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## Council Presents Proclamation, Reviews Budget

By Julie BUTCHER

The first action taken by the Glendale City Council at its meeting Tuesday evening was to present a proclamation in support of reproductive rights. Councilmember Paula Devine made the presentation in the absence of Mayor Ardy Kasakhian.

"We all know what's going on," she said. "After four decades of reproductive freedom, the ability to exercise control over one's body, the right to privacy is critical."

"This past Jan. 22 was likely the last anniversary of the 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade. Eighty percent believe abortion should be legal and that private medical decisions should be left to the individual and their doctor. Issuing this mayoral proclamation is a reaffirmation to the residents of Glendale that every person's constitutional right to privacy, their right to parent or not parent, and their right to self-determination and bodily autonomy will be respected and upheld," said Norma Rodriguez, director of Public Affairs for the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Planned Parenthood, who then thanked the council for its action and support.

Next, Councilmember Dan Brotman expressed concern at seeing slow street signs being knocked over with impunity.

"It seems the materials are not what we hoped for and I'm hoping staff acts quickly to halt the installation of the signs," he said, adding that he hopes a solution is found for sturdier designs, perhaps made of metal, double-sided and perhaps larger.

"I'm against these signs," Councilmember Vrej Agajanian weighed in. "I said this before – the low height – it's hard not to knock them down."

Public Works Director Yazdan Emrani explained that the city was waiting for a quote from the contractor for double-sided signs and that they were

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## Looking to the Future

Mary O'KEEFE

*The notes of "Pomp and Circumstance" were heard throughout the Crescenta Valley as schools promoted and graduated their classes.*

This was a week of promotions and graduations in the Glendale Unified School District. After two years of virtual learning and distance activities, a moment of "normal" returned to schools as students moved forward in their academic career.

Rosemont Middle School's promotion on Monday was attended by nearly 1,000 family members who turned out for the 532 students who received their certificates.

"[It was a] very proud day for us promoting the 2021 eighth-grade class," said Principal Suzanne Risse, Rosemont Middle School.

This was Risse's first year as principal at Rosemont. She said when people asked her about middle school she would tell them she loved it, describing the students as fun, quirky, enthusiastic, very eager, very hyper and overly dramatic – which brought laughter from parents.

She then added that her students were the also patient, compassionate and very funny.

"Students, this year has been challenging



Photos by Melanie BURZYNSKI, Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY  
On Monday several local schools held promotion and graduation ceremonies including at Crescenta Valley High School where 631 graduating students waited to walk the stage.

but you have learned not to take for granted our everyday experiences that used to seem trivial [like] walking to school, going to the store without a mask, giving a hug or hanging out with friends," she said in her address. "You have learned that life is precious and safe and healthy is most important."

The first farewell address was given by eighth grader Gianna Huartson who began by

describing the recent years of middle school.

"Distance learning, COVID masking and COVID testing did not stop us from getting here today," she said. "Truth be told it was not always easy. Classes were sometimes hard, Wi-Fi would go down and, for the majority of our first year, we only knew the electronic Zoom versions of our classmates and teachers."

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## Be Prepared for Another Wild Wildfire Season

By Mary O'KEEFE

Leaders from several fire agencies gathered last week to discuss wildland fires and what agency officials are doing to combat these fires and how the public's help is needed to prepare for this danger as summer temperatures rise.

In addition to his role as chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Daryl Osby is also the coordinator for the State of California, Mutual Aid – Region 1.

The meeting on Thursday was for departments that are part of the mutual aid system to discuss the fire season. Years ago California fire season peaked between

July and October; however, an extended drought, warm temperatures and a shorter wet season, attributed to climate change, are leaving the land primed for destructive fires earlier in the year creating a fire season that is now year round.

"This is my 11th year as fire chief and nine out of the 11 years I feel like a [broken] record ... This year is going to be hotter and it is going to be drier," Osby said.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Oxnard, the rainfall total recorded in Burbank since Oct. 1, 2021 was 9.92 inches;

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
LA County Fire Chief Daryl Osby warns of extreme fire danger and how the public can help in preventing fires.

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# Positively Negative

I was not able to be in my office this week – though I was able to still diligently work (from home). I have been exposed to COVID.

Thankfully I found out on Sunday and was able to go to the office when no one was there to pick up my computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse. I wiped everything down afterward with Lysol wipes to ensure that, if I turned out to be positive, I didn't contaminate any surfaces.

Thankfully, as of Wednesday, I tested negative.

But to share my thoughts on the subject, as the number of cases continues to rise in LA County I have little doubt that just about all of us are going to be exposed to COVID. I mean, as of Tuesday, County of Los Angeles Public Health reported 3,310 new positive cases of COVID-19 and nine new deaths attributed to the infectious disease. Avoiding being exposed as we return to a more "normal" existence seems nearly impossible to me. However, being exposed doesn't necessarily mean that we'll "get" it.

My exposure did cost me more than the need of having to work from home: this week saw several graduations throughout the foothills, including at Crescenta Valley High School, Clark Magnet High School and Rosemont Middle School. While Mary O'Keefe was already assigned to the Rosemont and CV graduations, I was going to head over to Clark. My exposure put the brakes on that outing. Thankfully,

Ruth Sowby stepped in to shoot some super photos and give us an overview of the commencement exercises held on that campus.

Congratulations to all those who graduated or promoted!

I hope during this week you were able to acknowledge the efforts of some of our local citizens by recognizing Flag Day and Flag Week. If you remember Grace Chase's letter in the June 9 issue, she shared that her dad Vito Cannella (old timers like me remember Vito) and local citizens Bill Bailey, Don Carpenter, Congressman H. Allen Smith and the Crescenta Cañada Rotary Club petitioned for National Flag Week. Their love for our country and gratitude to those who defended it were the reasons for asking for this recognition. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law National Flag Week and, since then, each year a proclamation was issued from the White House regarding National Flag Week.

This year was no different. To read this year's proclamation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9ezvd2>.

And take a minute to remember those Montrose people who worked hard to make National Flag Week a reality.

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# Weather in the Foothills

"If it falls from the sky, flows across the surface of the Earth, or is released from the sun, the National Weather Service most likely produces a forecast for it."

~ *United States National Weather Service*

Recently we ran into our neighbor as we were picking up our mail at the curb. We exchanged hellos, then Pete said, "I hear it's going to be a hot, dry summer" sending us off on a discussion about the weather. Exchanging pleasantries with our friends, neighbors and even complete strangers is fun and make us feel connected. Usually the weather is a pretty safe topic of conversation.

But beyond a subject of small talk, weather is vitally important to our everyday lives. Military operations have been thwarted by unexpected weather. One of the greatest military operations of all time – the D-Day Allied landings on the beaches of Normandy – was postponed at the last minute on the advice of meteorologists who predicted storms. The following day landings were made in calm waters.

Firefighting is another industry that relies heavily on weather forecasting. When critical fire conditions are predicted the National Weather Service produces a dedicated fire weather planning forecast for emergency managers and whenever big blazes burn you can be sure that incident meteorologists are there, complete with their portable weather stations.

Farming, mining, aviation and water planning are other examples of industries that are heavily dependent on accurate weather and climate information. With the growth of green power, like wind and solar power, these companies use weather predictions to forecast their power production so no one goes dark.

Accurate forecasts are so important, but how is weather predicted? The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the agency charged with this responsibility. At the neighborhood level, SkyWarn Spotter volunteers report in real time unusual weather like thunderstorms, tornados and heavy rain. They fill in local gaps that regional instruments might not cover.

On a larger scale, surface weather stations collect data, like temperature, humidity and wind, and send it to the local weather office in Oxnard. Readings from weather balloons and satellites also feed numerical weather, water and climate models to the forecast office.

Computer modeling helps put together the forecast but, in the final analysis, because weather is constantly changing it is human beings – meteorologists – who use their local knowledge, their training and skills to create the forecast. You can read the sometimes humorous and always interesting daily musings of the NWS meteorologists online in the "Forecast Discussion" at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

As to our Crescenta Valley weather, we should be past the hottest days of the week with a cooling trend on Friday and Saturday. Gusty west-northwest winds are predicted for the mountains. Father's Day is predicted to be in the 70s and 80s with a warming trend next week.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, "If you don't like the weather right now wait a few minutes."

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### SUMMER 'GRAB AND GO' MEALS

The City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks will be providing free lunch from June 13 to Aug. 8 for children up to 18 at selected LA City Parks' sites including Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., and Sunland Recreation Center, 8651 Foothill Blvd.

These summer "Grab and Go" walk-up style meals will be provided at no cost and available for pick-up. Meal pick-up times vary by location.

The goal of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures children receive at least one nutritious and balanced meal when school is not in session. The lunch menu will offer a variety of healthy food options; lunches meet all the USDA nutrition standards as well as the City's Good Food Purchasing Policy.

To find participating park locations, visit [www.laparks.org/foodprogram](http://www.laparks.org/foodprogram) or call (818) 346-2700.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

Tonight, Thursday, June 16, the CV Town Council hosts its general meeting. To see the agenda, visit <https://tinyurl.com/24wba6ys>.

The meeting is in-person only in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, June 19. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

### CVCA TO DISCUSS LA CRESCENTA AVENUE PROJECT

Glendale Public Works Dept., Engineering Division will join the Crescenta Valley Community Association this month for a presentation on the major infrastructure improvements that are planned for the La Crescenta Avenue project corridor. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com) with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

# A Night of Music and Healing



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Renowned musicians in a variety of disciplines performed at the USC-VHH "Music for Medicine" event in May.

By Mary O'KEEFE

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital administrators and staff understand that healing is physical and spiritual. The term "healing the whole person" has long been a focus by those at the hospital.

In addition to continually adding innovations, like its new Cath Lab, they have also offered babysitting classes, hosted art exhibits, had exercise classes and countless seminars on a variety of issues and provided a healing garden for those at the hospital.

