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Glendale Community Services & Parks Awarded \$285,000 in Grant Funds

By Ruth SOWBY

At a meeting of the Glendale City Council on Tuesday, Mayor Ardy Kassakhian announced that the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks was awarded \$285,000 in Measure A Technical Assistance grant funds to support planning and pre-development services to create new parks and facilities in and around Glendale.

Former councilmember Vrej Agajanian was then thanked for his service to Glendale from 2017 through 2022. He was also thanked in the Glendale City Connection, the monthly newsletter sent out by the City via email and social media.

According to City Manager Roubik Golanian, "Mr. Agajanian always had his door open to those seeking assistance. He served as mayor from 2020-21 and was integral to the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Agajanian advocated for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements."

Mayor Kassakhian announced the latest addition at city hall is live music with Summer Concerts at Parcher Plaza on Thursdays from July 28 through Aug. 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

More community news included congratulations all around on the success of Cruise Night, which was held on Brand Boulevard on July 16.

"It represented everything that is good about our city," said Mayor Kassakhian. "Not even a kid got lost."

Local businessman Andre Ordubeian was appointed as board and commission member to the Transportation and Parking Commission. Speaking before the Council, he thanked the councilmembers, especially Councilmember

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How to Spell Fun? B-I-N-G-O

By Mary O'KEEFE

The CV Chamber relaunches its bingo event with a pre-game barbecue and chance to meet the captain of the CV Sheriff's Station.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a bingo fundraiser on Saturday at a new location: St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

The CV Chamber is an active organization in the area, hosting several events during the year including a golf tournament and Hometown Country Fair. The funds raised at these, including at bingo, help support the CV Chamber and its scholarship program.

"Every year we raise money to support the scholarship program where we support exemplary students in the community," said Steve Pierce, CV Chamber executive director.

Eligible senior students attend Clark Magnet or Crescenta Valley high school.

Like most bingo events in the area, the Chamber has partnered with American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614. The veterans of these two community organizations are experts in the ways of bingo, hosting multiple games throughout the year in support of many local non-profit organizations.

"[The CV Chamber] supports us so much, so



File photo CV Chamber of Commerce executive director Steve Pierce (shown at a previous bingo game at the Veterans Memorial Hall) will be at Saturday night's bingo game and barbecue at St. Luke's of the Mountains.

we're trying to help them," said Mike Baldwin of American Legion Post 288 in an earlier interview with CVW. "They've been very supportive of our events over the years and partnered with us to do the [refurbishment of the] Two Strike [War Memorial] and [helped with] Armed Forces Day that we had last May."

This year the Chamber added a twist to its traditional bingo by hosting a barbecue before the games begin.

"We will have Bruce's Twisted BBQ and have tri-tip and pulled pork," Pierce said, adding there will also be sides of beans and slaw.

The barbecue will be in the church's courtyard; bingo will be played inside St. Luke's Sadler Hall.

"People will also be able to meet the captain of Crescenta Valley Station," Pierce added.

Captain Robert Hahnlein, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept./Crescenta Valley Station, will be on hand to introduce himself to those who have yet to meet him and will speak with community members on issues of concern in the area.

Hahnlein followed Todd Deeds, who was named captain of the CV Sheriff's Station in 2019 but has since stepped down due to medical issues.

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National Night Out Coming Up

By Mary O'KEEFE

The community is preparing for National Night Out, an annual event when the public can meet and speak with emergency responders and other safety personnel.

With the recent divisions between law enforcement and the public, this night gives community members the chance to get to know those who serve their area and officers/deputies get a chance to have conversations in a relaxed forum.

"Every National Night Out [event] the department participates in is a good community event," said Lt. Ryan Vienna, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept./Crescenta Valley Station. "National Night Out is important for bridging the gap between community and law enforcement."

The NNO event is being held on Aug. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. One of the locations that is participating is the CV Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave. The lower lot of the CV Station

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File photo At a previous NNO event, CV Chamber president Mike Riley checks out one of the classic cars that was on display at the CV Sheriff's Station.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



A Partisan World

As most readers know who read my column, I'm not much of a politico. Whereas in my (much) younger days I subscribed to a particular party, I find that these days I don't affiliate with one party or the other. To me, both primary parties have major flaws that I just can't ignore – and both support issues with which I agree.

I was interested last week to learn that the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors decided to move forward to have a charter amendment seeking approval to remove an elected official – in this case, the sheriff. Our representative, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, was the lone opposing vote to the proposed amendment. Among her comments was that, if approved, the amendment “sets a dangerous precedent and creates a slippery slope for the Board of Supervisors to override the will of the voters.”

I couldn't agree more. If the voters want to recall the sheriff, the DA, the governor or any elected official, the voters should organize and implement a recall. In many cases, the re-election of the offensive official is imminent anyway; it seems that it would be up to the board of supervisors, either as a group or individually, to petition for the voters to cast their ballots ousting him/her. To me, it seems the board of supervisors is really overreaching its power by moving forward with a charter amendment.

As Barger stated, “I remain concerned that this action, as approved by the Board, dilutes the voice of Los Angeles County voters and deepens voter apathy.” Without a doubt, how are voters supposed to think that their voices are at all important if a government body overturns their voices?

However, I'm not naïve. Let's face it: some of the ballot measures were convoluted at best. Voting yes is actually a vote against a proposition or measure? That is definitely confusing.

In the end, though, it is the responsibility of voters to sit down and read the measures, propositions and candidate statements that will be voted on. If they don't, California can (some think we have) end up with a government that is only interested in attaining and holding onto power and money.

I was so touched by the responses to last week's column regarding the call to action to help Kaipo Chock. As you remember, Kaipo was president of the CV Chamber of Commerce and active in several local non-profits. He moved to Arizona with his family a couple of years ago and has since been diagnosed with FTD (frontotemporal dementia) and is now hospitalized. A GoFundMe page has been set up (<https://ti.nyurl.com/2j228a8h>). For those who don't like GoFundMe, send a note or check to us here at CV Weekly (3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta) and we'll make sure the Chock family receives it.

While I know they have a “big ask” out there (they're hoping to raise \$100,000 for Kaipo's care) I am also confident that we can reach it. Please take a moment now to donate.

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Weather Watch

Taking A Look Outside Our Window Heat Waves Across the World

There may be divisions in the nation and in the world but one thing all of us on Earth experience in common: climate change. We can't run from it and we can no longer pretend that humans have nothing to do with rising temperatures. Humans have accelerated the evolutionary cyclical climate change, which normally happens very slowly. This is evident in a few ways including the rise of the global temperature. The Earth's temperature has risen by 0.14 degree Fahrenheit per decade since 1880 but the rate of warming since 1981 is more than twice that at 0.32 degrees Fahrenheit per decade. The sixth warmest year on record was in 2021, based on the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), according to climate.gov.

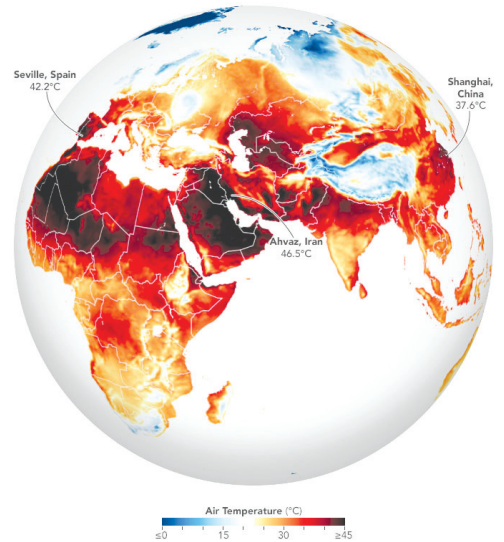
Then there is the heat wave that has gripped so much of the Earth this week. On Tuesday, five weather stations in the United Kingdom, from London to Lincolnshire, recorded high temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius, which is 104 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the UK's Met Office (Meteorological Office).

Following London's first red warning for extreme heat, which was announced last Friday, on Tuesday just before 1 p.m. provisional data showed that Heathrow Airport was the first station to reach 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit). Nights were also exceptionally warm, especially in urban areas, with temperatures of 25.8 degrees Celsius (78.44 degrees Fahrenheit) being recorded overnight at Ken-

ley in Surrey, creating a provisional new maximum nighttime temperature record, according to Met.

But the UK is not the only sweltering area. China has had three heat waves so far this summer breaking temperature records. Western Europe has already been experiencing severe drought and now heat has fueled fires across Portugal, Spain and France. In addition, the UK is facing fires.

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The map above shows the surface air temperatures across most of the Eastern Hemisphere on July 13, 2022. It was produced by combining observations with a version of the Goddard Earth Observing System (GEOS) global model, which uses mathematical equations to represent physical processes in the atmosphere.

“While there is a clear pattern of an ‘atmospheric wave’ with alternating warm (redder) and cool (bluer) values in different locations, this large area of extreme (and record breaking) heat is another clear indicator that emissions of greenhouse gases by human activity are causing weather extremes that impact our living conditions,” said Steven Pawson, chief of the Global Modeling and Assimilation Office at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

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MASK MANDATE MAY BE REINITIATED

The County of Los Angeles Public Health announced that if LA County remains in the high COVID-19 Community Level for two consecutive weeks universal indoor masking will be implemented on July 29 to help slow the rate of transmission and protect those most vulnerable.

Indoor masking is already a required safety measure in many places, including at all healthcare settings, public transit and transit hubs, long-term care settings, shelters and cooling centers, and correctional facilities. Indoor masking also continues to be required at worksites with outbreaks and is required for all individuals during the 10 days after a COVID diagnosis or exposure when they are around others.

For more information, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

CV TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council takes place tonight, Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. All are welcome to attend.

FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY

CV Lions Club is holding its quarterly food donation drive on Saturday, July 23 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. It is being held at St. Luke's of Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in the side parking lot (accessible off Cross Street).

Requested donations are dry pasta, canned soup, canned meat/tuna, canned chili, Spaghetti O's, dry mac & cheese, Rice a Roni, dry stuffing, canned fruit and canned vegetables. All food collected will be donated to the Bailey Center of Tujunga.

