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Council Meeting Adjourned in Memory of Deceased Deputy Superintendent

By Ruth SOWBY

At the Glendale City Council on Tuesday Mayor Ardy Kassakhian gave a brief bio of the recently deceased Donald Empey. Dr. Empey was a longtime deputy superintendent of the Glendale Unified School District. He was also a past president of the Glendale Coordinating Council and served on several boards of directors. Dr. Empey passed away on June 23. Mayor Kassakhian announced that Tuesday's meeting adjournment would be in Dr. Empey's memory.

Councilmember Paula Devine gave thanks to the homeowner associations, neighbors, and police and fire departments for their part in the recent National Night Out (NNO). Devine announced that at one of the NNOs, she gave away 50 pails for recycling home organics into compost. For information on the program, contact Glendalerecycles.com. Mayor Kassakhian also thanked his colleagues who visited several NNO sites.

Among Council action items was the possibility of lifting the temporary cap (due to the pandemic) on fees charged by third-party food delivery applications for Glendale restaurants. The Council decided unanimously to reach out to the delivery companies and restaurants to learn their concerns. The City staff will also look into the possible results if caps are lifted.

The Council also voted in favor of the Glendale Police Department's request for the city to accept grant funding of \$1,454,709 from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security for flight simulator equipment. Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis came before the Council to make the request.

Michael Belzer also came before the Council to announce several activities at the Shoseian Tea House in Brand Park: Aug. 21 – Yoga event;

Oct. 16 – Korean Culture Day; Dec. 18 – Holiday Tea & Japanese Culture Day.

The public is invited to these events.

Bingo is Back and Supporting Local Veterans

By Bethany BROWN

Veterans of American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 are looking for players.

The 10th annual Veterans Community Bingo Night – presented by American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 – will be held on Friday, Aug. 19 in Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Church. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy refreshments and food before the first game begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased in advance at the CV Chamber of Commerce office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D', or at the Crescenta Valley Weekly office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 (at the northeast corner at Honolulu Avenue). Tickets may also be reserved by calling the American Legion Hall directly



File Photo
Veteran Lynn McGinnis presents money to a winning player at a previous event held at Healy Hall.

at (818) 541-1336 and leaving a voicemail with the name and number of tickets needed. These will be ready for pickup at the event. Alternatively, tickets will be available to purchase at the door though there is a seating limit.

According to Lynn McGinnis, former post commander for American Legion #288, the goal

this year is to raise \$7,000.

"So far [that] seems aggressive," he said.

All proceeds benefit the American Legion and the VFW, which serve the many veterans, veteran organizations and active duty men and women in the community. These include the monthly free breakfasts for veterans, the Memorial Day of Remembrance

and the Veterans Day programs at Two Strike Park, and assisting veterans and their dependents on a variety of issues.

Post Adjutant Mike Baldwin said there will be at least 14 see XXX on page X

Founder of Kobeissi Properties Ordered to Pay Cousins in Abuse Case

By Mary O'KEEFE

A jury in the Los Angeles Superior Court found Mike Kobeissi responsible for sexual assault of his two cousins and awarded them each \$12 million in a civil court decision.

"The [cousins were] minors; Mike at all times of the abuse was an adult," said Alexander Gamez, the attorney for the cousins/plaintiffs Dan and Brad Kobeissi.

He added his clients, now adults, first made the allegations in 2016. The case was brought to court in 2018 and has been in litigation for many years. During this time the families have been torn apart and faced devastating losses.

Mike Kobeissi immigrated to

the U.S. from Lebanon as a teenager and stayed with his uncle Hussein Kobeissi which is where, according to the plaintiffs, the abuse began. Mike married his first cousin Sandy, who is the sister of Dan and Brad.

"I think this is something [Dan and Brad] are dealing with – the abuse they suffered as children," Gamez said. "It now has reached a different level."

It is difficult for victims of sexual abuse and rape to make the initial allegation but then to go through a lawsuit compounds the stress and it can and has destroyed the family, he added.

The families have filed a number of lawsuits that include accu-

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Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Kobeissi Properties in La Cañada Flintridge has been a fixture in the community for decades. A civil court decision found company founder Mike Kobeissi responsible for sexual assault of his two cousins.

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Thoughts from a Privileged Woman

So my feathers were ruffled when I recently found myself in conversation with a friend who told me unabashedly that I was privileged because I'm a white person. I argued that I was insulted because that distinction did not take into account the completeness of who I am as a person. I was told that it's not the wholeness of the person that was considered when that designation was made. Instead I was only supposed to focus on the fact that, because of the color of my skin, I am privileged.

Well, that makes sense. I mean it's true: some people (not me – at least I don't think so) have been followed in a store by security when shopping simply because of the color of their skin (this was the result of a sociological study that was conducted, my friend assured me) – totally unfair. So, in that regard, I am a privileged person.

But am I more privileged than, let's say, a person of color who gets access to ... I don't know ... money for business that is dedicated specifically for people of color? I mean I'm not given that opportunity. So I guess that people of color are privileged in that regard.

And I can have a child. Men, including my husband, don't have that opportunity. I guess I'm privileged in that respect, too.

And let's not even discuss the

"privilege" of being able to abort that child should I decide that I don't care to carry it. I guess I'm privileged in being able to make that decision, too.

But of course the ultimate privilege belongs to white males. For centuries they've been given preferential treatment and access to all types of support that was not offered to women, people of color, and other less recognized individuals.

And I'm an adult. That means that children, specifically those under the age of 18, are not given the same access to opportunities that I, as an adult, am given access to. So I guess my age is a privilege.

However let's talk ageism. I mean, I may not look it, but I am over 60. For AARP, that would be a privilege afforded to me; however, not everyone would see that as a privilege.

I guess at the end of the day all of us can either feel slighted or privileged. I just take issue with being lumped into a "privileged" class across the board. Like everyone else, I'm more complex than that and I think I should be considered as a whole.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

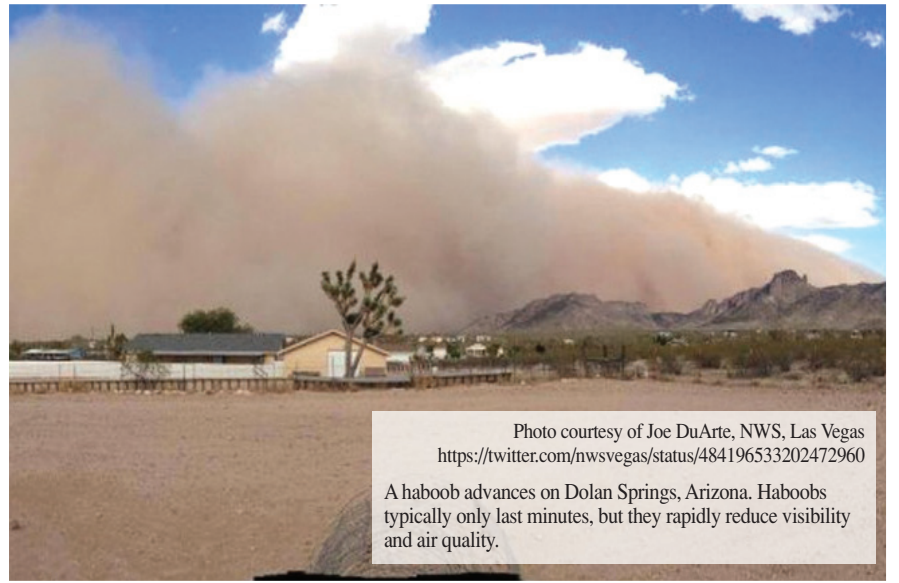


Photo courtesy of Joe DuArte, NWS, Las Vegas <https://twitter.com/nwsvegas/status/484196533202472960>
A haboob advances on Dolan Springs, Arizona. Haboobs typically only last minutes, but they rapidly reduce visibility and air quality.

By Mary O'KEEFE

A lot of times we hear descriptions of weather events that we might not understand. Here are a few of the more creative descriptions of weather events from weather.gov:

Haboob: Haboobs are powerful dust storms that can happen anywhere but are most often seen around northern Africa and the southwestern U.S. What do those regions have in common? A lot of hot dry air and loose particles. Haboobs form when a thunderstorm collapses and either all the air it collected is blown out in powerful gusts or the air within it cools and falls rapidly to the surface in a microburst. The strong winds it releases are pushed in front of the storm and pickup dust and debris to create a wall thousands of feet high and miles across. There's no outrunning these massive storms, so make sure to be in a safe place indoors ahead of time.