On a recent evening in May they gathered world-renowned musicians, and former patients, for a "Music for Medicine" event.

The idea for the evening of music came after Dr. René Sotelo, a surgeon at USC-VHH, had a patient play a mini-concert for him.

"[The patient] was so grateful after his surgery he said he wanted to do a concert in my office," Sotelo said. "I asked my friend Gustavo [Dudamel], 'What do you think about asking patients to play?'"

Dudamel and Sotelo met in Venezuela when Sotelo was practicing medicine. Dudamel is a Los Angeles Philharmonic conductor and violinist who performed at the "Music for Medicine" event. Other performing musicians included Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Arturo Sandoval, pianist John Rodby, bassist David Hughes, oboist Jhanai Hernández, pianist Mitsuko Morikawa and David Pittel and Gaudy Sánchez on trumpet, Alberto Arvelo on Cuatro Venezolano (a type of guitar), Jean Luis Contreras on guitar and Daniel Rodriguez on percussion.

The idea of performing music in a place of healing just seemed to be a perfect fit, so Sotelo contacted musicians he knew and musicians who were patients and suddenly the small concert became a night of music usually set in theatres like the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion or Disney Music Hall.

Professional musicians came together for an amazing night that included "The Flight of The Bumblebee"

by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and arranged by saxophonist Harvey Pittel.

Among the musicians who performed was Jacob Cohan who grew up watching MTV.

"I was alone a lot; my parents worked far away so MTV – that was it," he said.

Though he gravitated more toward bands like Black Sabbath and Motorhead, and has played with numerous bands, the Music for Medicine night at USC-VHH had him in a whole other world – which he was excited to be a part.

Cohan's journey to the night of music was not a path he thought he would ever take. He shared that about a week before Thanksgiving he noticed blood in his urine. He didn't have a lot of pain then but was concerned so he went to his doctor.

"They sent me to Imaging," he said.

What they discovered was a tumor on his kidney and he was advised to have surgery right away. But that was easier said than done.

"I thought I could wait but the doctor said, 'No, you have to go right now,'" he said.

But "right now" does not mean the same thing to some insurance companies than to everyone else, so it took some time for Cohan to get to a surgeon.

He said he ended up being in the right place in

the right time because he was introduced to Dr. Sotelo, whom Cohan credits with saving his life.

He ended up having surgery in April and, although tests show his cancer is gone, he was still sore and tired when the evening of "Music for Medicine" began – but nothing would stop him from performing. He played the conga drums and said he felt honored to be with the musicians on the stage.

"Music is a universal language," he said.

In addition to being a celebration through music it was also a night to raise funds and awareness for Sotelo's research that focuses on urological-oncological practice. The doctor is a pioneer and leader in robotic and laparoscopic surgery. He wants USC-VHH to be the center for his research.

According to USC-VHH, Sotelo's "vision consists of three pillars: education, research and advancement in the development of new techniques to treat urologic-oncologic pathologies. He believes that education must include reaching out to patients to guide and help them take responsibility for their health."

Hopefully, part of that responsibility will be setting aside time to enjoy some music, which might be considered the greatest medicine of all.

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# NOTES & NODS

## LCIF News

Recent high school and college graduates will be celebrated this Sunday, June 19 at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. Among the local graduates being recognized are: Todd Anzelon, PhD in chemical and biological sciences from Scripps Ranch Institute; David Banfi, BS degree in finance from Arizona State University; Christian Gropper, BS degree in finance, minors in computer science and economics, from the University of Denver;

Chris Coleman, graduate of Verdugo Hills High School; Hannah Hiscott, graduate of La Cañada High School. Those who have a graduate they would like recognized can call the LCIF office prior to Sunday's 10 a.m. service.

LCIF will also be celebrating Father's Day during worship with Pastor Chuck Bunnell. All are welcome to participate in person or online. Services are live-streamed on the church's YouTube

channel. Also, a reminder that vacation Bible school will be held from June 27 to July 1 for children from age 4 through sixth grade. The fun-filled program will run from 8:45 a.m. until noon. To register, visit the church's website [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org). The cost is \$35 for one child, \$25 each for two or more.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to

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

## Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites families to register for "Jerusalem Marketplace," a vacation Bible school for children Monday through Friday, July 11-15, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All children from age 4 to incoming sixth graders are welcome to come and experience what it was like to live at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. Through stories, games, music and crafts, children will learn about Jesus' own time in the city of Jerusalem, which changed the world forever.

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two children; \$100 for three or more children; and \$8 per optional T-shirt.

Registration for "Jerusalem Marketplace" is now open. Please visit [lpc.net/VBS](http://lpc.net/VBS) to sign up.

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

## Walk and Word

In May, 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 June 19 and 26. 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 [jlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

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# Safeguarding Your Home To Deter Burglaries

By Captain Robert Hahnlein, CV Sheriff's Station

We all want to feel safe and secure in our own homes. Although La Crescenta has historically been a safe community, burglaries still occur and we all can do something to eliminate an easy opportunity. It is important to take precautions to ensure your house is safe and secure during all hours of the day and night and anytime you leave your home.

I would suggest taking a quick walk around your home to look for easy access points. Look at it as if you wanted to attempt to make an entry. Look at windows to see if they can be easily pried open. Are all your doors properly secured? Keep your shrubbery trimmed below window levels. Bushes make great places to hide. Planting thorny shrubs near windows can make it difficult to break-in and can also be painful for a burglar.

Store expensive items, such as barbecue grills, cars and bicycles, in your garage. Many thieves look for easy items to roll away. Install

motion sensor lights around your home. There are many options offered. There are now solar models available that can be readily installed.

Get to know your neighbors. They are one of your best assets in burglary prevention because they offer an extra set of eyes. Let a trusted neighbor know when you may be out of town. They can collect your mail and any newspapers. They can usually spot a stranger quickly and monitor their movements.

Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. This will give everyone an opportunity to get to know your neighbors better. Your local sheriff's station can send personnel to your group to provide insight on how to recognize a burglary in progress, what information to give to law enforcement when calling 9-1-1, and what to do in case of an emergency.

Keep fences, gates and garage doors locked. Always invest in a quality padlock for each gate. Try not to leave your garage door open and unattended. Prying eyes are

always looking for opportunities. On the inside of your home, secure your valuables in a home safe or lock box. Sliding doors can be secured using a wood dowel or metal rod in the door track to prevent them from being pried open. Always lock your front door, even if you plan on being away for a few minutes. Home security or camera systems are now very affordable and rather easy to install. Having a few interior lights on variable timers may deter a burglar because it appears someone is home.

Installing large, reflective house numbers can greatly assist deputies when they respond to your home. If they cannot find your home, it costs valuable seconds that could be used to apprehend criminals. Be careful what you post on social media. Criminals monitor social media sites and look for those who are away on vacation.

The bottom line is we all want to be safe in our homes and community. If we can deter criminal activity, it makes it safer for everyone.

# Congressman Schiff Honors CA-28's 2022 Women of the Year

Congressman Adam Schiff recently presented 14 outstanding women in California's 28th congressional district with the annual Woman of the Year Award, recognizing their myriad contributions to education, health, housing, homelessness and arts initiatives in their communities.

"I am proud my district is home to so many incredible women – brilliant and hardworking individuals, many of them leaders in their fields, who go above and beyond to share their wisdom and passions with their neighbors, and to enrich our communities day in and day out," said Schiff. "Each of these women has made a profound impact on the people and places they love. We all benefit from their dedication and expertise, and we can only hope to emulate their spirit of service in our daily lives."

Schiff celebrated the honorees at a luncheon in Atwater Village where he thanked them for their exemplary volunteerism and service to communities in his district. See photos from the luncheon here.

The 2022 honorees include Mariam Barnes of La Crescenta, Lucy Levinsohn Berman of Sunland, Becky Gelhaar of La Cañada Flintridge, Carmenita Helligar of Burbank and Dr. Ramella Markarian of Glendale.

Mariam Barnes was born and raised in La Crescenta, and devotes her spare time giving back to youth in the community. She served on the Crescenta Valley Town Council for two terms where she focused on creating opportunities for local students, helping launch the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow program, which gives students a booth to sell their products at the Montrose Harvest Market, as well as planning workshops that focus on building self-esteem, providing information on vocational schools, interview

coaching and helping students with their college applications. Barnes has also participated in local drug awareness efforts and volunteered as a mentor to young women.

Lucy Levinsohn Berman from Sunland has been a well-known leader for nearly a decade in the Sunland-Tujunga Jewish community. As an enthusiastic member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's Arts, Recreation and Culture Committee, she founded Hanukkah in the Foothills, an annual inclusive celebration open to everyone that features traditional Hanukkah music, food and the Hanukkah story, and volunteered for Love The Neighborhood, a Sunland-Tujunga community beautification group. Levinsohn Berman is also a songwriter, singer and recording artist whose music has been featured in film and television.

Becky Gelhaar and her husband moved to La Cañada Flintridge in the mid-1960s, and she has been active in the community ever since. She co-founded the La Cañada Junior Women's Club and became involved with American Red Cross, serving as president of the La Cañada Flintridge chapter and on the board of the Pasadena chapter. Gelhaar has also held several Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) chairmanships, served on the board of the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation, and as a Girl Scout leader and on the Girl Scout Council. Other organizations Gelhaar has participated in include Chapter OM, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), La Cañada Valley Beautiful, the Assistance League of Flintridge, and the La Cañada Flintridge Coordinating Council.

Carmenita Helligar is a successful business owner and activist, as well as a dedicated volunteer in

the Burbank community. She serves on the board of Library Trustees for the City of Burbank and on the BUSD's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, which fosters inclusive curriculum and equity of college prep classes for all students. Helligar is one of the founders of The Destiny Education Project, a non-profit BIPOC-led organization that strives for every student to feel safe as well as learn in an inclusive and supported educational environment. An avid supporter of small businesses, Helligar is the founder and CEO of Local As Can Bee, an e-commerce marketplace for small business owners.