'BAD GUYS' COMING TO CV PARK

The Balcony of LA presents the animated film "Bad Guys" at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. on Saturday, July 23. This free screening begins at dusk (around 8:15 p.m.); food trucks will be on-site at 7 p.m.

LEARN ABOUT COYOTES

Glendale Parks and Open Space is having a campfire program that focuses on coyotes – their behaviors, habitats and how they communicate. Attendees will learn how they can protect their pets and avoid coyote conflicts.

The campfire program is being held on Saturday, July 23 at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale. Arrive at 6 p.m. to make a craft; campfire program begins at 6:30 p.m.

The event is free but RSVP is necessary. RSVP at Glendaleca.gov/campfire.

CVCA TO MEET JULY 28

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include updates on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

CVIM CLOTHING DRIVE

Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music is having a clothing drive fundraiser to support the instrumental music program at CVHS. The clothing drive is Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon in the CV band parking lot in the 4300 block of Ramsdell Avenue.

Needed are gently used clothing items including shoes, accessories and linens (sheets, blankets, bedding, etc.; no under garments).

Donors should bag items in large white kitchen bags labeled CVIM.

Cruise Night Enjoyed in Glendale



The 27th Annual Glendale Cruise Night attracted more than 45,000 car enthusiasts who enjoyed the 350 classic cars on display and cruising.



Early arrival at Glendale Cruise Night, car enthusiast 2-year-old Albert Zeytunyan is ready to ride with dad Migran. Photos by Ruth SOWBY



Glendale resident Yvette Kelley is the owner of a 1956 orange Corvette depicted in an iconic Southern California print by artist Dana Forrester.



A colorful skeleton adds whimsy to Saturday's 27th Annual Glendale Cruise Night Car Show.

By Ruth SOWBY

The 27th Annual Glendale Cruise Night was missed by many during the last two pandemic years. On Saturday the wait was over ... and it didn't disappoint.

Brand Boulevard in downtown Glendale was host to 350 classic cars on display. This year's show, presented by the Greater Downtown Glendale Association and the Alex, attracted more than 45,000 automotive enthusiasts.

New this year were exotic cars and modified imports. Not to be upstaged were plenty of hot rods, low riders, classic cars, muscle cars and antique vehicles.

Valencia resident Peter Moreno proudly showed off his electric blue 1939 Pontiac Coupe, which he bought at an estate sale in 1978 for \$290.

Moreno has been going to Cruise Night since it started.

"This is my favorite show," he said. "It's exciting."

Glendale resident Yvette Kelley is the owner of a 1956 orange Corvette, originally owned by her father Victor Augus. He owned it from 1956 to 2010. The iconic car is featured in a classic print by artist Dana Forrester.

Though young, Albert Zeytunyan, 2, is already a car enthusiast. He watched as his dad Migran adjusted his helmet.

"He's old enough to see the cars," said Migran. "He loves ambulances, fire engines, police cars ... anything that moves."

In addition to all types of vehicles on display, guests to Saturday night's event visited vendors, and food and drinks were available for purchase. Once the sun went down, out came the bands on the main stage on Brand and Milford Avenue. Popular

were the "smooth" sounds of Santana and "Surfin," a Beach Boys tribute band. Mr. Rock N' Roll Brian Beirne hosted the entertainment.

A fireworks finale near the main stage ended the night as guests shared their impressions of all the cars they saw ... and made plans for next year's event.

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Back in Person: Neighborhood Watch Meets

By Julia KOHUT

On July 13, residents gathered at a nearby residence for a neighborhood watch meeting.

A major topic of discussion was fire in the area. Fire has long been an issue in the foothills, and several of the

residents reported having to evacuate their homes in the past. In response, the fire department reviewed several safety procedures and precautions and provided advice on what to do if this situation occurred again.

of emergency. Anyone interested can fill out the form beforehand found at bit.ly/LACORadio3.

Sheriff Robert Hahnlein, the captain of the Crescenta Valley Station, also spoke on public safety. To avoid burglary – both home and auto – he advised residents to keep their houses well lit and all windows and doors clear of vegetation and visible.

Volunteer Nisan Kazman (who wrote an article about volunteering in law enforcement that was published in the July 14 issue of the CV Weekly) was also present, and talked about the things he and others help with at the station to ensure the deputies are able to focus on their jobs.

Nora Simonian, who recently moved to the area from Greece, was interested in volunteering. “I just want to help in any way,” she said.

Though Kim and Paul Mattersteig have run their local neighborhood watch for years last Wednesday was the first time they were able to have a meeting since the onset of COVID.

“We care about all of you,” Kim said to the group. “We can’t just care about ourselves in this community. We have to look out for each other.”

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Answers for page 14, featuring a crossword puzzle grid with words like STORE, ADVANCE, ENDEAVOR, STOP, RIVALRY, and others.

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Portantino/Wilk Bill to Expand Critical Services for Young Disabled Californians Passes Assembly Human Services Committee

Senate Bill 870, a measure authored by Senators Anthony J. Portantino and Scott Wilk, seeks to increase the “age of onset” definition of a developmental disability to twenty-two.

complete its development at age 18, but continues to at least the age of twenty-two. In 1978, the federal government changed its “age of on-set” definition of developmental disability to age 22 in 1978, and 38 states followed by raising their “age of onset” threshold to age 22 as well.

Portantino for the leadership our disabled young Californians have long needed on this issue.” California is one of only twelve states still 44 years behind on this issue. As a result, many young disabled Californians are being unfairly excluded from regional center support services, thereby increasing their suffering, reducing their potential levels of self-sufficiency, and ultimately increasing costs to the State in the long run.

Electric Vehicle Charging Rebate Offered

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Water & Power (GWP), in partnership with Sagewell, Inc. (Sagewell), announced the launch of a new residential program for electric vehicle (EV) drivers called the Off-Peak EV Charging Rebate program. This program incentivizes EV owners to charge their vehicles overnight on weekdays between 9 p.m. and noon and any time on the weekend in exchange for a credit of \$8 per month paid out once per year. The incentive is estimated to offer 1,300 miles of free driving per year.

Residents enroll by completing a one-time, seven-minute enrollment application and the EV's charging schedule handles the rest. This program

shifts electric vehicle load to off-peak hours without any special hardware or separate meter needed. Participants will program their vehicles to charge during off-peak hours and software algorithms developed by Sagewell will confirm off-peak charging compliance from AMI "smart meter" data. Enrollment requires an active GWP residential electric account and a Level 2 charger or 240-volt charging cable provided by the vehicle manufacturer.

Off-peak EV charging helps relieve energy demand and utilizes available overnight capacity within GWP's electric system. This then helps with reliability and benefits all GWP customers. With this program, other communities have seen participants charge off-peak at

least 90% of the time, efficiently integrating EV load with the distribution system.

"This program is one part of GWP's transportation electrification efforts. It will help us keep our grid more reliable by encouraging and incentivizing residents to charge during off-peak hours," stated GWP General Manager Mark Young. "It will also help promote EV adoption among Glendale residents and magnify the benefits of EVs in our city."

Southern California Edison (SCE) offers its own rate reduction plan. SCE has a Time-of-Use (TOU) rate plan specifically designed for residential customers who own or lease clean energy technologies, such as EVs and residential battery storage, according to

Ron Gales, senior advisor, Corporate Communications and Philanthropy for SCE.

"There are three different rate plans [for] the off-peak hours," Gales said.

The program is called TOU Prime and to sign up SCE customers must have an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle, a residential battery or electric pump system for water or space heating to enroll in TOU Prime. Ownership, or lease agreement, of one or more of these clean energy technologies is necessary at time of enrollment, unless the customer is currently enrolled in one of the utility's rate plans.

SCE does not have a rebate program but does offer lower rates for customers who charge during off-peak hours. The least expensive rate times are from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. during the summer and fall/winter seasons. In the summer, (June to September) the cost of the lowest off-peak

hours is 21 cents per kilowatt hour; from October through May it is 20 cents per kilowatt hour. During peak hours the costs are 33 cents in the summer and 31 to 35 cents during winter months, said Gales.

Customers who are interested in these programs can visit [sce.com/rateplantool](https://www.sce.com/rateplantool) or call (800) 655-4555. For more information visit https://www.sce.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/TOU-D-PRIME_Fact_Sheet_0320_WCAG.pdf.

EV customers can also inquire about GWP's Time-of-Use rates to maximize the benefits of charging at off-peak hours. Interested Glendale EV drivers can enroll in the program by visiting <https://www.bringyourowncharger.com/gwp-home>.

For more information or GWP program related questions, please call (855) 545-0320 or email gwp@sagewell.com.

Lacrosse Free Clinics Offered by LA County Parks and Rec

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Park and Recreation is offering free lacrosse clinics for girls age 12 and under. The coaches/teachers will be from USALacrosse.

"USA Lacrosse unites the community of players, coaches, officials, parents and program leaders. Working together, we inspire participation, enrich the athlete experience and support the growth of the sport," according to usalacrosse.com.

The organization was established in 1998 as U.S. Lacrosse following the merger of eight national lacrosse organizations, mostly volunteer run, to help bring more resources to the sport, according to its website.

Al Evans, LA County regional recreation director assistant, said he knows the popularity of lacrosse and these clinics are a way to introduce girls to the sport without incurring high fees.

"This is a free clinic that will introduce girls how to play lacrosse," he said.

He is hoping this will inspire enough girls so LA County Parks can offer lacrosse leagues at an Altadena park and at Crescenta Valley Park.

There are two clinics in the north LA County Parks and

Rec area; they are at El Cariso in Sylmar and Antelope Valley's George Lane Park in Quartz Hill. El Cariso Park is located at 13100 Hubbard St. in Sylmar. To contact and register, call (818) 367-5043. The clinic is on Aug. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

George Lane Park is located at

5520 W. Avenue L8, Quartz Hill. To register or contact call (661) 722-7780. The clinic is on Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Registration at both parks can also be made online by going to reservations.lacounty.gov.

