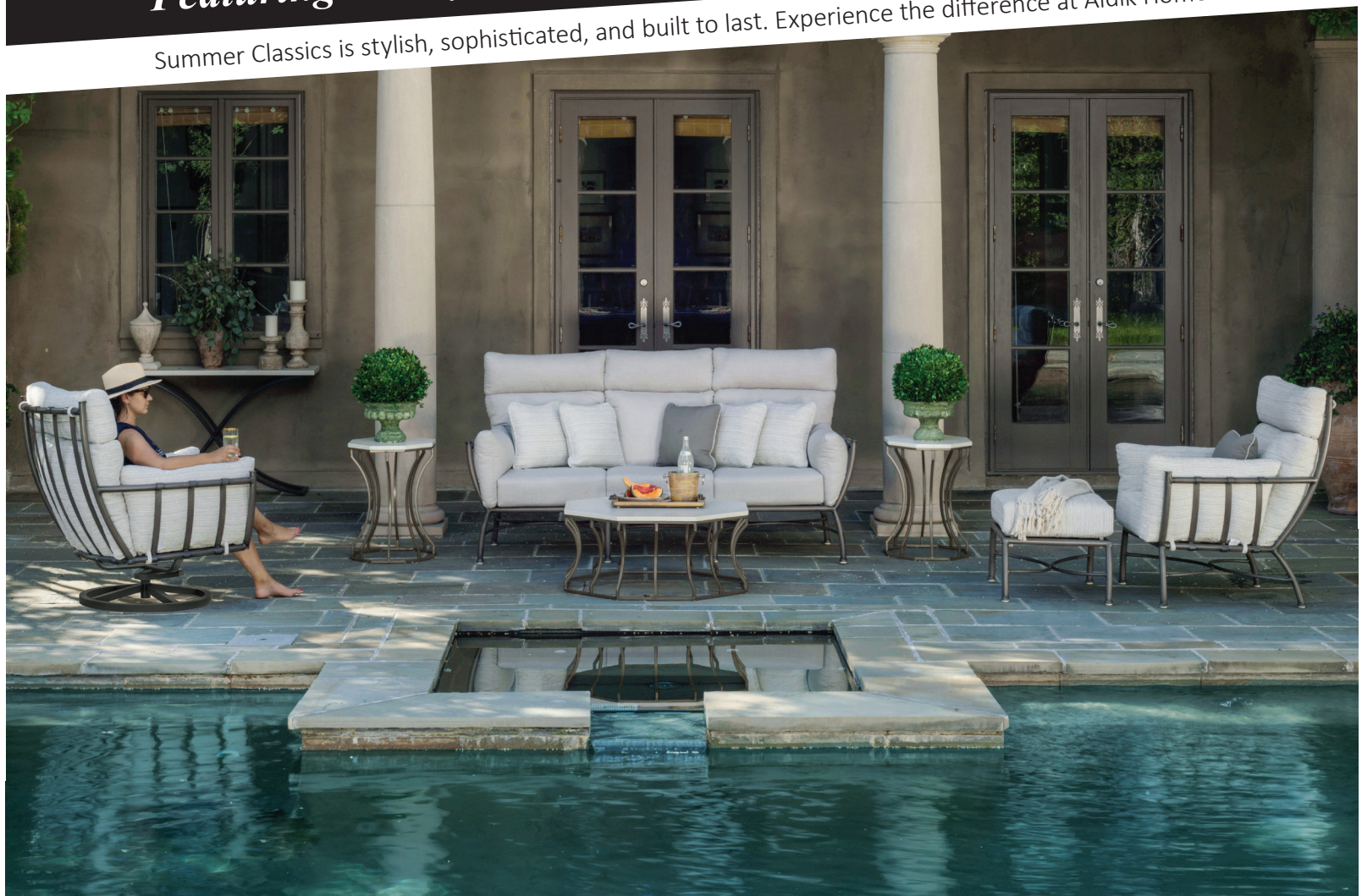
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