Dr. Ramella Markarian of Glendale is a skilled healthcare professional who has served as vice president of Business Development at Adventist Health Glendale since 2012. In addition to leading Adventist Health Glendale's strategic growth and development and overseeing various clinical and non-clinical departments, since 2015 she has helped organize annual medical missions to Armenia bringing together dozens of physicians, clinicians and surgeons to provide surgeries and medical consults to many Armenians living in Armenia and Artsakh. Dr. Markarian is also the founder of Glendale Healthy Woman, a program that provides free mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women in the community, as well as one of the founders of the annual Glendale Health Festival, which has been serving the healthcare needs of many underinsured and uninsured people in Glendale and neighboring communities for over a decade. Dr. Markarian also serves as a guest speaker at local high schools, colleges and universities where she avidly shares her expertise and knowledge to inspire youth.

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# CRIME BLOTTER

## June 13

2400 block of Harmony Place in La Crescenta, a resident heard loud noises from outside her home. She witnessed a car idling behind her parked vehicle. A person got into the passenger seat of the waiting car and it drove away. She went out to her vehicle and noticed the radio was on. She started her car engine and heard a loud noise. It was discovered that the catalytic converter had been stolen.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 4:10 a.m. and 4:20 a.m.

## June 10

900 block of Inverness Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the front passenger window was smashed and a tote bag containing personal items and credit cards were stolen overnight.

## June 9

5300 block of Godbey Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a package that had been delivered to the front porch of a home was stolen. Surveillance footage shows a male adult wearing a red shirt, blue jeans, black face mask and possibly holding a small hand axe or garden tool, unlocked the front gate to the home and took the package at 6:15 a.m.

2400 block of Mayfield Avenue in Montrose, the driver's side door lock on a vehicle was punched out and the steering wheel airbag had been cut out from the steering wheel.

The vehicle burglary occurred overnight.

## June 8

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a bank employee noticed that an elderly man, who she knew to be showing signs of early onset dementia, had been making withdrawals from his bank account several times over the past few weeks. The employee was concerned the man was a victim of financial abuse/fraud. Deputies were notified and responded to the bank to speak with the man.

The victim told them he had known the individual asking for funds for 10 years; he had never met him in person only over the phone. The apparent phone scammer told the victim he just needed funds for a business that would be a good opportunity for the victim. He would withdraw funds and buy money cards. There were some inconsistencies in the victim's statement as to how the cards were passed along to the scammer. The victim did not cooperate with the deputies and at times became abusive.

Through an investigation it was discovered the man had been a victim of financial fraud in the past and an alert had been placed on the victim's account.

The incident occurred between 9 a.m. and noon.

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported that he had parked his motorized bike in the bike rack at the shopping center and left to shop. He returned to find his bike, which was not locked to the rack, was stolen.

The theft occurred between 6:15 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.

2300 block of Pickens Canyon Road in La Crescenta, a resident heard what sounded like a vehicle leaving his driveway. Surveillance footage showed two unknown males park their vehicle on his driveway and steal something from his vehicle. An investigation revealed one male had exited the vehicle with a car jack and lifted the vehicle off the ground. The second male then exited the driver's side of the vehicle with an electric saw. While one suspect lifted the vehicle the other crawled under and stole what appeared to be the catalytic converter. The two suspects returned to their vehicle and left the area.

The theft of the catalytic converter occurred at 9:55 p.m.

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# GPD REPORTS

## Male Arrested for Possessing Narcotics and an Outstanding Warrant

On June 6 at about 9:30 p.m., a GPD patrol officer observed a male, later identified as Darren Richards, 41, of Tujunga, exiting the driver's side of a vehicle that had just parked near the intersection of Boston Avenue and Paraiso Way. The officer consensually spoke to Richards, who initially provided the officer with a false name. During the encounter, the officer learned that Richards' driver's license was suspended. A search of Richards' person produced his identification and, utilizing departmental resources, the officer discovered that Richards had an outstanding no-bail warrant out for his arrest. A vehicle search produced two glass pipes with bulbous ends and a small container of fentanyl. Richards was subsequently arrested and booked for impersonation, possessing narcotics and unlawful paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license, and for his outstanding warrant.

## Male with Prior Felony Conviction Arrested in Possession of Loaded Firearm

On May 25 about noon, GPD patrol officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop near the Foothill (210) freeway off-ramp and La Tuna Canyon

Road on a vehicle for moving violations. Upon contacting the driver, Joshua Lockwood, 38, of Oceano, officers learned that Lockwood's driver's license was suspended. A vehicle search produced a lock box containing a loaded, unregistered firearm. A further search produced several rounds of ammunition, Xanax, and Ketamin-pet. Lockwood was subsequently arrested and booked for being in possession of a firearm with a prior felony conviction, owning ammunition when prohibited, and possessing controlled substances while armed.

## Bicyclist Arrested for Identity Theft

On June 5 at about 9:40 p.m., Glendale Police Dept. patrol officers observed a bicyclist riding along the sidewalk near the intersection of Glendale and Palmer avenues, and then in the wrong direction in traffic lanes. The officers conducted an enforcement stop and spoke with the rider, Jose Vargas, 53, of Glendale regarding the violations. During the investigation, officers learned that Vargas was in possession of a credit card belonging to another individual and there was an outstanding warrant out for his arrest.

Vargas was subsequently arrested and booked for identity theft and his outstanding warrant.

## Two Arrested for Identity Theft

On June 3 at about 3 a.m., a GPD patrol sergeant conducted a traffic enforcement stop near the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Brand Boulevard concerning moving violations. The sergeant contacted the driver, Nicholas Marical, 31, of Palmdale (who was initially unable to provide any form of identification and provided officers with a false name), and passenger, Joseph Clarino, 32, of Palmdale, regarding the traffic stop. Assisting officers arrived. According to the report, a partially open wallet was seen in plain sight on the back floorboard of the vehicle. Marical's identification card was visible, and officers learned that Marical's driver's license was suspended. Officers also located an identification card belonging to another individual inside of the wallet. A vehicle search produced a notebook containing personal identifying information of several individuals, along with a passport and several credit cards belonging to other individuals. A search of Clarino's person produced a bag of methamphetamine.

Marical was arrested and booked for identity theft and for driving with a suspended license. Clarino was arrested and booked for identity theft and possessing a controlled substance.

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She thanked teachers and staff for “being there” for the students.

“I want to thank Mr. Yonkers,” she specified.

Yonkers, Rosemont’s music director, retired this year. Huartson praised Yonkers for his dedication.

“[He] puts the rock in Rosemont Rocks,” she added.

The second eighth grade farewell address was given by Elissa Seraji who spoke about an assignment of writing their own life story that each student was given.

“Everyone harbors their own story, full of twists and turns, miracles and tragedies,” she said. Every part of the “story” is made up of those who have influenced the students throughout their lives.

“This part of my story would never have occurred without teachers who encouraged me to try new things and friends who cheered me on every step of the way,” Seraji said.

Angelina Vesselinov gave the last farewell address where she too dealt with the struggles the eighth grade class had during the pandemic. For example, their seventh grade year was held virtually.

She ended by congratulating “the persevering Class of 2022.”

“Think about it: despite losing our first year of the middle school experience to a virus and “glitchy” microphones, we still managed to be the best students to come out of Rosemont,” she said.

Despite the challenges she added that the Class of 2022 had fun and made lasting friendships.

Later that day it was Crescenta Valley High School students’ turn to walk the stage. The ceremony began with a falcon, the school’s mascot, flying over the crowd. Principal Christine Benitez worked a long time with the falcon handlers to create this

unique way of illustrating how high falcons can fly. Even though at one point a crow looked like it was going to really challenge the falcon, the bird kept flying over the CV Falcons until it glided safely back to the ground.

Benitez shared that CVHS’ graduation day was the 30th anniversary of her Ohio high school graduation. She told the students



TOP: Newly minted Clark graduate Griffith Burzynski with Greg Krikorian. MIDDLE: Kevin Dong was presented with the plaque honoring him as the 2022 valedictorian. ABOVE: The first farewell address at Rosemont was given by eighth grader Gianna Huartson.

it had rained on her graduation so students were moved inside. She found that her sister had placed a “Blow Pop” sucker on her chair. She ate her “Blow Pop” as the speeches were made and said how this kind act by her sister made her feel so special.

So, on the 30th anniversary of her graduation and her first CVHS graduating class as principal, she placed a “Blow Pop” on each graduate’s chair.

“Take time to pass on to others the nice things that others have

done for you,” she said. “You can’t go wrong by paying it forward.”

The robot from Team 589 presented Kevin Dong the plaque honoring him as the 2022 valedictorian. Dong was the last valedictorian at CVHS because starting next school year the school will be honoring students who have achieved the status of cum laude and summa cum laude.

Eric Markarian presented the first senior address “Your Version of CV.”

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## Obituary

### Deanna (Dee) Ailes



May 15, 2022

On May 15 we lost our precious mom, Deanna (Dee) Ailes, at the age of 78. Besides being an amazing mom/sister/aunt/grandmother/great-grandmother/friend/neighbor, she was also very much a part of her community.

She may have been seen on one of her daily walks, saying hello to neighbors and strangers alike, and cheerfully picking up any trash along the way. She loved living in La Crescenta where she raised her four children with their dad Larry in their first tiny house on Mayfield Avenue. After all the kids grew up they later moved up the mountain to their house on Starfall Drive. There she made her yard a virtual botanical garden and an oasis for family and friends to enjoy.

She absolutely loved her Starfall house and entertaining family and friends there. Nothing made her happier than having her family, friends, kids and grandkids around. She was truly a mom, grandma and great-grandma to the core.