Virga: Virga is ghostly precipitation that never makes it to the ground. When the air be-

neath a cloud is very dry, precipitation falling through it evaporates before reaching Earth's surface. What's left are feathery streaks extending from the cloud's base capturing the path the rain or ice took before becoming water vapor. The evaporation process takes a lot of energy out of the surrounding air and causes it to cool. That cold air may then sink very quickly and dump a dangerously concentrated parcel of air and water/hail in a microburst. But for the most part, Virga is a visual effect. It shows up on radar as a typical rain and snow shower, but there's no evidence of that at the surface. Great storms could be raging above your head, but the only trace you'll see are the thin wisps of Virga drifting through the sky.

The weather for today, Thursday, is a high of 96 degrees Fahrenheit with a low of 72; temperatures remain in the high- and mid-90s for the week.

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IN BRIEF

CLEANUP CANCELED

The monthly off-ramp cleanup of the 210 Freeway at La Crescenta Avenue scheduled for Aug. 13 has been canceled.

The construction is still going on and the slope areas are dug up and uneven creating a hazard for volunteers.

BINGO TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the Aug. 19 bingo game benefitting the veteran groups American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 are now on sale. Tickets are \$20 each; that is for bingo cards and daubers. Additional bingo cards will be on sale.

Purchase tickets at the CV Chamber office, 3131 Foothill Blvd. 'D'; La Crescenta (limited office hours) and the offices of Crescenta Valley Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206; La Crescenta between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve.

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always graciously accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This month the breakfast is being held in conjunction with a fundraiser for an Eagle Scout project to be held at and for the Memorial Hall. Eagle Scout candidate Emelia Lagousis will be at the breakfast to promote her project scheduled for August and September of this year. The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

The Glendale Police Dept. is hosting a free paper shredding event on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event, sponsored by Apex Home Loans, is for confidential documents only; no magazines or junk mail, and no binder clips or electronics.

Drivers should remain in their vehicle while it is being unloaded by staff; however, parking is available for those who want to watch their documents be shredded. Limit five boxes per vehicle.

Also being collected are nonperishable food items that will be donated to local food pantries.

The event takes place at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado in Glendale. For more information, contact Amy Tate of GPD at (818) 548-4015 or email ATate@glendaleca.gov.

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.

Students Prepare to Return to School



The red carpet was rolled out in 2019 for Rosemont Middle School students who were greeted by a giant Rosemont Spartan.

File photo

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

If you've noticed an increase in foot traffic at local stores, it may be in preparation for the new school year, which starts on Monday, Aug. 15 for the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) and Burbank Unified School District (BUSD) and on Aug. 17 for the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD).

Thousands of children will converge on campuses – mask-free allowing for some well-deserved face time among students, teachers and staff though masks are “strongly recommended” for all students, employees and visitors. According to the California Dept. of Public Health, COVID-19 vaccine requirements are postponed until at least 2023-24. However, GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian said at Tuesday's board of education meeting that free COVID-19 tests are readily available at schools for students. Crescenta Valley High School, Glendale High School and Toll Middle School also offer on-site testing locations.

Also at GUSD, all students will be provided one breakfast and one lunch per day under the State of California's Universal Meals Program.

At BUSD, which boasts an enrollment of more than 14,000 students via the district's infant program through its adult school, Superintendent Matt Hill highlighted strategies that the board of education has put in place:

“Looking ahead, we will build on our foundation and will focus on continuous improvement in order to ensure all students become lifelong learners in a safe and healthy environment,” he stated. “For the 2022-23 school year the Board of Education has adopted the following goals: 1) Students will be career/college ready via high-quality instruction; 2) Students will be physically, emotionally and mentally healthy; 3) [The district will] recruit and retain highly qualified employees; 4) [The district will] maintain efficient and effective operations.”

He also stated that the district has expanded its summer school and after-school learning opportunities. Grants from the Burbank Arts & Education Foundation and a “generous” donation by the Chuck Lorre Family have provided the financing for innovative programs in Burbank schools and the expansion of STEM education in all schools. He invited those in the Burbank education community to attend the virtual state of the schools on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at <https://burbankartsanded.org/>.

In preparation for the return to school, drivers who may be around the areas of school campuses are urged to practice patience when navigating streets that may have gotten much busier. On the first day of school in 2019, CV Weekly reported on a vehicle traveling north on La Crescenta Avenue that then turned left, or west, onto Prospect Avenue whose driver was so intent on making the green left turn signal that s/he attempted to squeeze onto Prospect blocking both the traffic that was traveling southbound on La Crescenta and the crosswalk filled with elementary students and their parents.

Down the block, a child and an adult male walked across the middle of Prospect Avenue instead of crossing at the crosswalk. They walked in front of several vehicles that were traveling east and west.

Horns were aggressively used as drivers stopped

in traffic lanes to drop their child off so he/she could run across the street dodging vehicles along the way.

Then at the four-way stop at Community and Glenwood avenues, a student started walking southbound in the crosswalk then decided to cut diagonally in front of several cars.

These incidents all happened on the first day of school.

CHP Officer Phil Cooper worked around the areas near schools and said that perhaps drivers didn't give themselves enough time to get where they were headed, resulting in their speeding. That increased speed is a volatile situation when combined with students who might not always be paying the utmost attention when walking to and from school.

While everyone is reminded to be cautious around schools, Rosemont Middle School is ready to welcome back students.

“The Rosemont team is so excited to welcome our students back on Wednesday, Aug. 17,” said Principal Suzanne Risse. “Don't forget, it's a banking day with school starting at 9:28. We have been working diligently all summer to prepare and have rolled out some exciting new programs including seventh grade orientation – Where Everyone Belongs – which is also our theme for the year.

“This year feels like a refresh with what feels like a ‘return to normal.’ We can't wait to see our students' bright and shiny faces on Wednesday. And remember, Rosemont rocks!”

To learn more about back to school, visit the CVW pages 11-16 in this week's issue.

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PACT Act Signed by President Biden

The bipartisan bill, the PACT Act, was signed by President Joe Biden on Wednesday. The new law expands Veterans Administration health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances, according to the VA.

According to the White House, The PACT Act will ensure veterans receive high-quality health care screenings and services related to potential toxic exposures and expands access to VA health care services for veterans exposed during their military service. For post-9/11 combat veterans, the bill extends the period of time they have to enroll in VA health care from five to 10 years post-discharge. For those combat veterans who do not fall within that window, the bill also creates a one-year open enrollment period. These expansions mean

that more veterans can enroll in VA health care without having to demonstrate a service-connected disability.

The PACT Act codifies VA's new process for evaluating and determining presumption of exposure and service connection for various chronic conditions when the evidence of a military environmental exposure and the associated health risks are strong in the aggregate but hard to prove on an individual basis.

PACT requires VA to seek independent evaluation of this process as well as external input on the conditions it will review using this framework. The new process is evidence-based, transparent and allows VA to make faster policy decisions on crucial exposure issues. This new process has already fundamentally changed how VA makes decisions

on environmental exposures and ensures more veterans have access to the care they need.

The legislation removes the need for certain veterans and their survivors to prove service connection if they are diagnosed with one of 23 specific conditions. This greatly reduces the amount of paperwork and need for exams that veterans diagnosed with one of these conditions must complete before being granted access to health care and disability compensation, thereby speeding up their receipt of the benefits they have earned. This list includes 11 respiratory related conditions, along with several forms of cancer, including reproductive cancers, melanoma, pancreatic cancer, kidney cancer and brain cancers such as glioblastoma. Survivors of veterans who died due to one of these conditions may now also be eligible for benefits.

To better understand the impact of toxic exposures, the PACT Act requires the VA to conduct new studies of veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War and analyses of post-9/11 veterans' health trends. The new law also directs the secretary of Veterans Affairs to convene a new interagency working group to develop a five-year strategic plan on toxic

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School Resource Deputy at CVHS and Rosemont Approved by GUSD

By Mary O'KEEFE

Tuesday's Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board of education meeting was, for the most part, routine. There was a discussion on the budget, preparing for back to school and a change in the way grade levels are looked at for Daily High School. But then came a discussion on what was a consent item.

On the agenda, which was sent out 72 hours prior to the meeting, Consent Calendar item 26 stated: "Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for Law 389 Enforcement Services. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve a new agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement services through a School Resource Deputy (SRD) at Rosemont Middle School and Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS)."

SRDs or SROs (school resource officer) are law enforcement officers who are assigned to middle and high schools in GUSD. Rosemont Middle and Crescenta Valley High schools are part of GUSD but are not located in the City of Glendale. They, along with Mountain Avenue, Monte Vista and La Crescenta elementary schools (also part of GUSD), are located in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County/La Crescenta Montrose. The unincorporated area of La Crescenta Montrose is under the jurisdiction of the LA Sheriff's Dept. The SRO/SRD is a deputy from the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

Newly sworn-in board member Ingrid Gunnell requested that item 26 be taken from the Consent Calendar and placed into the Action Items, which it was. Moving this item then allowed a discussion on the subject of the SRO/SRD contract renewal.