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Schiff Urges Biden Administration to Step Up Monkeypox Virus Response

On Tuesday afternoon, Congressman Adam Schiff called on the Biden Administration to bolster its response to the spread of the monkeypox virus in the United States amid reports that the U.S. does not currently have enough vaccines and health care providers do not have enough information and awareness to address rising cases.

“The federal government is falling short of the response that is needed. The United States must apply the costly, devastating lessons learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the AIDS epidemic to ensure a comprehensive, evidence-based federal response to the monkeypox virus,” Schiff said in a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.

To date, 1,184 monkeypox cases have been reported nationwide – up from 45 cases one month ago – and public health experts estimate limited access to testing means the true number of cases may be much higher. While the United States has acquired approximately 7 million doses of the JYNNEOS vaccine, only a fraction of those

doses have been distributed to states and localities in need. In Los Angeles County, public health officials warned Saturday that vaccine supply is so limited that, doses are currently only available to those with the highest risk of infection and the shortage is expected to persist for months.

Schiff also expressed concerns that the current response to monkeypox – which disproportionately impacts members of the LGBTQ+ community, particularly bisexual and gay men – echoes the nation’s reactionary and lagging response to previous viral infections that hit marginalized communities hardest.

“Sky-rocketing cases and limited vaccination supply worldwide suggests that the monkeypox virus will continue to spread for years to come, if not indefinitely. The HIV crisis and COVID-19 pandemic have demonstrated it is critical that public health officials be forward-thinking in combatting the spread of viral infections – particularly in instances when marginalized communities, such as the LGBTQ+ community, are hardest-hit,” Schiff continued.

Specifically, Schiff called on HHS to:

- Increase the manufacturing and distribution of vaccines, including drawing upon lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and using the full power of the executive branch to increase manufacturing and distribution of the JYNNEOS vaccine across the country as quickly as possible.
- Supporting provider education and community outreach about the signs and symptoms of monkeypox and how to access testing, vaccinations, and treatments for patients who need it to not only limit the spread, but also the stigmatization of the virus.
- Developing and implementing a long-term strategy that will ensure access to monkeypox testing, vaccination, treatment, and provider education for years to come.

The entire letter is available to read online at https://schiff.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_hhs_monkeypox.pdf.



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WEATHER from page 2

According to London mayor Sadiq Khan, London’s fire service had its busiest day since WWII with several fires burning throughout the area.

The U.S. is facing heat waves as well: “Dangerous and record-breaking heat is forecast across much of the south central U.S. [Wednesday], and is expected to linger through much of this week. In total, over 100 million people

are currently within heat related warnings and advisories,” according to the National Weather Service.

Southern Californians have been experiencing some heat but not as extreme as in other states.

“We are going into a little bit of a cooling trend,” said Mike Wofford, NOAA meteorologist, Oxnard. He added it won’t be a significant cool down but the area is not going to

see any extreme warmer temperatures through next week – nothing compared to what other states are dealing with.

Met Office chief scientist Stephen Belcher called temperatures of 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the UK “virtually impossible” without the human-driven climate change.

“I think it is safe to say we will be seeing more of these [extreme heat waves] over time with cli-

mate change,” Wofford said.

And it is not just warmer temperatures; there will be longer durations of heat waves, he added.

For the Crescenta Valley and surrounding areas, today, Thursday, is predicted to be 90 degrees Fahrenheit, 89 degrees on Friday and Saturday, and back up to 90 on Sunday then down to 87 and 86 degrees during the following week.

Osby Announces Retirement

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby will ceremoniously hang his turnout coat and helmet on the Wall of Honor as he prepares to officially retire.

Chief Osby boasts a 38-year firefighting career with the Los Angeles County Fire Dept.; 11 of those years were spent as the department’s first African American

fire chief.

At an open house on July 26, Chief Osby will be celebrated and honored for his extraordinary leadership, strategic vision and

steadfast commitment to the department as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

His last day is July 30.

CRIME BLOTTER

July 16

2400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that her caregiver had taken her vehicle without her permission. According to the woman the caregiver had taken her vehicle without her permission on other occasions.

The vehicle theft occurred at 5:30 a.m.

July 15

2100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that a male had entered the store and walked directly to the restroom in the back of the store. He entered the bathroom and closed the door. About five minutes later the employee heard a loud bang coming from the bathroom. The employee was concerned the man had a medical emergency and called emergency responders. When deputies arrived the bathroom was unoccupied but found that a sewing machine that was located about 10

feet away from the bathroom was missing. There was an emergency exit directly next to the bathroom; opening that door would trigger an alarm. However no alarm had been activated. The employee did not see anyone leave the bathroom.

The man was described as about 20 years old, 5’10” tall and weighing about 140 pounds and was wearing a blue dress. He had several tattoos as well.

The incident occurred between 8:25 p.m. and 9 p.m.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee was monitoring the store’s video surveillance cameras and observed a male, described as Black, about 40 years old, 5’7” tall and weighing 165 pounds and, at the time he was wearing a black shirt, black shorts and black shoes and had a black backpack. He walked into the women’s clothing department, grabbed articles of women’s clothing and exited the store without

attempting to pay. As the male suspect exited the door the employee approached him and walked him back into the store without incident. The items were recovered.

As the female employee was speaking with the suspect he informed her he had a felony warrant in his name and started to become agitated. To avoid confrontation the employee let the man leave the store. The suspect, who is known to the employee, had been seen at different locations taking items.

The incident occurred at 6:01 p.m.

July 14

600 block of Starlight Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find the glass in a patio sliding door had been shattered and several rooms were ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The burglary occurred between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

4900 block of Commonwealth Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned home to find the glass in a door had been shattered, rooms had been ransacked and several items had been stolen between 12:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

July 13

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that while she was shopping she placed her cellphone in the basket of her shopping cart. She reported that while shopping a male, described as Hispanic about 30 years old and wearing a blue and white baseball cap and blue jeans, approached her and asked if she spoke Spanish. She said she didn’t and a short time later discovered her cellphone was missing. She was able to use her tracking app and found it located in North Hills. Shortly after that she was unable to locate her phone.

The theft occurred between noon and 1:30 p.m.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Van Halen Played La Cañada and Montrose – The Lanterman Auditorium Show

Last week I detailed some local history involving one of the greatest rock bands, Van Halen. I had interviewed former La Cañada resident Dan Sullivan. Just out of high school in 1975, he promoted a handful of local concerts for Van Halen, just as they were on the cusp of their rise to fame. Dan put together a show at La Canada's Lanterman Auditorium with Van Halen as the opening act for a local band. To build enthusiasm for this concert, Dan had put together a free half-hour lunchtime concert at La Cañada High. That small concert went very well and ticket sales for Dan's Lanterman concert took off.

"I realized I had to sell a lot of tickets 'cause I agreed to pay Van Halen \$250 to play. They were the opening act of this concert. The headliner band, Tales – I paid them \$400. So Van Halen was the opening act.

"My tickets were \$2.50. I sold them in record stores in La Cañada on Foothill Boulevard and one down by PCC, 'cause I figured kids that went to school there would buy these tickets. That's what big promoters did. They sold through record stores so I figured this has got to work. And actually it did. The sales went pretty swiftly. I think it was \$2.50 advance and \$3 at the door."

Dan also had to rent the Lanterman Auditorium.

"It was the La Cañada Flintridge School district that controlled it and so, when I wanted to rent that, they were like, 'Sure you can do that, and you just have to pay for the janitor and security.' I have the contract. It's pretty funny 'cause in the terms, their big concerns were not about, 'You're having a rock concert, this place might get trashed.' It was really about, 'We don't want any communist takeover, so you can

use this auditorium but it can't be for any type of communist gathering."

The actual words on the contract denied use to any "communist-action organization or communist front organization." Obviously La Cañada was a much more conservative place back then.

Dan went on to explain the difficulty for opening acts, especially unknown bands like Van Halen. They were sometimes booed off the stage. But fortunately, the high school show had brought in some newly-minted Van Halen fans.

"In this show, (the audience) knew Tales (a local band); they didn't know Van Halen. The ones who had seen the show at the high school did know what to expect so it was kind of interesting. You had people [who] were progressive rock fans and friends of the band (Tales) because they were popular in high school; probably half the

audience were there to see them. And the others had come from seeing that lunchtime concert (at the high school). So it was a mixture of these people.

"No one booed off Van Halen. It's just that when they stopped (the crowd) wanted them to keep playing. And so people left. It was really embarrassing for the headlining band that they had to go on after that. They had to follow with this electronic, new age, progressive Yes-sounding type music. It would have been great if it was just them. And there was actually a third band on my bill. They were called Wilbur Godsmile. They were also this kind of progressive rock band. They were the opening act, and Van Halen was sandwiched between the two bands. The first band – people were like, 'Yeah let's get you off stage. Let's move on to the main course.'

"So that was that. We sold out. I

had to pay some pretty steep bills – cleanup, security, a guy who ran the board."

This was Dan's first success as an 18-year-old novice rock concert promoter. Not bad for a first-timer. His next concert was to be just Van Halen and would be at Glendale High School's auditorium. This one would be a disaster, which I'll cover next week.



Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM CVTC » HARRY LEON

Town Council Offers Updates on Local and County Issues

I hope you all had a fun, festive Fourth of July with your family and friends. There was an Independence Day celebration on July 4th at CVHS with a full display of fireworks, music, dancing and games for the kids with several food trucks. More than 3,000 people were there to celebrate with us. The display and event were organized by the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association. Big thanks to the

CV Chamber, CV Fireworks Association and all the volunteers for a wonderful event.

Crescenta Valley Town Council is asking the supervisor's office to reconsider the proposal of removing the existing requirement for off street parking and potential changes to parking requirements for new multi-family housing. This proposed change to eliminate off street

parking requirements for developers brings much concern to our community. The County has already implemented ordinances that address state senate bills in order to mitigate the housing shortage. Our residential streets are already feeling the impact of reduced parking requirements under the allowed ADU and JR. ADU where R-1 lots are allowed to house up to five dwelling units. It would be advisable for the County to give an opportunity to the ordinances already in place – SB 1818, SB 9, SB 10 and the up-zoning of commercial lots – and review their impact to our communities over time before implementing any further changes that destroy the integrity of existing communities and neighborhoods.