She also worked in La Crescenta as a floral designer for decades and, even after retiring, stayed active on that front. She and her dear friend Patty took on the happy responsibility of caring for the plants and greenery on the patio of local Montrose restaurant Ocean View Bar and Grill where they would prune, plant, water and fuss over the patio to create a beautiful place for customers to gather.

One of her favorite places by far was Descanso Gardens where she would regularly go to be surrounded by a slew of kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, etc. – many of whom affectionately knew her as “Ya”. She loved Descanso and spending time with her family and was a longtime member.

She was preceded in this journey 10 years ago by Larry, who was the love of her life.

Mom leaves behind two sisters, Dorene and Laurie; four children (Larry Jr., Mike, Todd and Jennifer); grandchildren Jeremy, Heather, Mike, Khali, Rhiannon and Tomo, as well as her great-grandchildren Walker, Tiger and Radley. All had a special relationship with her because she adored each and every one – and she made sure they knew it. Her close circle of friends was also dear to her and she cherished them.

We thank her for always being a true role model of what a mom should be. We are all better humans because of her and we will miss her dearly, never forgetting the love she showed us all.

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His focus celebrated diversity. “Every single one of us has experienced a different CV that had molded our extraordinary high school experience into one unique to ourselves,” he said. He said all 650 students of his 2022

graduating class have developed the skills they need for success.

Markarian added that no matter what their experience was at CVHS the soon-to-be graduates were all Falcons and praised the school for honoring and encouraging diversity.

“Take what we have learned from our own version of CV... and find solutions to the unsolvable,” he said. “We all have the potential to challenge something to better our world ... Be proud of how far you have come, have faith in how far you will go.”

Megan Lee shared the second senior address focusing was on moving forward from graduation with confidence. She shared how, in elementary school, her class had watched caterpillars transform into butterflies and although she knew at some point she would have to release the butterfly she was worried about it

going into the world.

“I asked my teacher, ‘How do you know our butterflies will be okay?’ and my teacher told me that because our class loved them so much they would carry that love and make sure to survive just for us,” she said.

She equated this to her fellow students moving on from high school in the next phase of their life’s journey.

At Clark Magnet High School, graduation ceremonies were also held on Monday evening. Nearly 300 graduates received their diplomas as several hundred family and friends watched from the stands in the school’s amphitheater.

After the procession of students, the colors were presented by the Air Force JROTC of Crescenta Valley High School. The salute to the flag was led by Associated Student Body President Andrew Avanesian. VIP introductions

and recognitions were made by Principal Lena Kortoshian, whose remarks focused on the academic reputation of Clark.

Kortoshian reported that the school is in the top 1.1% of high schools in the nation. She then ended her remarks by introducing keynote speaker Sareen Kellzi, who graduated from Clark in 2005.

Additional graduation highlights included the class officer presentation by senior class officers including President Tedrik Markarian, the recognition of school staff and volunteers, the presentation and acceptance of the Class of 2022, the presentation of diplomas and the eagerly anticipated “moving of the tassel.”

Ruth Sowby contributed to this story.

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## Obituary

### Fairy Elizabeth Darthula Davis Brown



Dec. 12, 1929 – June 4, 2022

Do you remember the lady who, for decades, would walk on Foothill Boulevard? Do you remember the lady who for many years gave away samples at Ralphs Grocery Store in La Crescenta? Those two ladies were the same person!

Fairy Elizabeth Darthula Davis Brown, 92 years old, was born Dec. 12, 1929 in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. She passed away on June 4 in Pasadena. The Crescenta Valley was her home from 1977 until she had to go into a nursing home due to suffering from dementia/Alzheimer’s disease and following a broken hip in 2020. She was ready to go to her heavenly home and passed while sleeping peacefully with little pain.

Her love of walking and “visiting” with everyone and anyone followed her from Alberta to the Yukon, from Chicago to San Antonio, from Germany back to Texas, and then to the states of Washington and California. She cared for many children over the years in children’s homes in the Yukon and Chicago. She loved roses, tea parties and coffee – lots of coffee. She cared for people and there wasn’t a person whom she did not try to encourage.

Known in Canada as Fairy (her grandmother’s name) and in California as Darthula (her great-grandmother’s name), she was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, one sister and their spouses. Darthula is survived by her husband Jerry Brown (separated); only daughter Grace (Dan) Andrus (Wyoming); four adult grandchildren – Dan Andrus II (Czech Republic/Wyoming), Amanda Andrus (Montana), Candace (Marcus) Auge (Georgia), and Maggy Andrus (Florida); sister Patsy Ward (Three Hills); brother Jim Davis (Sundre); and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Her memorial “celebration of life” service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 24 at Community Life Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta where she attended since the late ‘70s.

Ladies are invited to wear tea hats if they would like. Black is not required to be worn as this will be a celebration.

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only put in the middle of streets wider than 36 feet.

Councilmember Ara Najarian reported that he has been advocating on the board of Metro (where he currently serves as the first vice-chair) for help to close a funding gap for the Glendale Beeline bus service and that he was successful in securing \$11 million. He added that even if he is no longer on the Metro board or on the city council (pending election results) that he would work “til the last day doing everything I can to make Glendale a better city.”

## Obituary

### Harry Avant



1934 – 2022

Harry Avant always had something interesting to say and an interesting way of saying things.

While working for Aeronutronic, a defense related division of Ford Aerospace, in the 1960s he helped rebuild the electronics at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He worked for the California Institute of Technology at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena for 20 years on the Viking, Skylab and Cassini missions. He wrote the interface that enabled the conversion of the digital data to analog from the Viking landers at JPL and Mission Control, allowing the world to see the first images from the surface of Mars.

Harry, 88, passed away Thursday evening, June 9, after a longterm chronic illness. He served in the Army during the 1950s. His amazing achievements spanned aerospace, computer science, photography and music. He had a sharp wit, sarcastic sense of humor and love for animals. Harry generously shared his vast knowledge with many. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his son in 1989.

Next, the council approved the overall budget for FY 2022-23. City Manager Roubik Golanian acknowledged and thanked the city staff members who worked to prepare the budget and detailed the six budget study sessions in which the council engaged. Director of Finance and Information Technology, Jason Bradford, summarized the \$1.096 billion spending plan, noting a few small changes such as funding for summer concerts at city hall and support for GUSD’s afterschool services. The budget includes \$263 million in general funds spending and \$17.5 million from Measure S; the city’s reserves are anticipated to be 30.6% at the end of the fiscal year.

“We’re feeling good about the budget now, but it’s not going to last,” Councilmember Brotman observed, expressing concern about the future finances of the city.

“We’ve started conversations to avert a shortfall two years from now,” Golanian responded. “It’ll be here before we know it and we know we need to prepare.”

In further business, the council approved two street rehabilitation projects: \$3 million for the Broadway rehab project that will pave approximately one mile, improve 4,200 feet of curbs and gutters including 16 new curb ramps, 19 new street trees, the modification of three traffic signals, cool pavement, two creative crosswalks, restriping and green-painted bike lanes; and \$4.1 million for Phase I of the Maintenance District 6 rehab for 4.8 centerline miles of various street improvements between Cañada Boulevard to the west, Verdugo Park to the south, the Verdugo Mountains to the north, and Country Club Drive to the east. Phase II is planned for next fiscal year.

Finally, the council moved to adopt an ordinance to protect and increase the pay of Glendale hotel workers. With council chambers packed with members of the union, UNITE HERE Local 11, which represents hotel workers, city attorney Mike Garcia announced that more than enough signatures had been submitted and verified to require a public vote on the measure during the next municipal election (March 2024) or in a special election, or the council could vote to adopt all the provisions of the initiative (the council previously voted to approve select provisions).

According to the staff report, the

ordinance “provides measures to protect hotel workers from violent or threatening behavior [which largely mirrors an ordinance the council adopted in 2020 pertaining to hotel workers]; provides measures to provide fair compensation for workload, including workload limitations, proration, voluntary overtime payment and records preservation; and establishes a minimum wage for hotel workers in the amount of \$17.64 per hour or the rate set for hotel workers established in the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, whichever is more. The Initiative Ordinance provides a waiver for the fair compensation and minimum wage provisions pursuant to a bona fide collective bargaining agreement.”

“Is there a problem with LA setting the wage?” Councilmember Vrej Agajanian asked. “This is an independent city, and it doesn’t feel or look right to connect us to another city like that.”

“When the pandemic hit and 95% of our members were out of work, this council took action to support hotel workers. Residents of Glendale overwhelmingly support this effort and signed the petition to stand with us,” a representative of the union told the council. Workers detailed the increase in work they now perform and the smaller number of workers who are working.

“We used to offer daily cleaning of rooms,” one worker said as an example.

“It’s a large number of signatures – I don’t know if we’ve ever had this number of signatures collected. Council has adopted some of these. It is the least we can do. I appreciate a clean room when I check into a hotel,” Councilmember Najarian said.

Councilmember Paula Devine agreed

“When I was campaigning, I heard a lot of concern for the safety of hotel workers,” she said. “I know how hard you work – you deserve as much as we can get for you.”

“It’s incredible the work the union does when you put your mind to do it,” Councilmember Brotman commended UNITE HERE Local 11. “I can only imagine how hard your work is.” Brotman moved to introduce the ordinance and, by unanimous vote, the council voted to bring it back for approval on June 28.



# VIEWPOINTS

## TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Norma's Mom in the 1934 New Year's Flood – Part 2

Last week we heard about the travails of Norma Quinn Potter's mom Leone Potter from an oral history recorded in 1977. Leone was in charge of the American Legion's disaster relief efforts in 1933. As such she was called on to serve on New Year's Eve when the big flood hit, destroying the La Crescenta Legion Hall and killing most of those inside. Fortunately, Leone was serving at the Glendale Legion Hall.