In the past, discussions concerning school resource officers

were usually well publicized with outreach for comment to teachers, staff, students and the community. Granted, these discussions do not happen often but, when they have, they have been a school community discussion. On Sunday, the Glendale Teachers Association contacted its members stating that Gunnell was asking for feedback concerning the SRO/SRD program. Teachers and staff with whom CVW spoke were surprised about the short notice of this important issue. There did not appear to be any outreach to parents or students.

CVHS Principal Christine Benitez, assistant principal Bill Estrada Gallimore, Rosemont Principal Suzanne Risse and several counselors and staff from CVHS spoke at the board meeting during public communication.

Benitez spoke in favor of approving the agreement between LASD and GUSD. She started out by praising the present SRD – Scott Shinagawa – who takes care of CVHS and Rosemont.

"He is an amazing role model for our students," she said. "I want to speak about the position of the resource deputy. I see the school resource deputy as exactly that: as a resource for our students, our staff and our families."

She added her view of the program is a way to bring the community together. There has been such division in our country over community policing it is more important than ever for students to have daily positive interaction with police, she said.

Benitez said the SRO/SRD had worked closely with school administration and the district. The SROs/SRDs participate in positive ways including watching over the students during protests to make certain no harm comes to the students.

CVHS counselor Janelle Evans also spoke at the meeting in



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
CVHS Principal Christine Benitez addressed the board of education during Tuesday night's meeting.

response to the board's request for comment from GTA members on the subject of the LASD contract renewal.

"While this is a sensitive topic, it needs to be fully discussed and all considerations taken prior to any decision that would alter the safety and support of our students and staff," she said.

She then praised Dep. Shinagawa for his work with the students including reviving a student from an overdose and cradling the head of a student during a seizure and having a positive influence as a role model.

"He is the person you want protecting the mental and physical safety of your children," she added.

She also said there have been positive acts by all five of the deputies who have served as SROs/SRDs over the years at CVHS and Rosemont, adding the SROs go "beyond what is most often portrayed in the media."

During the discussion by board members, prior to the vote to accept the superintendent's recom-

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LCIF News

The Lutheran Church in the Foothills clothing drive for the needy is still underway. Different kinds of clothes are accepted and will be appreciated. Each time a full load of items is received, it is delivered to local charities, including Union Rescue Mission. According to the church, all the charities have been very grateful for the donations. Gently worn items can be dropped off at the church.

A drive to collect school supplies for children in need continues as well. The church is assembling kits and donations are appreciated. Anyone who would like to help can drop off the following items at the church: 70-page spiral notebooks, erasers, unsharpened pencils, crayons (box of 16 or 24 only), and blue/black pens (not gel). The church has received plenty of rulers, pencil sharpeners and scissors. Thank you to all who have donated!

LCIF is also responding to the urgent need for blood donations. LCIF will hold a blood drive in its fellowship hall on Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and/or platelets. Those who would like to donate at the blood drive can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.

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 August, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Aug. 14, 21 & 28. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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CRIME BLOTTER

Aug. 8
 2200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front glass door of a business had been smashed and items were stolen at 2:55 a.m.

2500 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 4 a.m. and 4:45 a.m.

Aug. 5
 3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported observing a male adult searching through store bins located at the loading dock outside the store. The employee attempted to make contact by shouting at the man, who ran towards a locked chain-link fence. The man climbed over the fence and ran out of view. The man was described as an adult male, 6' tall and weighing about 150 pounds.

The incident occurred at 7:28 a.m.

Aug. 4
 500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that as she was

standing in line to use the ATM she noticed an adult male (suspect) standing next to her. She had withdrawn cash and was holding it her hand when the male suspect grabbed the woman's right arm. She screamed and the suspect let go of her arm then ran southbound in the parking lot and out of view.

The suspect was described as wearing all black with a black mask. The woman said the suspect had grabbed her "pretty hard" causing a bruise on her arm.

The robbery occurred at 5:41 p.m.

2800 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, while doing an inventory inside a shed at a business a man noticed a window had been broken and items were missing. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect was a man, described as White, 6' tall and weighing about 200 pounds. At the time he was wearing a hoodie, shorts and gloves and standing outside the store. The suspect went from that area to the business' storage shed. The suspect broke the window and climbed inside. The suspect appeared to have stolen cups and a

generator. He left and returned later, climbed back inside the shed and stole more items.

He then left the area at 5:50 a.m.

2400 block of Laughlin Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident returned from a vacation and found a door to his home was taken off the hinges and placed inside the residence. Several homes had been ransacked and a generator and other items were stolen. The burglary occurred between June 15 and Aug. 4.

Aug. 3
 4700 block of Hillard Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a rear window was shattered at a business and a security alarm was torn from the wall at a home. Several rooms were found to be ransacked; nothing had been reported stolen at the time.

The burglary occurred between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.



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Residents Warned of West Nile Virus

By Mary O'KEEFE

There is a subtle investigation going on across Los Angeles County. Many may have walked by the investigation tools without noticing, but they are there. Every week investigators come out to the neighborhoods, collect data and follow

procedures to keep residents safe.

The investigators are from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD), and what they are looking for are sick or dead birds and mosquitoes that are carrying diseases like West Nile Virus (WNV).

On June 7 there was a dead bird in La Crescenta that was infected with WNV.

"There have been no positive mosquito samples collected from this specific area to date," said Anais Medina Diaz, public information officer, GLACVCD.


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GPD REPORTS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY

Commercial Burglary 459 PC



Suspect 1: male Hispanic, long black hair, medium build, changed shirts, black pants, black boots
Suspect 2: female white, fair complexion, long black hair with bangs, false eyelashes, eyeglasses, wearing net-front shirt, short skirt, fishnets or nylons, plaid hooded jacket, boots
Suspect Vehicle: white sedan

DATE/TIME: Monday July 4, 2022 at 0300 hrs
LOCATIONS: Glen Haven & Shalom Memorial Park & Mortuary
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The suspects above broke into the mortuary by removing tape and throwing a rock through a previously broken window. They searched the interior with flashlights and drank alcohol at the location. They stole a fire extinguisher.

Please contact the Detective below with any information.

ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
 Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station - Detective Bureau
 4554 Briggs Avenue, La Crescenta CA 91214
 (818) 236-4014 or raburt@lasd.org ATTENTION: Detective Burt

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 CASE # 922-01246-12 Created by SAU/CVS

Heat Relief Available to Seniors

In anticipation of this week's heat wave, the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. is activating the Adult Recreation Center as a cooling center through Saturday, Aug. 13.

The City of Glendale is highly encouraging those who do not have a cool place to be during the hottest time of the day to come to Adult Recreation Center's lounge to cool off. Social distancing protocols will be observed; participants must wear a face covering at all times while in the cooling center. Pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times.

Those who plan to be outdoors should take precautions to protect themselves from the sun and heat.

- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when outdoors.
- Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.
- Set the air conditioner between 75° and 80°. Those who don't have air-conditioning should consider taking a cool shower twice a day.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even if not thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 in the sun.
- Stay in shade whenever working outdoors.
- Don't forget about pets; they need plenty of water and shade.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps and increased thirst. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention or call 9-1-1.

The Community Services & Parks Dept. also has the Cooling Fan Assistance Program available to eligible seniors who live within the boundaries of the City of Glendale. The program's goal is to help low-income seniors in Glendale keep cool when the temperatures rise. The program provides one free fan to elderly residents 60 years of age or older who live in the City of Glendale and meet other eligibility requirements.

For more information and eligibility criteria regarding the Cooling Fan Assistance Program, please call (818) 548-3775.

Cooling Center Dates, Hours of Operation, and Locations:

Dates: Tuesday, Aug. 9 through Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Adult Recreation Center

Address: 201 E. Colorado St., Glendale, CA 91205

Phone Number: (818) 548-3775

Hours of Operation:

Thursday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
The board of education at Tuesday night's meeting.

GUSD from page 5

mentation to approve the contract with LASD, Gunnell had a chance to explain why she wanted to discuss this subject.

"I personally cannot vote [for] or promote police on campus," she said.

She added she had reached out to GTA and California School Employees Association (CSCA) for comment and received many emails. She thanked everyone, including those who spoke during communications at the meeting, for their respectful and informative comments.

"I feel that the community needs to have a [conversation] on the larger issue about police on campus," she said.

She added that, according to NAACP, "modern day" policing was modeled after efforts to catch runaway enslaved Black people.