The beach bus is back! Enjoy summer the best way we know how by heading to the beach. Round trip tickets are just \$3 for children and adults, plus a discounted rate of \$1.50 for seniors and people with disabilities. Catch the beach bus close to home in Altadena, Castaic/West Ranch, Charter Oak/Duarte, La Crescenta/La Cañada Flintridge, Lancaster or Palmdale from now to Sept. 5 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day.

As COVID cases rise, it's important that we go back to the basics when it comes to public health precautions. I do not believe

we should implement a mandatory mask mandate, which further confuses and frustrates communities. With this pandemic two and a half years underway, residents know well what tactics are effective to protect themselves. Wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings and businesses, regular testing, sanitizing hands, opting to eat outdoors and getting vaccinated are all proven strategies. Be safe, be careful and we'll all get through this wave together.

The Lions Club food drive fundraiser for the Bailey Center is on July 23 from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta.

The quarterly meeting of the CVTC Street/Road and Transportation Committee will be held via Zoom on July 26 at 7 p.m. The Zoom information and the agenda will be posted on the CVTC website.

Let me once again warn the residents of our community that the dumping of bulky items is a violation of a county ordinance. Please keep our community clean and safe.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our July 21 general meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

Please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil.com.

*Harry Leon, President
Crescenta Valley Town Council*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Messing Up City Sidewalks

During my walks in the neighborhood I've noticed lately that individual items of furniture (usually a chair) are being left neatly on areas of the city sidewalks. I have to wonder if one person drives around at night dropping off a chair here and there to rid themselves of them, or have others noticed the odd chair and thought to themselves, "Aha! That's how I'll get rid of that nasty recliner!"

Whatever the thought process, at least these individual chairs are left on the

city sidewalks and not in front of people's homes! (That was a nasty trend a few years ago causing unsuspecting people to have to remove items at their expense. This way the city has to pay for these chairs to be removed.)

Whatever the reason, I wanted to share with you my appreciation of clever people in my neighborhood.

With tongue in cheek,

*Tracy Collins
La Crescenta*

YOUTH

Local Teen Launches Brand that Benefits Homeless

By Julia KOHUT

Sienna Peroomian, a 17-year-old high school student, has found a way to step into her career a little bit earlier than most while giving back to her community. On May 9, Peroomian launched her own brand, SiennaSummer, and began selling her LNDN/LA T-shirts. What's more, with every shirt she sells she also donates one to someone in need.

Peroomian was born in London and moved to Los Angeles when she was 8 years old. She attends Crescenta Valley High School and will be starting her senior year in August. In addition to launching her own brand, Peroomian is also a cheerleader on the varsity team, and is part of ASB. After she graduates, she wants to expand her brand while she attends college where she plans to major in

international business and minor in French.

When Peroomian was 16 she wanted to find a way to use her passions for design and production to give back to the community. The designs were born of her desire to "put me in a brand." Having been born in London and raised in LA, Peroomian wanted to bring together and recognize the influence of both locations in her life. After working with a designer, as well as a clothing manufacturer to pick the right materials and colors, the LNDN/LA (London-Los Angeles) T-shirt was created.

The company is run by Peroomian through her Instagram account, siennasummerco. For every shirt purchased, another will be given to the homeless in Glendale. As her brand grows, Peroomian hopes to partner with other homeless shelters to further her mission

see PEROOMIAN on page 19



Photos by Julia KOHUT

LEFT: CV High School student Sienna Peroomian recently launched her brand LNDN/LA T-shirts, which offers a nod to her London and LA roots. ABOVE: T-shirts are available in pink, black, terracotta and beige.

ALFie Players to Perform 'Annie KIDS'

Students in grades three through six are invited to join the ALFie Players production of "Annie KIDS."

This fall production of the Assistance League of Flintridge (ALF) drama program is a heartwarming musical featuring the spunky orphan Annie who shows Daddy Warbucks and her friends how to find hope and happiness in "Tomorrow."

Assistance League of Flintridge offers these after-school drama sessions to students in La Cañada Flintridge and the surrounding communities. Each session culminates in a public performance at Lanterman Auditorium. The ALF drama program is designed for beginners as well as experienced drama performers.

Katelyn Fike will direct this adventure, leading students in song and choreography as well as acting and stage techniques. Fike's many credits include previous ALF productions of "Willy Wonka KIDS," Disney's "The Lion King KIDS," "Aladdin KIDS" and "Singin' in the Rain JR." She has worked extensively with the local elementary schools and leads the drama classes for ALF Summer School. Tristan Waldron and Nancy Abbott also return to round out this dedicated and talented staff.



"Young actors just love singing and dancing on the big stage," a spokesperson said. "Seeing their confidence blossom and then just hearing your kid humming songs like 'Tomorrow' or 'Maybe' around the house brings a smile to your face."

Rehearsals begin Sept. 6 followed by the performance on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Students will meet both at ALF and the Lanterman Auditorium on Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 3:15-5 p.m. The program will follow current COVID-19 guidelines as defined by the La Cañada Unified School District.

Online registration opens Monday, Aug. 1 at noon. The cost is \$325 for the full session. To register or for more information, visit ALFlintridge.org, email programs@alfintridge.org or call (818) 790-2211.

GUSD to Offer Breakfast, Lunch to Students

Glendale Unified School District announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the School Breakfast /National School Lunch Programs for the 2022-23 school year. All students will be served a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge under the California Universal Meals Program at many school sites including elementary schools Cerritos, Dunsmore, Fremont, Keppel, La Crescenta, Lincoln,

Monte Vista, Mountain Avenue, Valley View, Verdugo Woodlands and R.D. White; middle schools Roosevelt, Rosemont, Toll and Wilson; and high schools Crescenta Valley, Glendale, Hoover, Clark Magnet, Daily, College View, Pacific Avenue Ed Center and Cloud pre-school.

To see the entire press release, which lists all participating schools, visit www.cvweekly.com.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Michael T. Davitt Named 2021 'La Cañadan of Year'

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada announced Michael T. Davitt as the "La Cañadan of Year" for 2021 in recognition of his decades of outstanding volunteer service. The award originated in 1951 to recognize exemplary leadership and stalwart dedication that has positively impacted the La Cañada Flintridge community, local youth and a church or house of worship.

Davitt will be honored at a special buffet luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the recreation hall at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge.

"La Cañadan of the Year" committee chairperson Dennis Fors said, "We are excited to bring the public together to acknowledge Michael's countless hours of volunteer service. We look forward to thanking him for his selfless contributions, which have set the bar high and benefited so many in the foothills community."

Davitt has lived in La Cañada Flintridge since 1969 where, as a youth, he was involved in various service programs. After graduating from Loyola Marymount University, he returned to La Cañada Flintridge where he and his wife Alison raised their four children. This ignited his volunteer spirit by serving as basketball and football coaches and Boy Scout troop leader, with Michael and Alison also volunteering at St. Bede Church.

In 2003, Davitt became involved in civic activities by serving on

the city of La Cañada Planning Commission for eight years. He was instrumental in updating the general plan and revising various codes for more responsible growth in the city, serving two terms as LCF Planning Commission chair.

In 2011, Davitt was elected to the La Cañada Flintridge City Council. His leadership contributions included blocking the 710 Freeway extension, serving on the Sagebrush Advisory Committee, acting as chair of the Joint Use Committee with LCUSD, serving on the CCYMCA liaison committee, and being an LCF Chamber of Commerce Council liaison. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Davitt advocated for small businesses through the city's gift card program, assisting them in remaining open safely.

As LCF mayor, Davitt has served three separate terms. During his recent tenure as LCF mayor, he navigated the challenges of changing health orders issued by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. Under his leadership, new technologies and ways to communicate with the public were quickly and effectively adopted.

Most recently, he was re-elected to serve his fourth term on the LCF City Council.

Regionally, Davitt has been a champion for LCF through his work in the California Contract Cities Association, including the Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee and the County of Los Angeles Formation Commission.

Davitt's community-based

leadership included serving as the La Cañada Tournament of Roses president over the last three years. He has also served on the board of directors for the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group, the Glendale Community College Foundation, the Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, and as past president of the St. Bede parent board.

As a local business owner, Davitt recognizes the importance of giving back. A partner of the local Northshore Burger Restaurant, he encourages the restaurant to sponsor and donate to local causes and organizations while actively participating and contributing to the LCF Chamber of Commerce.

Michael and Alison have four children: Patrick (29), Abagael (28), Sean (25) and Brendan (19).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the luncheon celebration. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased by going to: lacanadakiwanis.org and clicking on the "La Cañadan of the Year" tab; or mail a check to Kiwanis Club of La Cañada - "La Cañadan of the Year," P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012. Include contact information including name, email, contact phone and list any guest(s). The deadline to reserve tickets is Aug. 15. For additional information, call (818) 495-5141 or email lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com.

The ceremony will be conducted following COVID-19 guidelines in effect by Los Angeles County.



Michael T. Davitt, 2021 La Cañadan of the Year
Photo courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Saving Money On Mold Remediation

Dear Phyllis,
My godson made an offer on a townhome and was so excited to be the winning bidder. He opened escrow and did his inspections; there were several problems that the seller agreed to fix but not everything that was requested. When the termite inspector came, he recommended having a mold inspection because of an area behind the washing machine. My son hired a mold inspector and they found mold. The mold inspector told us it could be as much as \$20,000 to repair. Because my godson's interest rate was expiring there wasn't time to do the remediation. So he requested that the seller credit him the \$20,000. The seller refused and canceled escrow. My godson is now out of pocket for the appraisal and two inspections. We know a neighbor in the building and learned that the seller had his/her termite company complete the remediation. This townhome

was retested, and no mold was found. I am curious if it was okay to have the remediation done by a termite company instead of a mold company?