I left you with a cliffhanger last week. Leone had urged her family by phone to go to the La Crescenta Legion Hall for shelter and as far as she knew they had gone. When she got word that the Legion Hall had been destroyed, she was distraught.

What she didn't know was that her family had decided not to go to the Legion Hall. It was several blocks away and they didn't think they could make it. Instead they had sheltered at home.

Leone wrote: "Mom said she'd taken the girls and gotten up

on top of the piano, and we had that big heavy piano, you know. She had the girls and the dog in her lap all evening, all night. They were all too scared to leave Mom, and she was just as scared as they were. The dog was scared and he would get between Mom and the girls and push down in there."

But Leone didn't know that at the time and she continued to worry. There was no way to find out, as all communication was out.

"The night passed and early in the morning they came and asked me if I would come up to Montrose and take over up here, 'cause they [the American Legion disaster relief crew] had been killed ... had been drowned," Leone recalled, "and the clubhouse was out. They had to find a place up here."

Leone agreed to go, still not knowing the fate of her family.

"They had a big old-fashioned car," she said. "You know how the

old cars are way up off the ground. We'd never have made it in a newer car. We came up Verdugo; Cañada was out. Verdugo Road, you would get part way and then it was blocked. That's the only way we got out, 'cause that car was high and there were workmen moving things out of the way ... You couldn't tell much where you were or where the streets were. It was such a mess."

When they got to Montrose, Leone had a moment of panic.

"I saw this stretcher and I tried to hurry," she said. "It looked just like Jeanne's [her daughter] hair. It was hanging off. This was when we first got up there. I don't even know how I found out about the family [being safe], but some one of the men found out."

With the knowledge her family was safe, Leone got busy with disaster relief work. They commandeered the Masonic Hall, which was then in the upper floor of one of the businesses along Honolulu Avenue. Today

that would be the offices above Walk This Way and Montrose Optometry.

"The days and nights all ran together," Leone said. "I went eight days without any sleep ... 15 minutes here or a half hour there on top of a table."

Leone witnessed this terrible tragedy firsthand. "Somewhere or other going over Montrose Avenue there was some man ahead carrying what looked like a girl, a small girl. It must have been a week after the flood. After I came home it must have been two weeks that they were still hunting for people. They were still digging. What they do is that after awhile they say that the final tally was this, that or the other. But there wasn't anybody up here, lived here, or had anything to do with this that didn't know there was more than

what they said."

Leone is referring here to the notion that many victims were transients, Okies living up in the canyons or by Verdugo Creek. They would never be counted. A terrible time to live through but Leone served her community in its time of greatest need.



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## CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

# Summer is Almost Here!

This year's high school and college graduates have accomplished a lot during particularly difficult circumstances. After all the challenges they have faced, it is finally time to celebrate!

Hearty congratulations to the Class of 2022 at Crescenta Valley High School! The CV Town Council scholarship recipients from our community are Peter Chiwoon Lee, Ashley Park, Roan Thibault, Maneh Davityan, Freddie Ireland and Erin Hong.

On Memorial Day, I was grateful to be at Two Strike Park for the annual tribute to veterans and military families that honors those who have served and died for our country and county. Every day, we must renew our promise to serve those who have served. The lives of our veterans are precious – and in order to pay tribute to the lives of those we have lost we must remember our commitment to uplift those who are still with us. Thank you, VFW /American Legion members, and to everyone who joined us for this celebration and tribute!

The Dept. of Parks and Recreation has summer fun in store for everyone. No matter your age or experience level, there is a class for you. Learn to play guitar, make a pizza, develop a video game, perform improv, meditate, paint with watercolors and more! Find a summer class at <https://parks.lacounty.gov>.

On Wednesday, June 29, the Crescenta Valley Town Council Outreach Committee/Street

& Road Committee will hold a public forum to learn how to create safer traffic conditions and safer routes to school. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library community room, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

On June 25, the Crescenta Valley Town Council Outreach Committee, in collaboration with Burrtec Waste Services, will hold a mulch distribution and e-waste collection day at Two Strike Park from 8 a.m. to noon.

Crescenta Valley Town Council designates the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and urges everyone to

recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQIA+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty and justice. The Crescenta Valley models, advocates, actively supports and promotes the inclusive and respectful treatment of all its community members.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our June 16 general meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library. Please contact CVTC at [contact@thevcouncil.com](mailto:contact@thevcouncil.com).

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# YOUTH

## Civil Air Patrol Shares with Girl Scouts the Importance of STEAM and Females in Aviation and Aerospace

To facilitate Girl Scouts earning their Space Exploration badge, Major Catherine Collom, director of Aerospace Education for the California Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP), contacted Anna Marie Leidelmeijer, STEAM Program specialist of Los Angeles Girl Scouts, to share information with the girls on their Space Exploration and Movie Night at the Montrose Girl Scout Outdoor Program Center.

"When I began flight instruction, I was the only female student in my class," shared Maj. Collom. "I really had fallen in love with flying and was learning how to fly before I had obtained my driver's license and obtained my private pilot's license at age 17. Eventually I became a certified flight instructor and it is a joy to share my aviation passion and teach new students to fly."

CAP colleague and California Wing Assistant Director of Human Space Exploration Lt. Col. D'Ann Chester – a pilot and astronaut – accompanied Maj. Collom.

"Since I was 5 years old, I had a dream of becoming an astronaut. NASA and space exploration was so much of what I was enthralled with, and I started collecting information and learning about NASA, eventually meeting and working with many astronauts, viewing Space Shuttle launches and landings, and am currently a Solar System ambassador for NASA," said Chester. "I began flying lessons at a young age and have accumulated well over 1,200 hours as a private pilot. I am scheduled to fly in space with Virgin Galactic soon."

Civil Air Patrol cadet programs are for young people from ages 12 to 18 and are STEAM oriented. Cadets



Photo courtesy of 1st Lt Paul Rivera, CAP Maj. Catherine Collom, Lt. Col. D'Ann Chester, and Girl Scouts in May at the Montrose Girl Scout Outdoor.

can take advantage of flight training and have the possibility to enter the Air Force Academy as an Airman 1st Class. Several astronauts were CAP cadets in their youth. Many cadets go on to become a commercial pilot for an aviation career. CAP cadet programs were presented to the Scouts and their parents and including information on how the young Scouts could attend both programs.

Visit [www.CAP.News](http://www.CAP.News) or [www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com) for more information.

## Crescenta Valley Lions Club Awards Scholarships to Four Exemplary High School Seniors



Photo provided by CV Lions Club

From left, recipients Lauren Curtis, Lila Bee Marnell, Rachel Park, Manvel Muradyan.

In an afternoon scholarship presentation reception, the Crescenta Valley Lions Club awarded scholarships to four outstanding, community service-minded high school seniors – three from Crescenta Valley High School and one from Clark Magnet High School. 2022 marks the 27th year

the local Lions Club has been awarding scholarships to deserving Crescenta Valley area high school seniors and this year's awards brings the club's total give to more than \$130,000.

With service being the focal criteria for selection, applicants were asked to 1) detail how the

community benefitted from their work as a volunteer; 2) describe how the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact everyone in profound ways and how the past year taught applicants about the lives and needs of other people; and 3) talk about

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future goals and plans. Additionally, each recipient was asked to list their volunteer, leadership and community service activities, along with earned awards and recognition.

Lauren Curtis and Lila Bee Marnell from CVHS and Manvel Muradyan from Clark were each presented \$500 scholarships. Rachel Park of CVHS was awarded a \$750 scholarship during the reception held in Sadler Hall of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church. Lions Club President Stephen Mack served as emcee for the event, with audience members that included the recipients, their families, Becky Bondy, counseling clerk at Clark, and other Lions Club members.

Martie Kawahara, CV Lions Club Scholarship chair, expressed how impressed she and the Scholarship Committee were with the caliber of applicants and how honored the club was to bestow the scholarships to those most-deserving students.

A scholar athlete in softball, Curtis earned her Bronze and Silver Awards with the Girl Scouts. Additionally, she volunteered with her church youth group for the Special Olympics, was an elementary school tutor during the pandemic and co-founded and served as vice president for the Saving Innocence Club whose goal is to educate students about sex trafficking. She led fundraising efforts for the club and created care packages for rescued victims. In the fall, Curtis will attend USC.

Marnell has been an active member of the high school's LEO Club, a youth organization of the Lions Club started at CVHS in 2016, logging more than 50 volunteer hours with the Club. Among other volunteer activities were Five Acres Foster Care, the Special Olympics and the Pasadena Humane Society where she designed and made toys for shelter animals. Marnell is also a scholar athlete in the sport of volleyball. She will be attending USC in the fall and plans to major in occupational therapy.

Muradyan had a lengthy list of volunteer activities including tutoring Armenian middle school students, was president of Kids Against Tobacco Smoking and fundraising treasurer for the Armenian Club, where he oversaw fundraising efforts for the Artsakh War Relief and helped raise more than \$25,000. He was involved with FIRST Robotics, Team 696 (all four years) as head of lasering operations, as well as Mock Trial and Entrepreneurship Club. Muradyan earned trilingual language competency in English, Russian and Armenian and will attend UCLA in the fall.

Park, another active LEO Club member, served as vice president and helped with publicity efforts, worked to

engage peers and plan events, and volunteered with the Club's annual Kases 4 Kids event. Her extensive list of volunteerisms included involvement with College and Career Prep as a volunteer academic mentor, New Story Church Food Pantry, USC Pacific Asian Museum Team Ambassador Volunteer Internship Program, The Great East Japan Earthquake Study at UCI and the Koreatown Youth and Community Center. Park also earned her Bronze and Silver Girl Scout Awards and is an athlete in soccer, lacrosse, and track & field. She will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall majoring in ecosystem management and forestry.