"We need to understand the [institutions] we are making contracts with," she said.

She appreciated those who praised Dep. Shinagawa but added that the school district funds a position not a person. To note – those speaking during the communications time, as well as other board members, had addressed this issue stating that, as a whole, the history of SROs in GUSD has been positive.

Gunnell praised the SRO she remembered while attending Toll Middle School as having a positive influence.

GUSD board vice president Jennifer Freeman agreed there is a "space and time" to have a broader discussion on how the community interacts with law enforcement.

The vote in question though was specific about an SRO/SRD at CVHS and Rosemont. Freeman praised the SRO/SRD model over the years and stated it was an example for other districts on how to work with the community and law enforcement resources.

"It's a relationship we have built over time," she said.

She added the district does not want to see over-policing on campus but she felt the district has done a tremendous job of nurturing those relationships.

"It is not a happy accident. We did not just get lucky," Freeman said.

The district has been very intentional about its relationship with law enforcement on campus.

"I am concerned we have created panic where there shouldn't be," Freeman said. "I got several emails ... there is a lot of concern about what is happening to the [SRO] system we put into place." She said many asked why "we are ripping the rug out from [under] folks."

This was a concern shared by board President Nayiri Nahabedian.

"But I appreciate the discussion," she said.

She added a week and a half before school started is not the time to "surprise" school staff members with changes in programs they are counting on.

When asked if there had been any negative reports or if anyone had reached out to her concerning issues with the SRO/SRD program within GUSD, Gunnell replied, "No."

When asked if her comments about school policing were a personal philosophy and political position she responded, "Yes."

"It is a multi-layer, complex topic," said GUSD board clerk Shant Sahakian.

He added the district has taken a lot of time and has worked hard to create a safe place for students, which include mental health support and pedestrian safety, and SROs are a layer of that safety.

"There are communities where they have 20 SROs, 30 SROs on campus," he said.

He felt that number was high and GUSD does not require those high numbers and has invested heavily on mental health support, with law enforcement being a very small fraction of the budget.

Freeman asked for a roll-call vote.

"If we are passionate about something I encourage my colleagues to vote," she added.

Board members Freeman, Kathleen Cross, Sahakian and Nahabedian all voted in favor of approving the contract between GUSD and LASD. Gunnell abstained.

Next week CVW will highlight the changes in the way grade levels are looked at for Daily High School.

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KOBEISSI from Cover

sations of fraud regarding the cousins and Mike's business and a recording of a conversation between Sandy, Mike and Hussein that was recorded without permission of all parties.

Mike is presently at his home in Lebanon, raising concerns about why he left the country, which Mike implied are merely speculative.

"I take this trip [to Lebanon] every year," he said in an interview with CVW.

There have also been photos of his La Cañada Flintridge home with storage pods in the driveway giving way to speculation that he may be preparing to leave the area; however, according to Mike, the pods are there because they are remodeling their home.

"[His wife] Sandy wants to stay in La Cañada, I want to stay in La Cañada," he said.

The jury was given the case on July 27 and came back with a decision on July 28. The jury's vote was nine to three against Mike Kobeissi.

BINGO from Cover

games played throughout the evening and 40 games will have winnings of \$100 or more. The final game will be a blackout round with a blockbuster amount of \$500 up for grabs. This is the most prize money that the veterans have awarded for one game and is due to the support of the Moose Lodge #641. Additionally, there will be a raffle and other surprises on the agenda.

McGinnis previously shared that the idea to host bingo first arose in 2012 and was an idea attributed to the daughter of one of their members. She had long put on a community bingo night with her family in Virginia, and she emailed the Legion with a template on how to organize one in La Crescenta claiming that it was a great way to bring people together. One hundred and eighty people showed up that first year and, since then, it has continued to grow with more residents eager to show their support for local heroes.

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"The dead bird was collected near the corner of Pine Cone Road and Willowhaven Drive in the area of La Crescenta-Montrose."

Just because a bird is found infected with WNV it does not necessarily mean the origin of the virus is in the area because birds migrate, so they can easily have been infected in another area. If a mosquito is found to be a carrier of WNV then it is more likely the virus originated in the area.

"Although we have not collected positive mosquitoes in a certain area, residents should take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites by wearing repellent," Medina Diaz said. "The Culex mosquito, which can transmit WNV, is most active at dusk and dawn because of the [warm] temperatures. This is when [many] people go on walks."

"Three jury [members] said he didn't do anything," said Jerry Kaplan, attorney representing Mike Kobeissi. Kaplan added the judgment will come down in the next few days and they plan to appeal.

"We have to see what happens," Gamez said about an appeal. "I don't know what the basis of the appeal would be."

He added that his clients are dealing with the abuse every moment, every day.

"After disclosing, children and adolescents who have been sexually abused by a family member are often tormented by self doubt, self blame, fear of the abuser and distress over what their disclosure has done to the family," according to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Survivors of sexual assault and abuse can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 656-4673 or go to <https://www.rainn.org/resources>.

"I didn't realize so many people loved bingo so much," Baldwin joked. "I never imagined it would be that popular; we're so fortunate and happy to be back this year and able to once again raise money for our veterans."

Baldwin emphasized that ultimately it's been great to see people doing things like they used to before the pandemic and he's feeling hopeful for another large turnout this year.

"We deeply appreciate the contributions the community makes, and we just hope that people are able to come and have a fun time," he said.

Healy Hall is located on the property of Holy Redeemer Church, 2410 Montrose Ave. Parking is accessible from Briggs Avenue. The Hall is wheelchair accessible.

She added it is important for people to be proactive and wear insect repellent or insect repellent clothing to prevent being bitten. Summer-to-fall is the most active time for mosquitoes, and to be bitten by them. Medina Diaz added that it is the hotter weather when mosquitoes thrive.

"If there are positive mosquitoes in the area we will post signs," she said.

The signs warn of the WNV being discovered.

The GLACVCD has confirmed 28 additional mosquito samples testing positive for WNV, bringing the total number of positive samples within the District's service area to 63.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents must take an active role in reducing the threat of mosquitoes and mosquito-transmitted

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Weather Radios Distributed

On Tuesday the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. distributed National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios to those living in areas of high fire danger, which is most in the foothills community. The radios will provide wildfire and disaster alerts even when power or cell service is down. The majority of residents who picked up the radios had registered for them in advance.

LACoFD received a grant to purchase the radios for high fire risk areas as another proactive tool in preparing for wildfires. For more information contact maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov.

FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

Happy Return to School

On Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m., the Crescenta Valley Town Council will be having a virtual presentation from the Glendale Public Works Dept. on the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project. The presentation will cover the major infrastructure improvements that are planned for the La Crescenta Avenue project corridor below Montrose Avenue, as well as discussing proposed bicycle infrastructure alternatives.

Mark your calendars! Representatives from the Dept. of Regional Planning of the County of Los Angeles will make a presentation to the community on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library. They will cover SB9 – “The California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act facilitates the process of

homeowners to build a duplex or split their current residential lot, expanding housing options for people of all incomes that will create more opportunities for homeowners to add units on their existing properties.”

Accessory Dwelling Units – “On a non-split lot, new ADUs may be permitted only if both principal dwelling units (existing or proposed) were/are legally built prior to the ADU application submittal, pursuant to Section 22.140.640.E. In total, sites developed with two principal dwelling units may have one ADU converted from spaces within an existing residential building and two detached ADUs.”

If you are a resident in La Crescenta or La Cañada Flintridge who has bulky items that have been dropped at their residence or in their

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And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thevcouncil.com.

Harry Leon, President
Crescenta Valley Town Council

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diseases in their neighborhoods. This can be done by taking some simple actions including eliminating standing water; ensuring swimming pools, spas and ponds are properly maintained; changing water weekly in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers; requesting mosquitofish from the local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds; wearing Environmental Protection Agency recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present; and reporting neglected (green) swimming pools to the vector control district, according to GLACVCD.

WNV is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental U.S. There are no vaccines for people to prevent or medications to treat WNV. About one in five people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. About one out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Susan A. Phillips is an American anthropologist and criminologist who works as a professor of environmental analysis at Pitzer College. She is known for research on graffiti, and her books on gangs and graffiti.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Grand Plans to Build the Last California Mission in Tujunga

John Steven McGroarty was, in his time, a famous writer. He came to Tujunga in 1901 and built a home in a fold of the Verdugo Mountains. He had a successful career as a columnist for the LA Times, was the poet laureate of California for over a decade, was a two-term state representative and wrote several plays. Above all, he was a visionary who was obsessed with a romantic notion of the California missions.