Janet

Dear Janet,

Because of the frightening nature of mold, some mold companies take advantage of the consumer. The most common area where you might find mold is the mold that develops in the grout between ceramic tiles. A simple form of remediation happens each time you spray that mold with a bleach-based cleaner. More toxic mold happens elsewhere. There are a variety of types of mold and not all produce health-threatening mycotoxins. Not everyone is affected by mold, but those who are affected can be severely affected.

I am not a mold inspector and you don't give a lot of details. First, the cause of the mold must be addressed or it will return. Likely

a good plumber should be able to do that.

According to the EPA's website: "Who should do the cleanup depends on a number of factors. One consideration is the size of the mold problem. If the moldy area is less than about 10 square feet (less than roughly a 3 ft. by 3 ft. patch), in most cases, you can handle the job yourself..."

Assuming the mold is only in a small area behind the washing machine, it could simply be a matter of someone wearing protective gear and removing the damaged drywall and then having a mold company retest and provide mold clearance.

Assuming there is no further evidence of mold, the drywall could then be replaced. Of course, your godson's inspections would need to be disclosed to the new buyer. If the mold is not extensive, I see no reason the termite company could not do the work.



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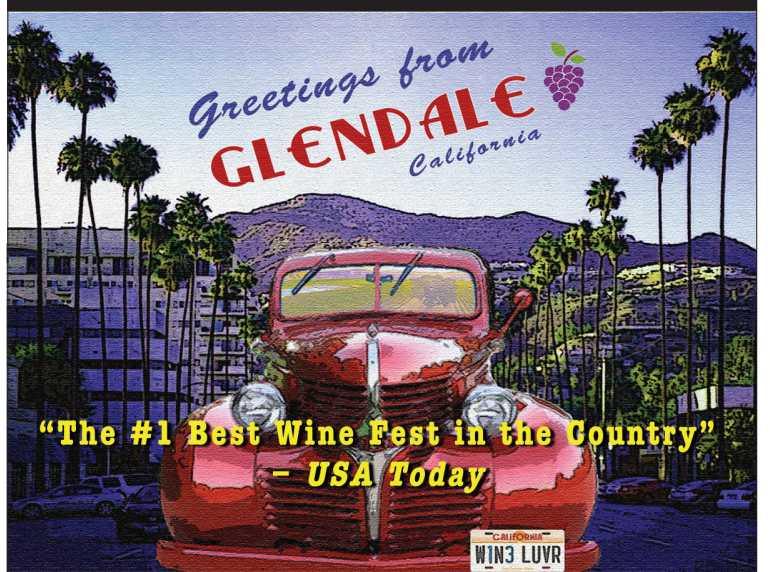
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People Making News

Natalie Berner from Glendale was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2022 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Anissa Olona from Glendale and Sophia Atin from La Crescenta earned placement on the Gonzaga University president's list for spring semester 2022. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Peter Hovland from Glendale and Blake Rivera La Cañada Flintridge earned placement on the Gonzaga University dean's list for spring semester 2022. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Andrew Calmette from La Cañada graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, cum laude, and Alex Juse from La Cañada Flintridge

graduated from Gonzaga University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting

Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the west's best comprehensive regional universities. Gonzaga offers over 75 fields of study, 24 master's degrees, four doctoral degrees in one college and six schools.

This spring Aidan Marick from La Cañada and Makenna Christensen from La Cañada Flintridge graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Marick graduated with a Master of Arts in political science; Christensen with a Bachelor of Science in marketing. Christensen was also named to the dean's list.

2,855 students graduated from Marquette.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,500 undergraduate

and 3,500 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world.

Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Sophie Champ of La Cañada Flintridge graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and systems engineering with a major in industrial and systems engineering with highest honors from Lehigh University in spring 2022.

Champ was among the more than 1,500 students who received undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees during commencement exercises in May 2022.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has provided opportunities to 7,000-plus students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

Edwin Daneelian of Tujunga received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from Quinnipiac University during a commencement ceremony held in May.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,500 students in 110-degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Kevin Faeustle, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School who lives in La Crescenta, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted and have

earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

Situated within the rich and complex landscape and history of the Walla Walla Valley in Washington, Whitman College provides a rigorous liberal arts education to passionate and engaged students from diverse backgrounds.

Maia Tivony from Glendale was honored with the Stage/Production Management Award this past spring during the annual Performing Arts Awards. Tivony is majoring in stage and production management and is a member of the Class of 2022.

Emerson's mission is to train future leaders in arts, culture and communication. The Dept. of Performing Arts' undergraduate and graduate programs encompass a core liberal arts curriculum and promote civic engagement. Students work with active theatre professionals who have deep connections to the performing arts community in Boston and beyond.

LCWC Holds Soles for Souls Collection

By Ruth SOWBY

The La Crescenta Woman's Club held a shoe collection at its clubhouse on Sunday, July 10. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., donors stopped by the clubhouse and donated new or gently used women's, men's and children's shoes that will be donated to the non-profit Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls will then distribute the shoes worldwide.

Since 2006, Soles4Shoes has distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and the United States through disaster relief or supporting the homeless.

Photo by Ruth SOWBY
La Crescenta Woman's Club member Cindy Charles accepts shoes donation from Glendale resident Susan Carr.



Zolnowski Named Chief Nursing Officer At Dignity Health – Glendale

Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center recently announced that Jim Zolnowski, MSN, RN, NE-BC, has joined its leadership team as the hospital's new chief nursing officer. Zolnowski has extensive nursing experience working with multiple health systems during his career, most recently as the director of Nursing for Emergency and Critical Care Services for PeaceHealth at St. John Medical Center in Washington.



Zolnowski holds a BSN from State University of New York at Buffalo and an MSN from Saint Xavier University. His early nursing leadership roles first started in Critical Care Services and he has considerable experience leading emergency, trauma and acute care services. Zolnowski has led his former Critical Care Units at Orlando Health to achieve Beacon Awards of Excellence by AACN and has served as an executive champion for process improvement teams aimed at improving patient experience, resulting in successful outcomes.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Heroic Dog Rescues Cats in 'Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank'

By Marie Y. LEMELLE
Special to the CV Weekly

From the beginning of time, dogs have chased cats, cars and even sticks but rarely dreamt of being a samurai. In "Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank," the tables are turned and cats have the upper paw as the gatekeepers of Kakamucho, a small village set in Japan. Dogs are not allowed among this tough cat crowd.

Sounds easy but, in the land of cats, dogs cannot be samurais. It's the rules.

When a naïve, down on his luck dog named Hank (voiced by Michael Cera), a samurai, shows up as the appointed protector of the cats, they are not welcoming. Determined to break the cat ceiling, Hank explains to the town cats how he will be their new protector, according to the warlord and the shogun (voiced by 96-year-old Mel Brooks).

There is a sinister motive behind the hasty appointment of Hank by the warlord Ika Chu, a Somali cat (voiced by Ricky Gervais). Ika wants Kakamucho destroyed to allow a better view of the palace. The unsuspecting Hank has no clue that he's a pawn in Ika's plot; he just wants to be a samurai.

With the help of the massive cat Ohga (voiced by the original "Star

Trek" franchise's George Takei), the top lieutenant and slightly clueless right-hand henchman to Ika Chu, the evil plans are underway. Takei's character is not the brightest sidekick, which is quite a departure from his role as the controlled Lieutenant Hikaru Sulu in the first years of the "Star Trek" franchise.

Hank is ostracized by several generations of cats but they desperately need a samurai to keep them safe. He is literally the underdog as he tries to convince the cats and himself that he is the answer to their prayers.

Retired samurai Jimbo, a tuxedo cat (voiced by Samuel L. Jackson), is not impressed by Hank but reluctantly agrees to train him using tough love. Turns out years before Hank arrived to cat town, Jimbo secretly saved Hank when he was cornered in an ally by vicious dogs. Jimbo fell from grace when he botched a surprise birthday party for the shogun.

Audience reactions were mixed about the "Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank." Moviegoer Michael Love from Vienna, Austria, said, "The movie takes the premise of cats vs. dogs and tries to send the message that an outsider can be accepted, albeit barely and only after a ton of discrimination. This message needed to be delivered

properly but 'Paws of Fury' lacked endearing moments with sincere characters."

Maile, age 8, said, "It was fun but Stella is not like the mean cat (Ika Chu)." (Stella is her family's cat.) Her brother, Makai, age 10, said, "It reminded me of 'Kung Fu Panda.'"

While most of the adult and toilet humor may fall short for the under 13 crowd and the violence can be intense for the under 8 group, it was generally a fun spoof of the 1974 "Blazing Saddles." The list of writers gives an indication that the humor could be off-putting for a much younger audience.

Parental supervision advised. MPAA Rating: PG for action, violence, crude and suggestive humor, and some language. Running time: 97 minutes.

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Photos by Eric CHARBONNEAU
ABOVE: 'Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank,' the animated kids' film produced by Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies, features 'Star Trek's' George Takei as the voice of Ohga, a massive Manx cat. Ohga is the henchman for the small sinister Somali cat, Ika Chu, voiced by Ricky Gervais.
LEFT: Kylie Kuiuoka voiced the character Emiko.

Summer Music Series at Brand Library

The 2022 Brand Summer Music Series will consist of outdoor concerts at Brand Library & Art Center (1601 W. Mountain St. Glendale) on Fridays through Sept. 16. These concerts begin at 7 p.m. and feature music groups from Southern California and beyond. Seating is not provided; visitors are

welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides of Brand Park behind the library. Performances run approximately 60 - 90 minutes without intermission.

The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission sponsors the concerts through funding from the Urban Art

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

On July 22, Jahgun & Justifyah performs led by Jahgun, a Brazilian singer, songwriter and music producer who has been living in Los Angeles

since 2001. Jahgun & Justifyah is a roots reggae band with multicultural influences. Band members are Beto (drums), Benji (bass), Andre (keyboards), Toby (guitar), Tate (trumpet), Randall (sax), Kizambo (trombone), and Jahgun (vocals).