The Crescenta Valley Lions Clubs has been serving the Crescenta Valley community since 1947 with activities such as its free vision screening clinics, quarterly food donation drives, Kases for Kids backpack program for foster children, scholarship program and student speakers contest for students at the three local high schools. Over the years, the Lions Club has also donated to many worthy local organizations and causes. In 2018, the Lions formally adopted The Fire House youth center to provide support through annual fundraisers. In 2016, the Lions Club sponsored the first student LEO Club at Crescenta Valley High School, which continues to serve the community. In 2021, a LEO Club was established at Clark Magnet High School.

The CV Lions Club next food drive, supporting the Bailey Center, is scheduled for Saturday, July 23. Members will be collecting food items from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

The Kases for Kids Donation Drive has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24. More details will follow.

# CSA Bronco Division Champions 2022



In a nail-biting game on May 25, CSA's 12U Bronco division's Team Cuss Construction pulled off a 9-10 win in the bottom of the last inning in a best of five championship series. Team Cuss had an uphill battle after losing the first two games to CSA's Bronco team Supreme Roofing. Coach Braden Barty of Team Cuss gave credit to each and every one of his players who performed well despite managing with two injured pitchers the

entire second half of the season. Barty also gave credit to Coach Ryan Wood and Team Supreme for such a close series.

"Bottom line, all the players had fun in CSA's return to a full season of Pony baseball," he said.

Signups for fall ball begin soon. Visit [playsaball.com](http://playsaball.com) for details on registration.

Submitted by  
CSA Bronco Division

## Make Waves!

Community Life Church is hosting Vacation Bible School this summer! Vacation Bible School is a weeklong program of interactive Bible stories, worship, fun crafts and games. During the week we will be raising money for Compassion International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to release children from poverty in the name of Jesus. We want kids to know they can create a ripple effect that can impact the world around them in ways they will never forget. We believe it is important

for children to grow a relationship with Jesus Christ and, through this relationship, we can lead them to a better future. Get ready for your kids to make great memories, have tons of fun and make some waves!

This program is for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade this fall.

It is from July 18-22 from 6 p.m.-8p.m. \$25 per child.

Register online at [www.madeforcommunity.com/VBS](http://www.madeforcommunity.com/VBS).

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# Five CVHS Athletes Earn CIF-SS Spots

The CIF Southern Section made its selections for the top coaches and players for 2021-22 lacrosse season. Four Crescenta Valley High School seniors earned spots among the top 10 in the Division 3 boys.

Mason Daly, Hayden Lunt, Easton Caneva and Henry Kaufman placed fourth, fifth, six and seventh.

Chosen as player of year was Luke Kish of Vista Murrieta and coach of the year was Evan Daarstad, also of Vista Murrieta.

In the Division 2 girls, junior Brianna Ballard earned the sixth place spot. The player of the year was senior Madeleine Luer from Mater Dei and coach of the year was Molly Sovacool of Murrieta Mesa.

# Eagle Scout Awards Presented



Courtesy of John Dlugolecki Photography  
Joshua Lee, Freddie Ireland, Tate Harper, Jordan Gutierrez, Ryan Kinzel, Charles Ward, Griffith Burzynski and Quin Dodson earned their Eagle Scout Award.

Joshua Lee, Freddie Ireland, Tate Harper, Jordan Gutierrez, Ryan Kinzel, Charles Ward, Griffith Burzynski and Quin Dodson of La Crescenta have earned Scout BSA's highest advancement award, the Eagle Scout Award. All eight Scouts were recognized in a joint court of honor ceremony on June 5 at Verdugo Memorial Hall, provided by Troop 288's chartered organization, the American Legion Post 288. As members of Verdugo Hills Council, Troop 288, Lee, Ireland, Harper, Gutierrez, Kinzel, Ward, Burzynski and Dodson are among only approximately 4% of Scouts who attain the Eagle rank, according to Scoutmaster Andrew Midgley. Each candidate must earn 21

merit badges and successfully complete a community, church or synagogue-related service project to earn his Eagle. The eight projects completed by each Scout over the past two years have benefited Union Station Homeless Services, Ananda Ashrama spiritual center, Jordan Downs Community Center, Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park, Crescenta Valley High School and the LAPD. Together, the projects represent over 750 hours of community service organized and overseen by these Scouts. (Fun fact: With a current value-per-volunteer-hour estimated at \$29.95, 750 hours equals over \$22,000 worth of time invested in the local community.) The eight Scouts have

demonstrated leadership, commitment and resilience during their time in Scouts. In addition to awards for their Eagle advancements, Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian, City of Glendale mayor, attended the event and presented each Scout with a commendation letter from the city.

The Verdugo Hills Council, BSA, provide values-based programs to more than 1,500 young men and women in the Glendale, Burbank, Sun Valley, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, Montrose, Eagle Rock and Highland Park communities of Los Angeles County.

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# Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian



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All children from age 4 to incoming sixth-graders are welcome to come experience

what it was like to live at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. Through stories, games, music and crafts, children will learn about Jesus' own time in the city of Jerusalem, which changed the world forever!

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two children; \$100 for three or

more children; and \$8 per optional T-shirt.

Registration for "Jerusalem Marketplace" is now open. Please visit [lcpc.net/VBS](http://lcpc.net/VBS) to sign up.

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.

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## OIC Receives Financial Gift from Renee & Meyer Luskin

Members of the La Cañada Guild of the Orthopaedic Institute for Children attended the OIC gala held at Paramount Studios on June 11. At the gala it was announced that a \$15 million gift – the largest gift in the organization’s 112-year history – was presented to OIC from Renee and Meyer Luskin. The funds were dedicated to help assure that children with a musculoskeletal condition or injury have the opportunity to grow well and play well. The Luskins support OIC’s commitment to patient care, scientific research and education. In recognition and gratitude, OIC has been renamed the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children.

Members from the La Cañada Guild who attended the gala were co-presidents Arlene Massimino and Caryl Pettit along with Jeanne Long, Joanne and Ron Ploszaj, Joan Cleven, Ginney Pruitt, Alicia Thompson, DeeDee Nuanes and her husband, Marie Baker, and Danette and Kerry Erickson.

“Meyer and Renee Luskin are two of Los Angeles’ most generous philanthropists who have long supported our mission and our belief that every child should have the opportunity to grow well and play well,” said OIC CEO Anthony



Scaduto, MD. “Through the years OIC has benefited greatly from the generosity and wisdom of this extraordinary couple. This transformational gift will have a perpetual impact on our mission and on all those who cross our threshold for generations to come.”

Meyer Luskin has been closely involved with OIC for nearly two decades and is a former chair of its board of directors. As a young child in the Depression, he grew up in New York City’s Lower East Side and Los Angeles’ Boyle Heights. He experienced first-hand the need for free healthcare services and that memory became a passion to make sure that quality healthcare is accessible for all children.

“Over the past decade the transformation of OIC has been remarkable,” said Meyer Luskin. “More kids have been treated, more research has been published and more medical students are being trained, all while reducing our debt and recruiting exceptional medical professionals.”

Photo by OIC

LEFT: Attending the gala were, from left, John and DeeDee Nuanes, Jeanne Long, Danette and Kerry Erickson, and Joan Cleven.

MIDDLE: Preparing to enter the gala held at Paramount Studios were, from left, Ginney Pruitt, Alicia Thompson Ron and Joanne Ploszaj, Caryl Pettit and Arlene Massimino.

RIGHT: From left are Jeanne Long, Danette and Kerry Erickson, Joan Cleven and Marie Baker.



## Building a Resilient Community of Healers and Artists

A Day of Healing: Metaphysical & Artisan Fair is coming to the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organized by Healing Arts San Fernando Valley, a community of alternative and complementary healing arts practitioners, artists and artisans will come together to co-create a magical day of healing.

Anahit Fstkhian, the founder of Healing Arts San Fernando Valley, has been creating resilient community events in West San Fernando Valley since 2017. With over 40 talented vendors expected at the June 25 event who will showcase their crafts, attendees will have the opportunity to explore and shop a variety of healing arts products and services, enjoy great food and participate in a group sound bath meditation, energy healing and drum circle meditation.

Among those planning to participate is Ren Rasa Yogamaya who has lived within the Crescenta

Valley for the past 11 years and has provided yoga therapy, yoga teaching and other offerings for more than 25 years. In addition to Ren Rasa Yogamaya, holistic teachers, healing arts practitioners, intuitive reader artisans, and those selling unique products and jewelry will be on-site. The general public will have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the various transformative, healing techniques from the presenters and have new experiences provided by the practitioners.

The Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. All are invited to come together to celebrate life, love and connection to each other, to our higher selves, angels and guides. There is no admission fee and ample free street parking will be available.

For more information, visit [www.healingartssf.com](http://www.healingartssf.com) or [www.lacrescentacsl.org](http://www.lacrescentacsl.org).

## People Making News

Oregon State University graduated more than 7,300 students during ceremonies on Saturday, June 11 at Reser Stadium on the Corvallis campus and Sunday, June 12 at the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend.

Over 7,574 degrees were presented with 250 students receiving two degrees and three who received three degrees.

Local students who graduated included from Burbank: Brittany Morales, Bachelor of Science, animal sciences; Emma Reiter, Bachelor of Science, cum laude, psychology; Timothy Yoon, Bachelor of Science, computer science; from Glendale: Isabella Daher, Doctor of Pharmacy, pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy (four-year); Sophia Daher, Bachelor of Science, cum laude, public health; Grant James, Bachelor of Science, finance; Jonathan Krol, Bachelor of Science, computer science; Olivia Maurer, Bachelor of Science, psychology; Karla Miller, Bachelor of Arts, German; from La Canada Flintridge: Tessa Coffey, Bachelor of Science, cum laude, art; from Montrose: Runa Maeda, Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, speech communication; from Tujunga: Marcelino Martinez, Bachelor of Science, kinesiology.