In 1911, he wrote the highly successful "Mission Play." It was performed for decades to legions of tourists, presenting a sanitized history of the California missions. The Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel was built by McGroarty specifically as a venue for the play.

In 1921 he laid out a grand scheme to build an entirely new mission in Tujunga, to be both a tribute to the California mission legend and a major tourist attraction. According to his plan, it would be the 22nd

mission in the chain of missions. It would be run by the Franciscans, as of old, and would be named Mission San Juan Evangelista. The extensive mission structures were to be built on a couple of acres of public park located just below McGroarty's home. (The site today is McGroarty Park.) Above it all a giant cross would grace the top of the Verdugos.

McGroarty was well connected and able to pull in lots of donations. Marshall Hartranft, the developer who founded most of today's Tujunga, owned Oak Grove Park located below McGroarty's home. He volunteered to donate that land for the mission site, and create a new park elsewhere. Other rich men got in line to make donations. One was to supply all the cement needed for construction. Another would purchase mission bells specially made in Spain. A woman pledged to donate the altar.

McGroarty even secured the

donated services of noted architect Arthur Benton, famed for his mission revival designs (San Gabriel's Mission Playhouse was one). He was to draw up the plans for San Juan Evangelista in a Moorish style similar to Mission San Luis Rey. McGroarty was having no problem garnering donations for his ambitious plans.

And ambitious they truly were, both in the scale of the project, a full-size mission, and in its execution. For the construction of the mission was to be a grand spectacle in itself, carried out with faux historical accuracy. One hundred Native Americans would be recruited from several California Indian Reservations as costumed laborers. They would work under the direction of actual brown-robed Franciscan padres. In a "living history" tableau, they would form adobe bricks, make red roof tile from clay deposits in the Verdugo Mountains, and cut

logs from high up in Big Tujunga Canyon, to be carried down by hand, all for the entertainment of visiting tourists. (The cynic in me just has to wonder if they would also have mounted soldiers to run down and lasso anyone who left the worksite without permission, to be dragged back and tied to a post where a priest would pretend to flog them. To be fair, he did not have the historical perspective we have today.)

The mission was projected to take a couple of years and the dedication would be even grander than the construction spectacle. A chorus of 500 voices, scores of trumpeters, and cannon blasts would open the mission while an assembled 100,000 spectators looked on. It would be a huge tourist draw, a win for the community.

So what happened? Where's our mission?

Well, for one thing, McGroarty's house burned down about then so

he had to refocus his efforts there. Another was that his Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel was beginning construction, requiring his attention. And maybe it was just too crazy a large project.

What did happen though was the big cross on the hill. It's still there today, San Ysidro Cross, overlooking the valley. The mission's proposed site is a park and McGroarty's house is now a venue for budding artists, the beautiful McGroarty Arts Center. And maybe that's better than a replica mission.



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

Letter to the Editor

Applauds Shedding a Light on Global Concerns

Thank you for the recent Weather Watch "Taking A Look Outside Our Window: Heat Waves Across the World." The severe megadrought in our region and

across the globe are a major concern for many of us in the community. Please continue to shed light on these topics: not only the causes – which can be complex and nuanced, though widely understood to be driven "primarily due to

the greenhouse gases released as people burn fossil fuels" (NASA) – but also solutions that can be taken at a personal, community and national level.

As someone who has taken steps to consume less, waste less and

dream beyond the "comfort" that I may be used to, I have found that slowly removing my "addiction" to fossil fuels (gas, plastic, synthetic fertilizers, petroleum-based cosmetics, etc.) has been joyful, liberating and empowering on

many levels. I have been able to develop closer relationships with our community and enjoy the simplicity and beauty that already surrounds us.

Jennifer Ho
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Dragon Kim Foundation Fellowship Teens Teach Critical Thinking Skills to Kids

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Ethan Rhee and Cammie Hong, both juniors at La Cañada High School, recently implemented their community service project, Published Points of View (PPoV), which included instruction for students on critical thinking, argumentation and research skills while they wrote their own opinion journalism articles.

The project was underwritten by Orange County-based nonprofit <http://dragonkimfoundation.org>, an entrepreneurship incubator that supports community service projects implemented by high school students.

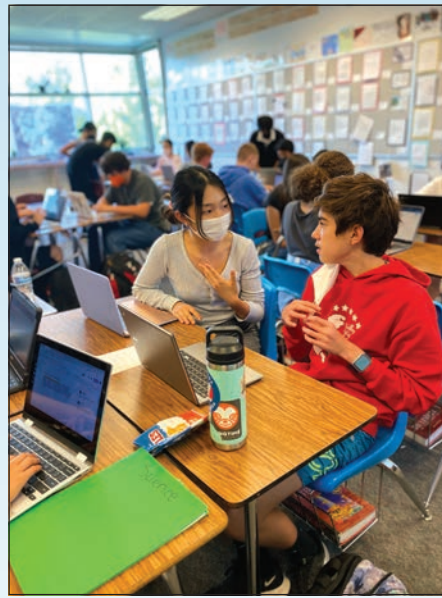
Their Dragon Kim Foundation Fellowship included three weekends of leadership training, hands-on guidance from a mentor and an up to \$5,000 grant to help them implement their project in the community.

Over the summer, Published Points of View hosted one-day workshops

for upwards of 85 students in the diverse/low-income neighborhoods of Tujunga, Pasadena, South-Central Los Angeles and Koreatown Los Angeles.

Their partnerships included youth organizations such as the Koreatown Youth and Community Center and administrators from La Cañada Unified School District, Pasadena Unified School District and Los Angeles Unified School District. Hong and Rhee also worked with their school to secure refurbished Chromebooks for student usage.

On average, the student-to-teacher ratio was 2:1. Keynote speakers from publications, including the Los Angeles Times, ABC News and USA Today, provided students insight into the journalism industry. Speakers also worked with each student one-on-one to offer each valuable feedback on their articles.



LEFT: Cammie Hong speaks with a student at La Cañada High School. RIGHT: Ethan Rhee and Cammie Hong discuss the lecture.



An eruption of public distrust in the press during the pandemic and presidential elections exposed Hong to the polarization and misrepresentation that can occur in the professional journalism industry.

As editor-in-chief of a student newspaper, though, she also deeply appreciated the opportunity for self-expression that journalism provides to students. She believes that training young students in media literacy and ethical journalism can improve the current informational environment and provide a medium for students to develop their skills as civic participants.

Rhee discovered his passion for

journalism while listening to his grandparents' stories about coming to Koreatown Los Angeles in the 1960s. One story about the Rodney King riots stuck out to him in particular: even though there were lootings all over Los Angeles, Koreatown's especially terrible situation was given little to no coverage by the media as newsrooms were primarily Caucasian.

Published Points of View was created to solve this problem that extends to today. According to the Columbia Journalism Review, minorities are generally under-represented in newsrooms.

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As the world faces a new wave of anti-oppression movements, Hong and Rhee believe that it will become increasingly necessary that these movements are covered by stations representative of diverse backgrounds to ensure complete understanding.

Additionally, as more people have access to a wide variety of news sources, they must be equipped with critical thinking and research skills to make sense of this influx of information.

"This past summer has been nothing short of incredible. Not only have I learned invaluable lessons, but my conviction in the power of writing has been renewed as I've been able to see dozens of younger students make complete 180-degree turns. Being sponsored by the Dragon Kim Foundation is the base of this as they've given us both the tangible and intangible resources neces-

sary to jumpstart our initiative," said Rhee.

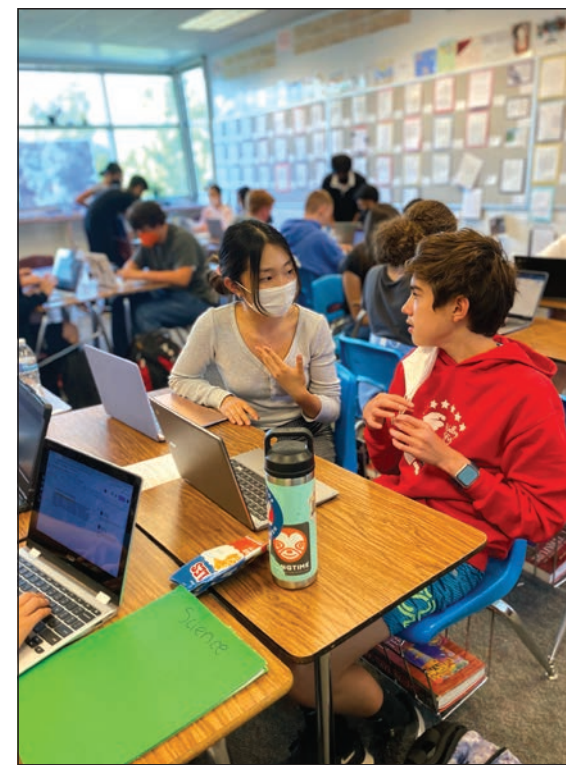
"I was overwhelmed by the support we received from students, teachers and parents in the community. Getting to know each of the students' personalities and outlooks on life was an unforgettable experience! I deeply appreciate the Dragon Kim Foundation for supporting us in every aspect of this project," said Hong. "They challenged us to become stronger leaders, made our work financially possible and provided valuable feedback."