THEN & NOW



Then » In November 1975, Van Halen was setting up on the stage of the Lanterman Auditorium for their concert. At that time, before they hit it big, they moved their own equipment. Here on the right, we see David Lee Roth setting up while wearing coveralls with his concert clothes underneath. On the left is promoter Dan Sullivan, in his best Saturday Night Fever outfit.

Van Halen at the Lanterman Auditorium Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Loud rock concerts like the one in 1975 are rare at the sedate Lanterman Auditorium today. This photo is more typical of the music performances now. This is a group of elementary age kids performing in the Assistance League of Flintridge's fall drama production of "Willy Wonka KIDS," an adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Discover the Amazing California Micro-Winery Movement at the Garagiste Festival in Glendale

Named the "#1 Wine Festival in the Country" by USA Today, and "Best Festival" by Sunset Magazine, The Garagiste Festival gives attendees the opportunity to explore a wide range of wines from all over California – including Paso Robles, Napa, Sonoma, Santa Barbara and more. The majority of these wineries do not have tasting rooms and aren't on "wine country" maps. That's why KCET calls it "a crazy thrill of discovery!"

Taste over 35 different varietals. Yes, there will be excellent Cabernet, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Zin, Rosés, Blends and all the faves, but attendees will also be able to taste a wide range of grapes that are only made by these kinds of small artisan winemakers. It's a fantastic

opportunity to taste world-class wines and discover new favorites without having to commit to the purchase of a whole bottle.

Meet the winemakers. Ticketholders will be talking to the passionate people who make these wines and get to hear their personal stories about why they make them. These winemakers love talking to fans.

No black ties or annoying crowds. The Garagiste Festival is casual and fun. Their motto is "No Snobs Allowed!" Ticket sales are limited to make sure everyone has a comfortable experience and even have time to talk to the winemakers. No waiting in long lines to taste!

Ticket buyers help deserving students at Cal Poly just by

drinking wine! A 501c3 non-profit organization, proceeds support The Garagiste Festival Scholarships at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo.

Check out the website for details and tickets to all of the events this weekend: <https://www.garagistefestival.com>.

Garagiste weekend events include Friday's Rare & Reserve Tasting and Dinner – \$79 from 6:30-9 p.m. The Saturday VIP seminar, Saturday Early Access, and the Saturday Grand Tasting prices range from \$79 to \$129. Tickets will be available at the door for Saturday Grand Tasting and Early Access. Friday tickets and Saturday VIP tickets must be purchased in advance.

Mikhail Morgovsky to Perform for Glendale Noon Concerts

On Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Pianist Mikhail Morgovsky will perform Christoph Willibald Gluck's "Mélodie (Dance of the Blessed Spirits)," Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Sonata in C Minor, K. 457 (1st mvmt: Molto allegro)," Carl Maria Von Weber's "Invitation to the Dance Op. 65," Frédéric Chopin "Fantaisie-Impromptu Op. 66" and Johannes Brahms' "Hungarian Dances No. 1 in G minor" and "No. 2 in D minor"

Mikhail Morgovsky was born in Kyiv, Ukraine in 1941. He graduated from the Kyiv State Conservatory where he studied with Eugene Ryzhanov. Morgovsky worked as a piano soloist and a chamber musician at the Kyiv State Philharmonic and toured extensively throughout the former USSR and abroad.



Morgovsky moved to the United States in 1990 where he concertizes and teaches in his private studio. For many years he was the accompanist at Santa Monica High School and at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tarzana.

More info about the program

and artist, and the link to the stream, can be found at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, July 21, at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be presented by club members John Hershey and Wanda Penner: "Revisiting Growing African Violets From Leaves Planted Last January Including a Slide Presentation." Members and guests are being asked to bring to the meeting the leaves planted last January to see their progress. Questions and answers will follow.

There are raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. For more information, call (661) 940-3990 or reference website: www.buerbankafriaviolets.weebly.com.

WE LOVE TO LAUGH

The perfect opportunity to laugh, sing and have fun is coming to Bolton Hall Museum on the evening of Aug. 13. As a fundraiser for Bolton Hall Museum, the Randy Van Horne Singers are donating their talents for the evening's entertainment. The two-hour program, emceed by Sunland-Tujunga's own songstress Franny McCartney includes a sing-along of some favorite tunes and special guest appearances by local celebrities with humorous and crazy stories about our community.

Yummy desserts will be served during intermission and a prize drawing features items and gift certificates donated by local businesses and services.

See Bolton Hall Museum's website for more information and order tickets online from <https://boltonhall.org/>.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. Tujunga

FALL OPENING SOCIAL AND 'MUSIC JAM' PLAY-IN

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its fall opening social and "Music Jam" play-in on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. at the west end of the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, 5021 Tilden Ave., Sherman Oaks. All students studying Suzuki violin and/or guitar are invited, including beginners.

Attendees can bring their own dinner and a treat to share, and there will be music games, "jamming" on fiddle tunes, world music and Suzuki pieces. For more information, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org.

AFC ANNOUNCES 2022 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Until Sept. 1, the Arroyo & Foothills Conservancy is accepting entries of the best local photos, featuring natural surroundings and wild neighbors.

Entries may be submitted in any of the following categories: birds, landscapes & plants, mammals and other wildlife, people in nature. A category for young photographers is available for submissions in any of the above five subject matter categories submitted by

photographers aged 13-17.

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact. The AFC is looking for photos that showcase species, perspectives and settings unique to the local area (i.e. the greater Los Angeles area, and especially our arroyos and foothills).

To learn more or to enter, visit <https://arroyosfoothills.org/photocontest>.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PRESENTATION

Betina Loudermilk will be making a presentation about building a garden for butterflies. She'll teach attendees about some common butterflies that will be found and what plants to put in a garden to attract them. She'll discuss the differences between natives and non-native plants and their value to butterflies.

The community is invited to attend the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club for this joint presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. To register for this upcoming one hour webinar:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p93shsd>.

SUZUKI WAY PARENT ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way - Every Child Can Learn!" parent orientation and information night on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend.

For more information, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org. To receive the Zoom link, RSVP at <http://www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html>. The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

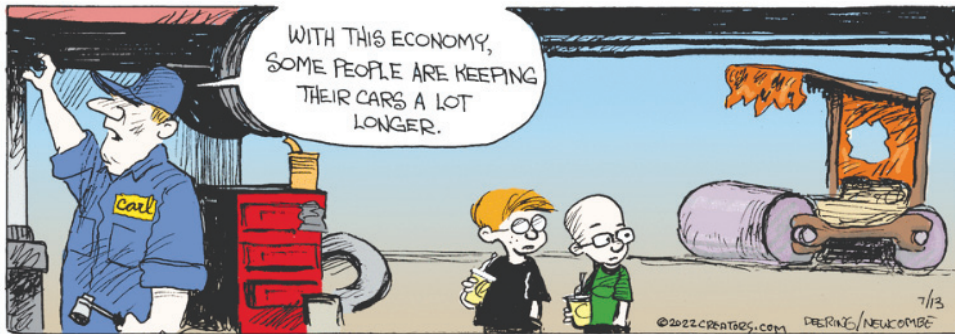
"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

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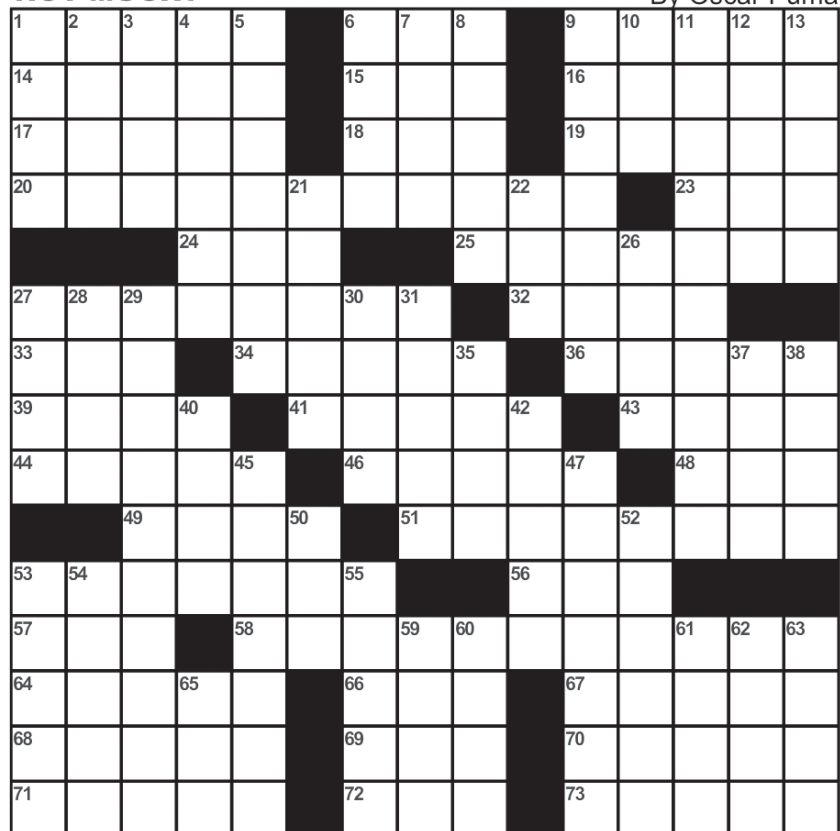
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- 24) Crimson rival
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- 33) Lead-in for Bravo
- 34) Less assertive
- 36) Goldsmith's concern
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- 71) Broke off
- 72) Beanie Babies, e.g.
- 73) Place to shop

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- 1) Bridge measure
- 2) Sport played on horseback
- 3) Mine entrance
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- 26) Study strenuously
- 27) Breakfast fiber source
- 28) Breezy
- 29) Taboo
- 30) Nestling hawk
- 31) Prohibit from law practice
- 35) Hamlet is a common one
- 37) What a door is when it's not a door?
- 38) Clothing
- 40) Bridge or wrestling feat
- 42) Convex molding
- 45) Fixed
- 47) Summer attraction in Baltimore
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- 52) Abstain from
- 53) Antiquated
- 54) "Read it ___, Mommy"
- 55) Devour greedily, slangily (with "down")
- 59) "Giant" author Ferber
- 60) Kermit's cousin?
- 61) "I'm ___ you!"
- 62) Aroma relative
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- 65) Eden party

NOT MUCH?