University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science students Megan Gmelich, from La Cañada Flintridge, and Eliza Sullivan, from Glendale, were named to the dean’s list for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To be eligible for the dean’s list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Jared Nishimura of La Cañada, who is majoring in electrical & computer engineering at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, was named to the spring 2022 president’s list. The president’s list recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester to receive this honor.

Julia Cha of La Cañada graduated from Colorado College with a Bachelor of Arts in organismal biology and ecology.

Colorado College awarded 500 Bachelor of Arts degrees and 13 Master of Arts in teaching. The ceremony marked CC’s 148th academic year.

Colorado College was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. In 1970 the college created the Block Plan, in which its approximately 2,300 undergraduate students take one class at a time in intensive three-week segments. A master of arts in teaching degree also is offered.

For more information, visit [www.coloradocollege.edu](http://www.coloradocollege.edu).

Diana Curtis Kim of Glendale was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College on May 22. Kim majored in environmental studies. She also earned dean’s high honors.

The following students from Glendale earned placement on the college’s dean list: Amanda Brady, 2025, dean’s high honors, undeclared, and Matthew Gottfried, 2025, dean’s high honors, undeclared.

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River.

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# CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Leonard Coutin took CV Weekly along on a recent trip to Mazatlán, Mexico with his younger brother and son Jonathan. He said that masks were worn on the plane and around the hotel.

“Beautiful breath-taking views of the ocean,” he said of his stay. “The people were very accommodating – especially since the pandemic hurt the economy.”

This was Leonard’s first trip in three years.

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We will be hosting lunches for our in-person attendees. Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 12pm. **In-person RSVP required by June 20th** for accurate lunch orders.

Dr. Nick Ghazarian is a Los Angeles native and alumnus of UCLA. After receiving his undergraduate degree in biology, Dr. Ghazarian went on to complete medical school at Touro University of Nevada and an intensive residency program in orthopedic surgery in Nevada, where he served as Chief Resident. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Ghazarian was selected as a Spine Surgery Fellow at the prestigious San Diego Spine Foundation. Afterwards he returned to his hometown to start his own practice.

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# Old Glory Flies High Above Rockhaven



Old Glory was raised above the Rockhaven Sanitarium property for the first time since it closed in 2006. Howard Anderson, shown here, is a regular on the Friends of Rockhaven cleanup crew. From his collection, he donated this flag that has flown over the White House. The Friends of Rockhaven will raise this flag anytime they are on the property on their regular cleaning days or tour days. When people see the flag above Rockhaven Sanitarium they will know the Friends volunteers are working on-site.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to clean or to go on a tour can contact [friendsofrockhaven@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrockhaven@gmail.com).

Photo provided by Mike LAWLER

# Glendale Navy Machinist's Mate on the USS Ronald Reagan



Machinist's Mate Fireman Adrian Belmonte, from Glendale, directs the pilot of an F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to the Eagles of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115 through safety checks on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier, the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). The Eagles conduct carrier-based air strike and strike force escort missions, and ship, battle group and intelligence collection operations. Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the United States and supports alliances, partnerships and collective maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## ReflectSpace Highlights Transnational Rituals of the SWANA (Middle East) Region

Glendale Library, Arts and Culture presents “the sound of your voice is home” by multidisciplinary artist Yasmine Nasser Diaz in ReflectSpace Gallery and “My Life From the Grounds Up” by artist Helena Grigorian in the PassageWay Gallery.

Inspired by a family practice of exchanging audio cassettes between Chicago and Yafa, Yemen, Diaz’s latest installation invites visitors into a ritual, gathering and listening space. The setting, an ’80s era kitchen, is a nod to her childhood and a time long before the ubiquity of cellphones. Communicating with family in the highlands of southern Yemen from the U.S. was challenging. Only one house in the family’s village had a telephone, making access and coordination difficult. Instead of long-distance calls, her

family would gather around the kitchen table to record lengthy audio messages on cassette tapes. The messages included updates on the health of relatives, news of engagements, pregnancies, births, and the latest local scandal.

“The sound of your voice is home” pays tribute to the evolving ways communities of diaspora maintain connectivity and affectionate exchanges while separated by time and distance. Upon entering the space, visitors will hear a collection of audio recordings in different voices and languages playing on a loop. The clips have been gathered from immigrant friends, acquaintances, and family, including recollections of different familial practices and clips from actual voice messages between relatives. The stories shared reflect varying temporalities, from the past and present,

further evoking the importance of storytelling in producing and maintaining communal memories. The physical setting pays homage to the kitchen as the heart of the home and the core domestic space for conversation, nourishment, reconciliation, and care. A Foundation for Contemporary Arts grant supports Diaz’s exhibition.

Grigorian has fond childhood memories of her family and friends drinking Armenian coffee, quickly turning over the demitasse cups and waiting for the grounds to dry. Once dry, a coffee cup “interpreter” would read the grounds and divine the future and fate of the coffee cup drinker. Every coffee klatch had a designated coffee cup interpreter—each known for her distinct style.

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/LEISURE](http://CVWeekly.com/LEISURE).

### THEN & NOW '34 Flood From Altura Avenue Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** After a prolonged period of rain in late '33, an intense cloudburst sent a wall of water and rocks hurtling down Pickens Canyon just after midnight on New Year's Eve, a couple minutes into 1934. This torn-up scene is looking south down Pickens Wash from Altura Avenue, between Rosemont and Briggs avenues. Homes used to stand where this gully is shown. Several people died within seconds here in this moonscape that was a quiet neighborhood.



**Now »** The homes were rebuilt after the flood only to be swept away again by a flood of cars and trucks when the 210 Freeway opened in 1972. An entire street, Encinal Avenue, was eliminated by this portion of the freeway. This view is looking down from Altura Avenue onto the freeway between the La Crescenta off-ramp and the Ocean View off-ramp. Pickens Wash here has been completely enclosed inside a bridge to cross the freeway.

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## CALENDAR this

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting today, Thursday morning, June 16, 10:00 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 No. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be both the "Judging of the Annual Project Plant Fisherman's Paradise" and "Playing Leaf Bingo." Members and guests will play actual games of bingo winning African violet leaves to grow and enjoy.

There are raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information call (661) 940-3990 or visit the website [www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com).

### WILDERNESS WORKDAY AT DEUKMEJIAN WILDERNESS PARK

Volunteers are invited to help water the bigcone spruce and coast live oaks, assist with trail repairs and remove invasive plants from Deukmejian Wilderness Park on Saturday, June 18. The volunteer opportunity is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be canceled.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/f6vd4x8w> for more information and to sign up.

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

### LYMPHEDEMA DISCUSSION FOR CANCER PATIENTS

A program dealing with problems caused by lymphedema in cancer patients will be given at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Thursday, June 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Eva Huie and Rocio Prieto, licensed massage therapists, will discuss problems caused by cancer surgeries, radiation and other medical conditions.

Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena (626) 796-1083 [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org)

### FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE PRESENTS DAVE LOPEZ

On Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore presents retired KCBS Channel 2 Los Angeles news reporter and now author Dave Lopez. During his decades long career on television, Lopez was a nightly presence in LA living rooms and covered every major story in the Southland. In his new memoir, "It's a Great Life, If You Don't Weaken: Family, Faith and 48 Years on Television," he tells his own personal story. Set against the backdrop of breaking news during the last half century – from Vietnam War

protests to the O.J. Simpson trial to countless politicians behaving badly – this book is a vivid remembrance of a life well lived, both on and off camera.

A native Angeleno, he and his late wife, Elaine, raised two children in Downey, where he was a noted youth coach for many years. He currently lives in Long Beach with wife Diandra, and dotes on his four grandchildren.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is street parking as well as a lot behind the store off Beulah Drive. For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at [gailm@flintridgebooks.com](mailto:gailm@flintridgebooks.com) or call the store at (818) 790-0717.

### 'JURASSIC PARK' SCREENING PLANNED

The Balcony of LA will continue its Movie Night in CV Park on Saturday, June 25 with the screening of "Soul" (Pixar). The most recent screening, "Peter Rabbit," held on Saturday, June 11, was attended by nearly 400 locals.

The free movie screenings will continue every other week, all summer long, and movies are family-friendly and open to all. The screen is 30 feet tall and, according organizers, the sound system "rocks."

Looking ahead, on July 29, "Jurassic Park" (1993) will be shown.

Live music is supplied prior to the show courtesy of local musician Tony DiGiovanni. Food trucks and ice cream trucks are usually on-site.

Learn more at [TheBalconyofLA.com](http://TheBalconyofLA.com); on Instagram @TheBalconyofLA.

### JBHS PLANS 60th REUNION

Classmates from 60 years ago will reunite at the Burbank Elks Lodge at 2232 N. Hollywood Way in Burbank on Saturday, June 25. Twelve of the 116 attending are coming from out of state; three of those 12 come from as far as Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. Others hail from Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Arizona.

To keep the costs for the reunion low, the committee placed the emphasis on "mixing & mingling." Instead of a live band or DJ, handpicked tunes from the '60s will provide background music. There will be wall displays to capture old times: sports highlights, elementary school class photos, Burbank then & now, alumni memorabilia and lastly an "in memoriam" corner to honor the 102 students who have passed away.

Lincoln Elementary School boasts at having 18 Burroughs graduates who have known each other since kindergarten!

Prior to the reunion, on Friday evening, June 24 there will be a casual gathering of JBHS alumni at Bob's Big Boy. On Sunday morning, June 26, the finale will be breakfast at the Hillside Café.

### GLA CELEBRATES HEROES AND SCHOLARS

Glendale Latino Assn. is ready to recognize community leaders who emerged as local heroes over the past two years. Health care workers, essential workers, first responders, educators and more will be recognized for their commitment, dedication and professionalism. The GLA recognition will take place on Saturday, June 25 at 5 p.m. at the "Celebrate Comunidad: Scholarship and Community Awards" presentation at Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale/Sparr Heights. Student scholarship recipients will also be recognized.