"The challenge to teach middle schoolers how to think and write beyond just surface things is huge. Published Points of View understands this challenge and has met this head-on with thoughtful and relevant curriculum, energetic speakers and super helpful volunteer mentors," said education specialist Roger Dupuy. "I had the pleasure to visit one of their training workshops and I was able to see all these things in action.

What a fantastic program! I know the participants benefited immensely! My hats off to Cammie and Ethan."

The Foundation was founded in 2015 in honor of the late Dragon Kim, a talented young musician, athlete and scholar who wanted to help others. It has become a seedbed for the next generation of creative thinkers and entrepreneurs who want to create positive change.

For more information, visit <http://dragonkimfoundation.org>.



Immaculate Heart High School and Middle School Campus Garden

THE Y BRINGS EXCITING, NEW YOUTH PROGRAMMING TO BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEASON

At the YMCA of the Foothills, back-to-school means back to fall camps, sports, youth and teen programs like Progressive Individual Leadership for Teens (P.I.L.O.T.S.), and Youth & Government (Y&G). Plus, starting this month, the Y is partnering with the Glendale United School District to offer afterschool programming at Dunsmore Elementary and Monte Vista Elementary — right on campus!

"A new school year means new opportunities to offer families in our community a space for exploration and growth," says Vince Luculano, chief executive officer at the YMCA of the Foothills. "Last year, over 3,000 children and teens learned, grew and thrived through our youth-driven programs, camps and partnerships. That does not include the students readied and cared for at our licensed, year-round Learning Tree Preschool. With adaptive programming and E-Sports beginning this fall, the Y is the perfect place for young, active minds."

For high school students looking for a space to discover a deeper meaning for life built on compassion, leadership and fun outside of school — explore the fellowship of P.I.L.O.T.S. that offers an array of community involvement or Y&G that will prepare one for political leadership and experience in public policy. While families prep for another exciting school year ahead, the Y looks forward to encouraging them and getting them off to a great start!

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for prospective lower school families in October and December, and in November for those interested in the middle school program. As always, The Wesley School invites you to attend these events in order to learn about all that Wesley has to offer — such as its outstanding academic program, from its core curriculum to implementation of the Social Justice Standards at every grade level, its social emotional lessons that are both explicitly taught and embedded across the board in everyday conversations and guidance, as well as the fact that its eighth graders matriculate to over a dozen high schools each year. You will find that the lessons learned at Wesley set its students up for success because they stick; Wesley educates children for good.

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CART-Captioning looks similar to closed-captioning but is considered "open-captioning" or "live captioning" for live classes or meetings, whether in-person or remotely. Notes/transcripts are available after the event.

In captioning, a stenotype machine with a phonetic keyboard and special software is used. A computer translates the phonetic symbols into English captions almost instantaneously (NID and Other Comm. Disorders). Brandin's career began in 2004 by working for different agencies. By 2009, the high demand for her services inspired her to reach out to her colleagues and form an agency to help meet the growing demand for CART-Captioning services. Her business has expanded to include services for ASL, SSL, MSL and Spanish interpretation.

Emerging technology allows for variety in delivering captions. Brandin's team has helped students and educators, hospitals, corporations, municipalities, legal teams, and others with accessibility services.

Civil rights acts, such as ADA 1990 and IDEA, make possible equally accessible education for all. Most of her business is by referrals — very satisfied clients who keep her business thriving.

Brandin is proud of her professional network and referral system that has blossomed over the years. "There is a gratification that is always there," she said as she continues to work to create a more level playing field for all.

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IMMACULATE HEART LAUNCHES 117TH YEAR OF SCHOLARSHIP & SERVICE

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Immaculate Heart in Los Angeles opens its classroom doors this month as both the high school and middle school welcome back current students as well as new "IH Pandas" to the school community. As a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school, Immaculate Heart empowers young women in grades six-12 as lifelong learners prepared for today's challenges and opportunities.

Founded in 1906, Immaculate Heart offers a distinguished history with nearly 11,000 graduates and beloved traditions. Now in its 117th year, Immaculate Heart remains committed to intellectual excellence, leadership, service and justice through a rigorous and integrated program of academic, spiritual and co-curricular activities, including athletics. Its hillside campus, centrally located near Griffith Park, welcomes students of geographic, ethnic and religious diversity. Virtually 100% matriculate to college, including to the most prestigious universities in the country, with many students receiving substantial merit scholarships.

Immaculate Heart's high school curriculum offers 14 honors classes and 17 advanced placement courses, including the two-year AP Capstone course. Other unique offerings, like "Engineer Your World" and "Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications," promote interest in science, technology, engineering and math fields as students solve real-world challenges.

Immaculate Heart's Catholic identity is rooted in service to others and social justice. Last year, students contributed more than 14,000 hours of community service. Additionally, students participate in retreats and liturgies, theatre, visual arts and more than 30 clubs. Nearly a third of all high school students also play at least one IH sport.

Immaculate Heart fields teams in basketball, cross country, diving, equestrian, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field and volleyball. Bus transportation serves Pasadena and San Fernando Valley communities.

Prospective students can register for "shadow visits" at both the high school and middle school. Students in eighth and seventh grades can also sign up for academic playday on Saturday, Nov. 5. Learn more at www.immaculateheart.org.

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FLINTRIDGE SACRED HEART RECEIVES COUNCIL RECOGNITION

At city hall, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council recently presented Flintridge Sacred Heart with a proclamation in celebration of the school's 90th anniversary. Sister Carolyn McCormack, president of the school, was on hand to accept the honor from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers remarked on the positive effect of Flintridge Sacred Heart on the education of young women and on the community as a whole. The proclamation recognized the school's history and its mission to help its students pursue a life filled with faith, integrity and truth.

The all-girls Catholic high school, nestled on top of the San Rafael Hills and surrounded by the Crescenta and San Gabriel valleys, was founded in 1931 by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. The school's original Mission-style buildings were designed in 1927 as the Flintridge Hotel and soon were sold to the Biltmore Hotel chain. The Dominican Sisters purchased the property in 1931

and opened the school with 200 boarding students enrolled in grades one through 12.

Today, Flintridge Sacred Heart serves more than 350 day and boarding school students from eight countries and four states. The school offers signature programs in STEM, research, athletics and the arts and is consistently ranked among the top private schools in the Los Angeles region. Flintridge Sacred Heart is committed to educating the whole person in a setting that allows incoming students to flourish into young women who are well prepared for college and beyond.



ABOVE: Sister Carolyn McCormack, president of Flintridge Sacred Heart, recently received a proclamation on behalf of the school from the La Cañada City Council. The proclamation celebrated the school's 90th anniversary.



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On Aug. 12, Z Lupetin's Patio Club will perform.

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.

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Friends of Marilyn Monroe Pay Their Respects

Oscar-winning actor George Chakiris ("West Side Story") and Burbank-based Marilyn Monroe tribute artist Kassandra Carroll paid their respects to the late

actress Marilyn Monroe on Aug. 5 at Westwood Village Memorial Park in West LA where she is laid to rest. The occasion was the 60th anniversary of

Monroe's passing. She would have been 96 this year.