By Oscar Puma



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I want a refund from Expedia but it just wants me to leave a bad review for the hotel.

Sheila Mackay is trying to get a refund from Expedia after canceling a hotel reservation. But so far she's only received half her money. What's going on?

Q: I booked two nights at the Ashtree House Hotel in Paisley, Scotland through Expedia. I paid Expedia for the first night and the hotel directly for the second night.

I had to cancel my reservation. Expedia refunded the first night but the hotel will not respond to my requests for a refund. I've emailed several times and phoned the hotel twice.

Expedia says it can't help me and recommends that I leave a bad review for the hotel. Can you help me get my \$103 back?

—Sheila Mackay, Victoria, Canada

A: Leave a bad review? Seriously? I don't know how that's going to get your \$103 back but I guess you'll feel a little better about losing the money.

But no, there has to be a better way.

I reviewed your itinerary and there's no indication that your stay was nonrefundable. Rather, it says cancellations or changes made after 11:59 p.m. two days before your arrival or no-shows are subject to a property fee equal to 100% of the total amount paid for the reservation. In other words, you would still have to pay the hotel. But you canceled your hotel stay two months before your arrival, well before the two day cutoff.

To complicate matters, the hotel won't respond to your inquiries. It simply charged your card and then kept your money, according to your records. You were correct to contact the hotel, but I think you might have applied more pressure to Expedia. After all, the online agency made your reservation and took a commission from the hotel. It bears some responsibility for

this mess.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Expedia customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

When I contacted Expedia, it initially claimed it had already refunded your hotel stay. It asked you to check your records, saying that you may have missed the refund because of the dollars-to-pound conversion rate. You checked your credit card and, as you expected, found a refund for only the first night.

Next, Expedia tried to contact the Ashtree House Hotel. But the hotel didn't respond to Expedia. (On second thought, maybe leaving a review isn't such a bad idea. But only to warn others — like I said, it won't get your money back.)

As I review your case, I have only one piece of advice. Calling the hotel to

ask about a refund is minimally helpful. However, steady and persistent emailing can work. And it's important to pressure both the hotel and your travel agent, in this case Expedia. If that doesn't do the trick, you can always file a credit card dispute. Your bank should be able to reverse the charge and, if the hotel doesn't respond to its requests for an explanation, the refund will stick.

But you got some good news. Since Expedia could not get a response from the hotel, it decided to give you the remaining \$103. You've received a full refund for your hotel stay in Scotland.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com July 18, 2022 - July 24, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
You have the opportunity to make a fresh start in whatever area of life you choose, including your health and well-being. Use this chance to begin a diet, get back on track if you've recently gotten off, and begin those regular workouts. It's also a good time to do a short detox.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
Make sure you're getting enough sleep and not spending the hours when you're supposed to be resting thinking about all your problems. You seem to be as busy at night as you are during the day, and this is going to take its toll. If you have trouble relaxing, try meditating or doing yoga in the evening to help you wind down.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
This period is perfect for joining an exercise class that enables you to make friends and get the support you need. You don't have to stick to just one. You can join several - one for each health issue. Discussing problems with others and sharing advice will help you succeed in your quest.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
Get expert help and advice with your workouts and health routine by hiring a personal trainer. He or she will be able to tailor a program to your needs and encourage you during the times when you feel like giving up. If you've found it hard to know what to do in order to reach your fitness potential, this could be the answer.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
You're being encouraged by the cosmos to get your partner to join your daily fitness routine. The more the merrier. It will give you a chance to spend some quality time together while eating the same things and maintaining a similar routine. You can cheer each other on in the process.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
After all your hard work, you may wonder what happened to your discipline. Has it flown out the window? Hopefully, you're still doing your workouts and eating in such a way to maintain fabulous health. Don't let complacency overtake you and encourage you back down that slippery slope. If you have a fit body, do what it takes to keep it that way.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Continue to pace yourself as far as your health and well-being are concerned. You may put too much pressure on yourself to lose weight or get into shape quickly. It's better if you go slowly. Take it all one day at a time and persevere rather than burn yourself out. If you're able to develop a daily discipline, it will stand you in good stead.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You have a fabulous opportunity now to make a fresh start with your health. Whether you want to move to a new level of commitment or get back on track, this is the time to go for it. You'll be more likely to stick with it. Watch out for the tendency to overindulge, as this could ruin all your hard work.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Don't be surprised if you feel a natural urge to get moving, especially if you've been lax lately. You may find it easier to stay the course if you find a way to exercise and be healthy that has a philosophy attached to it, such as tai chi or yoga. The combination may make it more meaningful for you.


♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
This is the perfect time to make some lifestyle changes. If you want to create a home gym, make the space. If you want to spend more time in the garden, try growing your own vegetables. Think about your kitchen and what you can do to it that will make it easier to prepare more healthful meals.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
A book or some other source of information could lead you to want to improve your health now. Some of the information could shock you out of your complacency and push you to think of the consequences of not taking action. Armed with this new knowledge, you'll want to devise a plan that enables you to feel fantastic. Don't wait any longer.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
You'll need to pace yourself and make sure that you look after your health more than ever now. You may have big plans and projects going on, and these may be impacted if you don't feel your best. As you make plans to achieve your goals, you'll also want to work on a diet and exercise routine that helps you accomplish them.

Silent Movies

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Saturday, July 30th 8pm
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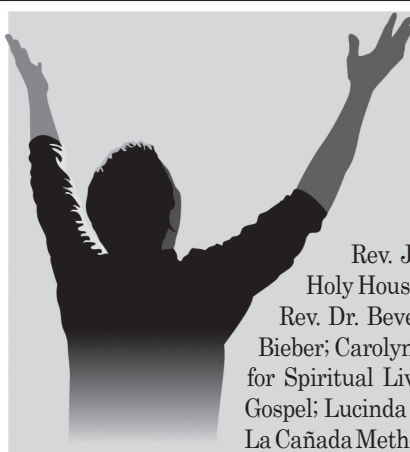
RELIGION

Question: *What's to be done with people who try to impose their way of thinking on those who would rather not have to listen to the hype? A co-worker is a vegan and is constantly talking about the benefits of a plant-based diet. Other co-workers are as annoyed as I am by this person who seems to be on a mission to change others' diets. Other than this, she is a good at her job, good with customers, is reliable and responsible. Most of the time we politely listen to her; perhaps that's the reason she keeps talking about a subject we have little or no interest in.*

Is there a way to stop this intrusion and still let her know we value her as a co-worker?

~ Not a Vegan

Dear Not a Vegan,
While I personally have tried to cut back on beef and pork, I certainly understand your frustration at your co-worker's apparent mission to "convert" you to veganism. My wise-guy response would be to call her, "Megan the Vegan" every time she starts into her spiel. My wife is a little more sensible than I and she suggests this: Have your boss invite Megan the Vegan (sorry! I just can't stop!) into his/her office and very gently tell her that she's a good worker and a good employee but she should stop trying to proselytize others to her point of view. In fact, she has already made her point and the rest of the staff wishes not to hear it again and again.



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I hope that gets to the meat of the issue!

The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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Dear Not a Vegan,
I have thought about this dilemma a lot. It seems to come up more and more nowadays.

There are many reasons someone turns vegan. And there are many reasons why someone doesn't turn vegan. Our feelings about nutrition, food sources, etc. are all different. Just because something feels right to one person doesn't mean it's right for another.

Now I am happy that vegans have found the right solutions for themselves; however, their solution might not be right for me. Being told once or twice about the benefits of a vegan diet is fine. After that, being told that their way is the only "right" way gets tiring.

It is normal that anytime we find something that works for us, and is successful in our own lives, we want to share our excitement with others. We feel as though our new path is so wonderful it will help everyone if they would just try it. People who do this don't realize that insisting, and repeatedly bringing up, what they think will help someone else is

actually control under the guise of being helpful.

We cannot change other people. We can only change ourselves.

Bring God into the situation. Remember God is love. God's presence in your life means you have the ability to hear what someone is saying and to respond with words that reflect kindness and understanding on your part. This is a wonderful chance to step back and let God do the heavy lifting.

Have a discussion with your co-worker and encourage them to keep doing what feels right for their body while reminding them that what you do, for your body, feels right to you. Then invite them to step away from any further food discussions with you. Let them know the constant scrutiny is driving you apart and you really want to keep them as a valued co-worker: "Let's agree to disagree."

Breathe and channel God's love to light up the situation. Not sliding into the rabbit hole by stepping back means both sides win. Trust God. Know Divine Spirit is with you. You are a vessel for God's goodness. You can do this.

In love & light,
Michelle Gillette
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Question: *We're in our 60s and have raised three wonderful children who are now married with their own families. A few Sundays ago, our pastor asked if anyone was interested in hosting a family from Ukraine. After looking through the list of families, we found one family who has two pre-teen children. We have a large home with three bedrooms available. The family is Christian and they also speak English. We excitedly told our children about our plans and two of the three are totally against it. We just plain don't understand. They all live locally, so staying with us has not been necessary. We raised them Christian so not being willing to help other humans baffles us.*

We do have several meetings with the family until they decide they like us and vice versa. We're going to go ahead and adopt a family but we don't want to upset our otherwise happy family. We're beginning to have our doubts. Are we doing the right thing?

~ Perplexed Parents

Dear Perplexed Parents.
You are to be commended for your generosity. All of us are blessed to be brought up in a country that advocates freedom as one of our most valuable assets. Christianity has taught us the

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF News

Summer fun and worship continue at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. LCIF offers activities that are open to all: Bible study groups, knitting, quilting; opportunities to learn live-streaming media production, children's church and more! Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join the summer choir. It is informal; just show up and sing. No practice required.