Tickets are \$75 and include food and music; sponsorship opportunities available. To learn more, visit <https://www.glendalelatinoassociation.com>.

### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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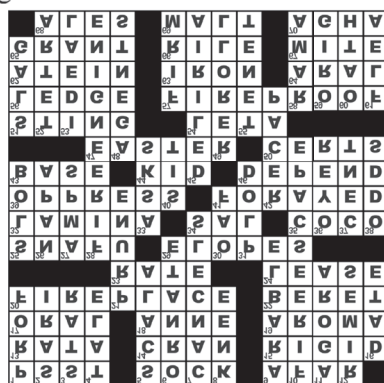
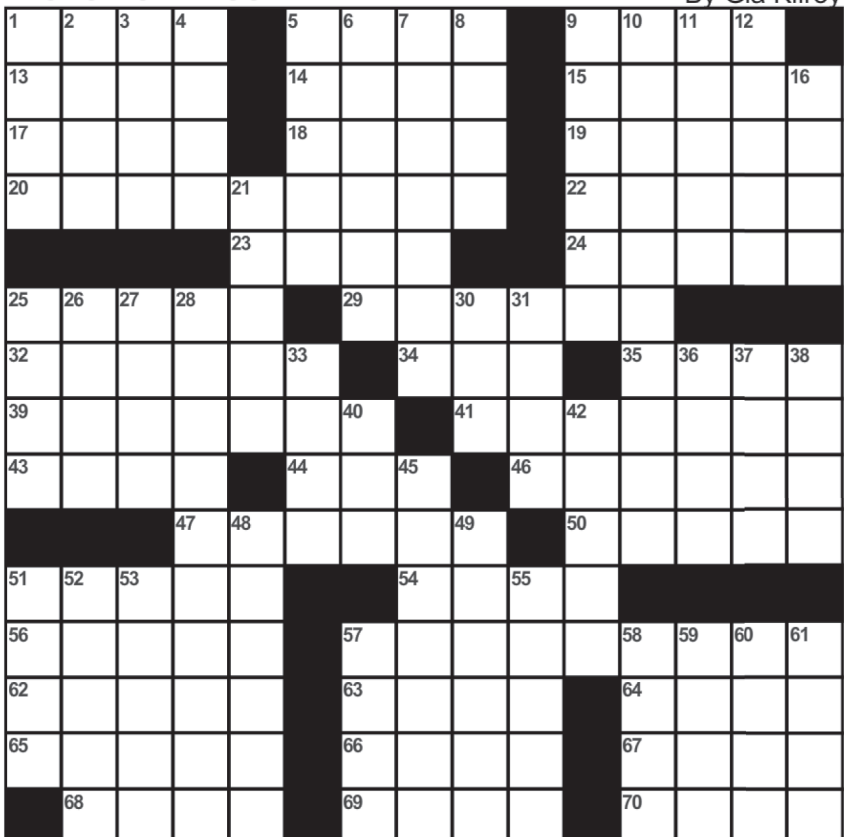
- 1) "Check this out!"
- 5) Puppet maker?
- 9) Off in the distance
- 13) Pro \_\_\_\_
- 14) \_\_\_\_-apple juice
- 15) Stiff as a board
- 17) Kind of hygiene
- 18) One of the Windsors
- 19) Coffee seller
- 20) Hearth
- 22) French chapeau
- 23) Assign an "R" or "PG"
- 24) Letter paper?
- 25) Big mess
- 29) Runs off to wed
- 32) Thin layer or plate
- 34) Erie Canal mule
- 35) Chanel of fashion
- 39) Put under the yoke
- 41) Plundered
- 43) Safe place on a diamond
- 44) Young goat
- 46) Rely (on)
- 47) Springtime holiday
- 50) Popular mints
- 51) Bee's revenge
- 54) "\_\_\_\_ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- 56) Window sill
- 57) Unburnable
- 62) Dined at home
- 63) Remove wrinkles
- 64) Dwindling Central Asian sea
- 65) 18th president
- 66) Work up
- 67) Tiny insect
- 68) Pub mixtures
- 69) Sweet shoppe order
- 70) Turkish title

### DOWN

- 1) VMI VIP
- 2) Draped Indian garment
- 3) Non-numerical phone button
- 4) An angler may spin one
- 5) La \_\_\_\_ (opera house)
- 6) Elaborately designed
- 7) Nixes
- 8) "Trick" joint
- 9) Suitable for producing crops
- 10) Way out?
- 11) Greece marketplace
- 12) Country music's LeAnn
- 16) Calendar number
- 21) Remove branches
- 25) Messy dresser
- 26) California county or its seat
- 27) Concert equipment, briefly
- 28) Hook and ladder
- 30) Dolt
- 31) Trudge
- 33) Inquires
- 36) \_\_\_\_ and terminer
- 37) A bit of change
- 38) "What are the \_\_\_\_?"
- 40) Form a lap
- 42) Postgame activity
- 45) Mad states
- 48) Middlemen
- 49) Proceed after getting doubles in Monopoly
- 51) Refinery residue
- 52) Aquarium fish
- 53) Just right
- 55) Belief
- 57) Business
- 58) "\_\_\_\_ Lama Ding Dong"
- 59) Reproduction's opp.
- 60) Pledge
- 61) Chigger

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NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is: Kern Superior Court 1415 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301

The name, address and phone number of plaintiff's is: Mark A. Vogt, Esq. Fowler/Helsel/Vogt 1705 L Street Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 283-8091

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN COMPLAINT:

SUMMONS shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022.

## LEGALS

### NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: CHARLES JABBRA. Case number 22GDPC00085. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Room 279, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner JOHN JABBRA AND CHANTAL JABBRA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name CHARLES JABBRA to Proposed Name: KHALLIL JOHN JABRA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: AUGUST 4, 2022 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: n/a b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

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“We are expecting a hotter, drier summer leading into the fall [when] we have our wind-driven fires in Southern California,” he added.

Osby pointed out that fire departments as a whole have been busier responding to 9-1-1 calls in addition to fighting wildland fires. It is mutual aid that keeps the fire departments confident they are prepared for this fire season.

“No one stands alone in California,” said Brian Marshall, fire and rescue chief of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

Marshall manages the emergency mutual aid system.

“The major wildland fires are so large and so destructive that no fire department can handle them on their own so the call for mutual aid goes out literally on a daily basis,” he added.

Mutual aid is one of the most important and successful parts of fire fighting in the state but another important key is the residents.

“Over 90% of wildfires are human caused,” Osby said.

Abatement or brush clearance programs are a way residents can be proactive in reducing fire risks.

“Brush clearance is a very important topic,” said Fire Captain II Erik Scott, Los Angeles Fire Dept. “Wildfires continue to threaten homes; that is why defensible space is very important.”

All native brush, weeds, grass, trees and hazardous vegetation needs to be maintained within 200 feet of structures and/or 10 feet of roadside surfaces or a combustible fence. Grass and native brush should be cut to no more than three inches high. Tree limbs should not be within six feet of the ground with all dead material removed. Tree limbs near chimneys should be no closer than 10 feet from the structure. (For more information visit websites for any of the fire departments listed at the end of the article.)

Residents should also clear rain gutters of any and all dry vegetation because embers can travel miles from the origin of a fire.

Residents should be ready for fire and any emergency including earthquakes.

“We know the drought is here. We know the fuels are flammable and know now, with watering restrictions, the fuels around our homes are becoming [more] flammable,” said Ventura County Fire Chief Dustin Gardner. “Take responsibility for the safety of yourself and your family ... [Emergencies] are going to happen when you are not expecting them.”

He added fires can spread fast so residents need to be aware of fires in nearby cities and pay attention to the “next ridge line over.”

Angeles National Forest Fire Chief Robert Garcia added those living and visiting the forest need to be aware of fire restrictions.

“[At] the Angeles National Forest we are already in fire restrictions so that is an indication of the conditions that are set for us going into the summer fire season,” Garcia said.

He, too, warned that fires can move quickly from one jurisdiction to another.

Fires move much quicker than in the past due to years of dry conditions ... and it is not going to get any better anytime soon.

“It’s climate change,” said Orange County Fire Authority Fire Chief Brian Fennessy.

He was not talking as a scientist but as a longtime firefighter.

“I have been doing this [job] for 40 plus years and have never seen fire spread the way it does,” he said. “I have never seen what we are experiencing today.”

Osby added that firefighters would describe fire moving toward them as sounding like a locomotive, but now they describe it as several locomotives – the intensity has increased.

Fire departments in Region 1 are examining several ways that residents can be proactive including reevaluating landscaping that is planted at homes near wildfire areas, as well as looking toward science for answers regarding the future of firefighting and fire prevention.

For more information, residents can visit any local fire stations. For online information visit the following:

LA City Fire Department – lafd.org, LA County Fire – fire.lacounty.gov, – Ventura County Fire – vcf.org, Santa Barbara County Fire – sbcfire.com, San Luis Obispo County Fire – calfireslo.org, Angeles National Forest Service – www.fs.usda.gov/angeles, California Office of Emergency Service – www.caloes.ca.gov.



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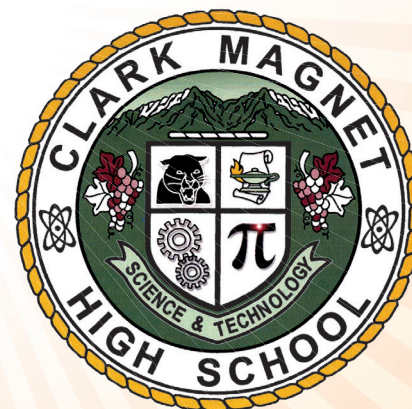
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