This Sunday, July 24 at 10 a.m., Pastor Chuck Bunnell will preach from the Gospel of Luke 11:1-13. Sunday's hymn of the day is "Lord, teach us how to pray aright." Worship service is held in-person as well as live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. A link to the online service can be found on LCIF's website.

Pastor Bunnell also reminds the community that he is available to consult with anyone interested in baptism, confirmation or membership. He is also available for visitation. Anyone with a loved one wanting a pastoral visit at their home or in the hospital should contact the church.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.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.

Walk and Word

In July, 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 July 24 & 31. 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.

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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value in helping the deprived and helpless. It is clear that those who practice this belief will have a high place in heaven.

The benefits these two pre-teen children will acquire from your kindness will most certainly last their lifetime.

As for your children, they have nothing to gain or lose from your compassion to help someone in need. They should thank God for the wonderful and charitable parents they have who are willing to make a meaningful contribution to God's children. The day may come when your children will praise you to your grandchildren for living

up to the religious tradition they were taught in their youth. God is certainly on your side! Love and kindness are most certainly among our greatest possessions.

God bless you.

Andy Gero
ajgero46@gmail.com

Dear Perplexed Parents,

Whenever we don't follow our heart we travel off the path that we're meant to follow. I applaud you and your husband for following yours. I am sure the two of your three children who disagree with you have their reasons, and they are following their hearts as well.

It's when we start to tell others they must follow what our heart says rather than following their own that we get into moral tussles. It's just as Christian to say yes to sponsoring a family as it is to say no – as long as you're being true to your own guidance.

You don't need to convince your children – they have established their own way of life and living. You don't make decisions regarding their family procedures and it's best they don't make them for you. They aren't un-Christian or unloving because they don't want you to sponsor a family. They probably feel they are showing loving kindness by being protective of the both of you while showing cautious skepticism of the unknown.

It sounds like you're aware that compatibility is a key component to establishing a good relationship with the Ukrainian family. When you meet in advance the family you're to sponsor, it would be a good idea to include your kids. That's one way to relieve their concern and perhaps even open their minds to seeing the good in the sponsorship. If not, it's time to agree to disagree.

There are also some essential questions to consider and prepare for before you make your final decision. The timeline is important and I didn't see that detail mentioned. How long will the family be living in your home? Preparing for a month's

stay with guests is much different than preparing for a year's stay. Is their stay open-ended or will you have a term end time established? Will you be financially supporting them? If so, do you have a definite plan as to how long you can support a family of four as well as yourselves? Will they only be living with you until they get acclimated to the U.S. and secure jobs? If so, will they be contributing money towards their cost of living while in your home? Will you be providing a vehicle with insurance?

Those are some of the practical issues to think about in order to

create a harmonious relationship. As for the spiritual issues – only you and your husband will know if this is right for you. Pray for guidance for divine right action and know that it will be revealed to you once you meet the family. You will know what to do, just as you have in other situations you have faced.

Whichever decision you make, trust that prayer will lead you to find the best solution for you, your husband and your family.

In Light,

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New College Classes Added for Fall

LCPC Parent Education announced the addition of three new classes to its fall lineup. Beginning Sept. 14 and 15, parents of college students will also have the opportunity to participate in parent education. After 20 years of developing curriculum and a community for these classes under her own personal parent coaching business, Jan Roberts' college classes will make their debut under the umbrella of LCPC Parent Education this fall.

Taught by Jan, "Parenting College Freshmen" will meet Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. This class will provide support in the process of launching a student into the new world of college. Topics will include surviving away from home, living with a roommate, managing a budget, adjusting to academic differences and wise awareness of the "Big 3 of College" (sex, drugs, alcohol). Parents will be guided in "parenting from a distance," learning to become a mentor instead of a manager, and becoming an important advocate – encouraging their student toward independence. Parents will join with class members in sending three joint college care packages to their students.

"Parenting College Sophomores," also taught by Roberts, will meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. This class will help parents to understand the uniqueness of the "sophomore slump" year and provide concrete methods to encourage students.

No longer the "new kid" on the block (freshman), sophomores are confronted with choosing a major, changing friendships, facing the uncertainties of belonging, time management issues, living off campus in apartments, possibilities of studying abroad and, for some, considerations of transferring to another college. Parents will learn to listen, encourage, and let go. Parents will join with class members in sending three joint



Jan Roberts

college care packages to their students.

In addition to teaching the new college classes, Roberts will also continue to teach her popular grandparenting class. Entering her 30th year as a parent education instructor, Roberts has also taught PEK, 'tween, and teen classes through the years.

Finally, "Parenting College Juniors and Seniors," taught by Tracy Tobias, will meet

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. As students move into their junior and senior years of college, parents need to fully embrace their roles as mentor and encourager as opposed to manager and fixer. This class will provide a community for parents to nurture their child's independence and autonomy, allowing them to grow into thriving, successful adults capable of managing their own lives, finances, relationships and emotional well-being. The class will address many of the topics related to the joys and challenges of college life: demanding coursework, jobs, internships, housing, studying abroad, physical, and mental health, roommates, relationships, partying, general adulting skills and moving back home, as well as staying connected. Discussion will also focus on embracing the empty nest and making the most out of a parent's next chapter.

For 43 years, LCPC's Parent Education Program has maintained its legacy of reputable staff and quality education. Last year, over 500 parents and children from 22 cities came to the LCPC campus every week, driving from a 30-mile radius of La Cañada. Class listings and online registration are available at www.lacanadapc.org/ parented. Scholarships, payment plans and free trial classes are available. Apply online. Email parented@lacanadapc.org for more information.

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BINGO from Cover

Hahnlein officially took the position of captain in April 2022. He has served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. for 32 years and is very familiar with the CV area, not only because of his time at the CV Station but because the Crescenta Valley is his hometown.

"I was born in Glendale and raised in La Crescenta," he said. He attended Lincoln Elementary, then Clark Middle School and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School. Since his promotion to captain he has worked to reach out to the community and the bingo and barbecue event is a perfect way to speak with community members.

Station personnel will also bring its new mobile command post to share with the public.

There will be nine bingo games with prizes of \$100 each; one game will have a prize of \$300. There are also three "big chip" games planned with prizes of \$100 for each game.

Those who want to meet the captain and see the mobile command unit should stop by St. Luke's between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The barbecue begins at 4:30 p.m. with the first bingo game beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for barbecue and bingo, \$20 for bingo only.

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church is located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. (at the northeast corner of Rosemont). The parking lot is accessed from Cross Street.

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Paula Devine who nominated him.

Also announced was the hiring of Paula Adams as chief officer of Human Resources.

Mayor Kassakhian suggested placing a moratorium on the building of any "drive-throughs" in Glendale. He brought up the possibility of a zone change; no firm Council action was initiated.

Recently elected Councilmember Elen Asatryan announced that the newly initiated 988 mental health help line is now in operation.

The Council meeting ended with a lengthy discussion on a resolution dispensing with competitive bidding and instead authorizing a service agreement with bill printing and mailing services for Glendale Water and Power through InfoSend, Inc. The Council decided to delay action until more information could be gathered from other municipalities using similar services.

The City Council will not meet on Tuesday, July 26.

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statement of "Buy one, give one."

Peroomian said she was inspired by her mother, who works in the beauty industry as a brand manager, as well as her grandfather. She had always been interested in fashion and knew that she wanted to start something of her own.

"I wanted to do something that is also giving back," she said. With her mother as her business advisor, Peroomian launched SiennaSummer on her 17th birthday, and growing her business since then.

The T-shirts are available in pink, black, terracotta and beige. For anyone interested in purchasing one, message Peroomian through her Instagram account. Peroomian is also planning on launching a line of sweatshirts in the coming fall and winter months.

18 neighborhood events registered and that number is expected to grow.

A neighborhood hosting event could be as simple as having a foldout table with chips and dip to an extravagant event with a rock climbing wall for kids and catering trucks, according to GPD Officer Sahak Nersesyan.

"It's really up to the host to go all out or make it minimal," Nersesyan said.

GPD sends representatives to the registered events. Glendale Fire Dept. members will also be on hand at several events.

Glendale has a strong Neighborhood Watch program and many of the events are hosted by these community supporters.

"National Night Out is the perfect night for the police department to reach out to potential Neighborhood Watch candidates and it is also a great way for current Neighborhood Watch to reach

out to new neighbors and recruit," he said.

The City of Glendale will be hosting a NNO event at Pacific Park, 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To find other hosted events or to register go to tinyurl.com/yc2mst85 or call (818) 548-4015 or (818) 548-4016.

"National Night Out reminds all of us of the importance of building a solid partnership between the community and the police department," Nersesyan said. "We have to work together to provide safer streets for everyone. National Night Out reminds us that not only do we have to build bridges linking the police department with the community but we also have to make sure [those bonds are] strong and well maintained."

The Burbank Police Dept. is also sponsoring a big family event for NNO at Johnny Carson Park, 500 Bob Hope Dr. in Burbank from 5:30

p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In addition to first responders there will be games for kids and over 30 exhibitors.

Los Angeles Police Dept. Foothill Division will have personnel at five locations including Little Landers Park, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga; David M. Gonzales Recreation Center, 10943 Herrick Ave. in Pacoima; the neighborhood in the 12000 block of Peoria Street in Sun Valley; and Stonehurst Recreation Center, 9901 Dronfield St. in Sun Valley. All of these NNO events begin at 6 p.m. The Garden on Foothill, 6195 Foothill Blvd. in Los Angeles is having an event that begins at 6:30 p.m.

NNO is held the first Tuesday of August and is an annual event held throughout the United States, including the U.S. territories and military bases worldwide (Texas and other areas recognize NNO on the first Tuesday of October).

The history of NNO

stretches back to the 1970s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A community watch volunteer who worked with his local police department sent out a monthly newsletter concerning crime in his neighborhood. He found that information gathering for his small area was not enough and began reaching out to other local community groups. In 1981, the volunteer established the National Association of Town Watch and reached out to communities around the country to empower neighbors. That movement grew and in 1984 NNO was launched with 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states taking part, according to natw.org.

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