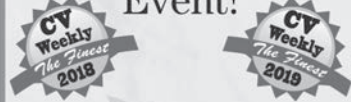


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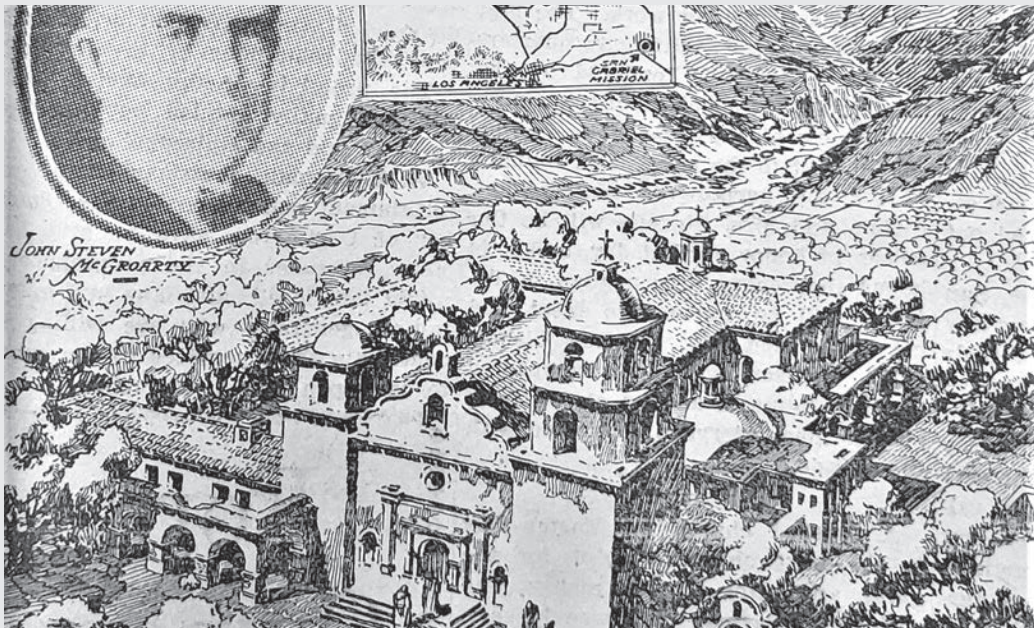
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Now: The mission never happened, although McGroarty had lined up funding. Instead the park remained and is today McGroarty Park. McGroarty's house, just behind the park, was donated to the city and is now the McGroarty Arts Center, an arts venue for Sunland-Tujunga.

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People Making News

Dean's list honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on the 4.0 scale. Chan Kang of La Canada Flintridge and Caleb Lee of La Crescenta were named to the spring 2022 dean's list.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Illinois) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

From La Cañada Flintridge, freshman Hayden N. Henderson, who is majoring in general engineering, Gregory R. Navasarkian, who is majoring in computer science and Travis Lange from Tujunga, who is majoring in

computer science, have earned spots on the scholastic honor roll for spring 2022 at Oregon State University.

A total of 7,150 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

As one of only three universities in the nation designated as a land, sea, space and sun grant institution, Oregon State serves Oregon and the world by working on today's most pressing issues. More than 34,000 students come from across the globe, and its programs operate in every Oregon county.

Oregon State receives more research funding than all of the state's comprehensive public universities combined. Its campuses are located in Corvallis and Bend, marine research center in Newport and top-ranked Ecampus online

degree programs.

Olivia Garland of La Cañada Flintridge graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 14 during the college's 100th commencement exercises on its campus in Boston. Garland received a Bachelor of Science in an individualized major of physiology and health studies during the ceremony.

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

Riley Center of La Crescenta was named to the spring 2022 dean's list at Western Carolina University. Center was among more than 1,200 students to achieve this honor. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

As the westernmost institution in the University of North Carolina System, WCU attracts students from around the globe for its nationally ranked programs, affordability through NC Promise and exceptional student support. Recognized as a top adventure college and surrounded by the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, students can explore the region's vast natural diversity through unrivaled experiential learning and recreational activities. Offering residential, hybrid and online programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees at our main campus

in Cullowhee, WCU in Asheville located at Biltmore Park, and wherever students are through distance learning.

The University of Hartford announced that Matthew D'Aleo of Sunland has been named to the dean's list for spring 2022.

On its 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,900 graduate students representing 49 states and 44 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives and broaden worldviews. The University of Hartford is a four-year private university that offers degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions. Visit hartford.edu to learn more.

Bonnie Kim of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring 2022 semester. Kim is in the physician assistant program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D" or "F;" and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The University of Utah congratulates the more than 8,000 graduates of the Class of 2022. Students in the Class of 2022 ranged in age from 21 to 73 and earned 8,702 degrees. Graduates represented 55 U.S. states and territories and 65 foreign countries.

Graduates from La Cañada include Grant Salter who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics in summer 2021, Anna Terry who earned an honors Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in spring 2022, Claire Werner who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in spring 2022, Cameron Kearn who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in spring 2022; Wesley Fung of La Cañada Flintridge who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in games in spring 2022; Carla Kekejian of Glendale who earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in speech-language pathology and audiology in spring 2022.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace.

Emerson College, the nation's premier institution for the arts, communication, and the liberal arts, awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 8.

Maia Tivony from Glendale was among the graduates and received a BFA in stage and production management.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts is opposite the historic Boston Common in the heart of the city's Theatre District. Emerson College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson


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USC-VHH Receives Financial Support from Women's Council

The USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Women's Council was founded shortly after VHH opened its doors in 1972 and since that time has raised over \$3 million for hospital programs, services and equipment.

Recently, the board of the Women's Council presented hospital leadership with a check for \$40,000 for the hospital's new IR/Cardiac Cath Lab. These funds were raised at various events held

by the Women's Council including a comedy night, paint night and bingo events.

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Charlie enjoys his time at the beach, wearing his favorite cap!



PET OF THE WEEK

Charlie

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!



JUST FOR FUN

CALENDAR this

BUNCO FUN PLANNED

P.E.O. Chapter FF is having a bunco party on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crescenta Valley Church, 4001 La Crescenta Ave. All are invited to join in on the fun and help support P.E.O. charitable projects benefiting women's education. There will be cash prizes for bunco winners!

Tickets are \$5 at the door, but space is limited so please reserve a place at d.kraut@sbcglobal.net.

RIVERWALK WORKDAY

All are invited on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to volunteer at the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk as workers remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas. Those who are interested in helping should wear long pants and long sleeves, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Tools and gloves will be provided. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome.

In case of rain, this event will be canceled.

Volunteers meet at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale. RSVP is necessary; visit <https://tinyurl.com/2pm2hjuc> to RSVP.

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/contact.html. The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

COME LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING

A new beginner's modern square dancing class is starting 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. First two classes are free.

Meet new people while getting exercise for both your body and mind. Proof of vaccination required; masks are optional at the present time. More info by emailing illi313@yahoo.com or visiting www.setsinstep.org.

EMBRACING THE FUTURE OF THE CAMPBELL CENTER

The Campbell Center is having its annual benefit luncheon honoring key supporters on Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Glen Arden Club in Glendale. This year's honorees are Campbell Center founder Jerry Campbell, Rick Dinger, Dave Greenbaum and Roxie Varela. Special acknowledgement to former Campbell Center executive director David Fields.

To purchase tickets or sponsor the event, visit www.thecampbellcenter.org/benefit.

The Glen Arden Club is located at 357 Arden Ave.

TGHS PRESENTS 'DISCOVERING GLENDALE'S DOCTORS HOUSE'

The Glendale Historical Society is hosting a picnic and movie night on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning today, Aug. 4, for this event, which includes a picnic and a screening of the new documentary "Discovering Glendale's Doctors House."

The documentary is a "behind-the-scenes" look at the recent production shoot of the long-anticipated "Doctors House Tour Documentary" (a working title). Filming took place at "the house that started it all" during the first weekend in June and the documentary is currently in the post-production stage. Doctors House Curator Peter Rusch will host the program and will give viewers an intimate and close-up look at the house, the families that resided there, and the impact that the house adds to Glendale's rich history.

For details, visit <https://glendalehistorical.org/doctors-house-documentary>.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

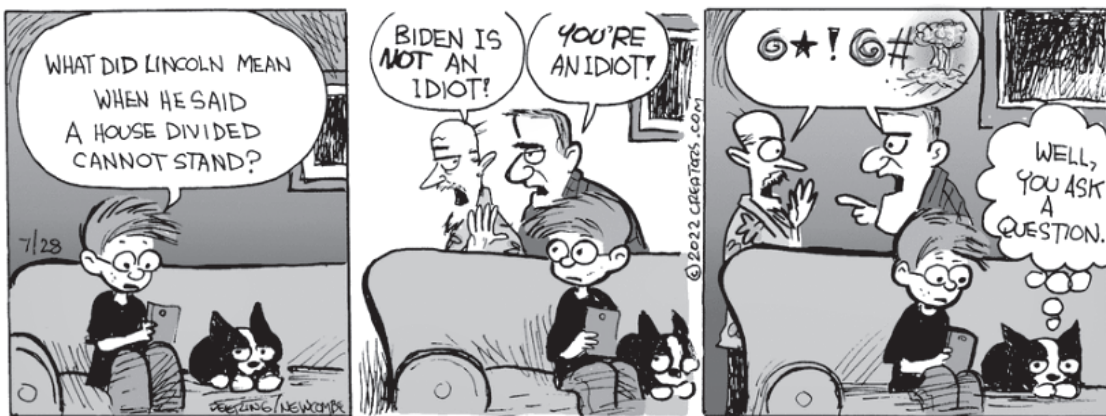
"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

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 cls0f74reunion@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.

ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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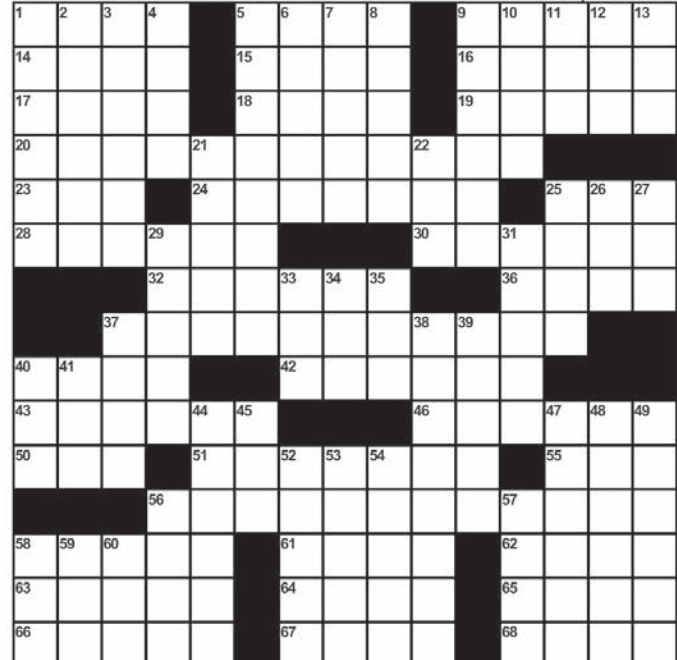
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- 1) Pine ooziings
- 5) Lip care
- 9) Messing of TV
- 14) Part of an angler's arsenal
- 15) "Aida" air
- 16) Hunter with a belt of stars
- 17) Dumbbell metal
- 18) Jazz jobs
- 19) Foolish fellow
- 20) First-class rushing?
- 23) One of the four "Forest Cantons"
- 24) Telephone book entry
- 25) Rustic dads
- 28) Peppermint ___ (candy purchase)
- 30) Part of a biblical plague
- 32) Infamous FBI sting
- 36) Unpleasant to the touch
- 37) Violent driver's part of the highway?
- 40) Jab in the ribs
- 42) Olympic skier McKinney
- 43) Norwegians' neighbors
- 46) Alphabetized
- 50) ___ and outs
- 51) Pontiac muscle car
- 55) D.C. to NYC dir
- 56) Thirty-first president's legacy, to some?
- 58) Mount Moses climbed
- 61) "Permit Me Voyage" author James
- 62) Research paper abbr.
- 63) Grows together, like a fracture
- 64) Tehran's nation
- 65) It's often changed on the road
- 66) Small fjord
- 67) ___ Linda, Calif.
- 68) Like this puzzle?

DOWN

- 1) Error
- 2) Winged goddess of the dawn
- 3) Toast to one's health
- 4) Email condition, sometimes
- 5) Furthest from formfitting
- 6) Sign of the spring equinox
- 7) It might be ambient
- 8) Kenyan native
- 9) Words before "It's still early"
- 10) Huron's neighbor
- 11) Garbage container
- 12) He played Opie
- 13) Word with "way" or "where"
- 21) Suspect's explanation
- 22) Longtime NBC show, initially
- 25) Purple-brown
- 26) Inquire
- 27) Dirty domicile
- 29) Made to pay a levy
- 31) Cuban product
- 33) Old PC display
- 34) Small battery
- 35) "That tastes good!"
- 37) ___ out a living (gets by)
- 38) Rose Bowl city
- 39) Coffee attribute
- 40) Letters of tires
- 41) Have sole possession of
- 44) Bigheaded person
- 45) Sign of a Broadway hit
- 47) It may have a string attached
- 48) It turns over before it runs
- 49) Transferred
- 52) Be of service
- 53) Opposite of blanco
- 54) Nighttime vision
- 56) Source of some crime
- 57) Kunis of TV and film
- 58) Kind of lift or jump
- 59) Where there was no room
- 60) Zero or zip

THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE By Rob Lee



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Samsung received her SSD, but it looks like it's gone forever.

Kay Talley returns a component of her Samsung 980 back to the company. The company receives it -- and then does nothing. Is she entitled to a refund or a return?

Q I purchased a Samsung 980 Pro SSD (solid state drive) from a local Micro Center and registered the product with my Samsung account.

I sent Samsung the solid state drive (SSD) to update the firmware under my warranty. Samsung confirmed that it received the SSD and said it would take four days to complete the process. But the company never returned the SSD or gave me a refund. It's been more than a month. Can you help me? ~ Kay Talley, Santa Ana, California

A: Something has gone seriously wrong with your return. Samsung should have acknowledged your drive and updated the firmware in the time period it promised. Your case is what I like to call a black hole return: You send a product to the company -- and it does nothing.

Black hole returns are one of the most vexing consumer problems I've ever encountered. How can a company accept a return and then stop communicating with you? And I also wonder what would happen if the roles were

reversed. What if a company sent you something and you failed to acknowledge it or pay for it? Corporate America would have a hissy fit.

You kept excellent records of your return, including a paper trail of your electronic chats with Samsung. Good job! It shows your repeated efforts to get Samsung to reveal the whereabouts of your SSD and to return it. The trail ends with you contacting the Better Business Bureau and connecting with someone from Samsung who promises a speedy resolution.

"We're just waiting for the system to finalize everything for you to receive the electronic coupon," he said. "I'm still going to continue to follow up with you just in case you have further questions, or you can reach me directly at my office."

But nothing happened after that. And that's when you contacted me.

Black hole cases are challenging. If a company doesn't acknowledge a return, it's considered lost. At that point, you have to file

insurance claims. If you don't have proof of your return, you could be out of luck. Fortunately, you kept your UPS receipt -- again, good job.

I list the email addresses and phone numbers for Samsung's customer service managers on my consumer advocacy website, Elliott.org. I think a brief, polite email to one of them might have resolved this missing return case.

But you've been more than patient. I contacted Samsung on your behalf. A representative reached out to you and promised a refund. A day later, Samsung finally refunded you for your SSD.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 8, 2022 - August 14, 2022

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
This is one of the best times for talking to banks or financial advisers about funding for new projects. Positive aspects are helpful, although you'll still need to have a detailed business plan. This period is excellent for teaming up with a partner to bring twice the talent into a new project. If you need publicity, this is a great time to promote yourself.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
This period brings positive energy for in-depth negotiations, especially in situations where you need to discuss sensitive issues. There's a chance to step into a new position that will enable you to show how talented you are. If you have an online presence, make sure you keep it updated. Don't lose out because of a lack of planning. If you run your own business, it's time to get out of that rut!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
There is activity in your job zone, which is good news if you've been out of work and looking for employment. Your luck may be good, especially if you have experience in computing, website design, or other such skills. You may be able to make a lot of money from freelance contracts that could continue into the future. If you work for yourself, you're also going to see some spectacular results over the coming days.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
You may be teaming up with others to create a website, blog, or other online presence. You have luck on your side now. It's worth putting time and effort into such projects. This is a great time to launch your own home-based business. You have a short window of opportunity to help you get off to a good start. You feel invincible, so go for it.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
Business partners and co-workers are coming up with inspired ideas. Activity in your communication zone makes this a perfect time for signing deals and contracts, writing a book, or beginning a short class. Meetings go well, although there may be some intense discussions. If you're behind with administrative tasks, you'll want to clear away any backlog.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
This is a good time to look for a job that brings in a lot more money. If you're feeling underpaid and unappreciated, this period will give you the determination and additional help to find what you're looking for. The cosmos is encouraging you to think big, summon your inner strength, and put everything you have into reaching your goal. This is a powerful time for you, so make the most of it.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
This is one of the best times of the year for you. It gives you an opportunity to make changes at all levels, including your career. If you're about to launch a new product, service, or online business, take the first step. The success you desire will come more easily. The Universe encourages you to showcase your skills and talents. It's time to let everyone know of your brilliance.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Listen to your intuition now. It has some important career guidance for you. This is a good time to work on your attitude toward success. Are you ready to be successful? You may have a block that's keeping it away from you just as you're about to do well. It might help to try hypnosis or other methods of erasing unhelpful thought patterns as a way to resolve the issue. The sooner you do it the better!

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You're getting a lot of help and support from friends and business associates, which is giving you the confidence to aim for your goal. You have a career dream that you're determined to realize. The Universe is giving you the discipline and focus to get started. This period is perfect for joining select groups, especially those that can boost your image and help you move in the right circles.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
This is a great time for your career. The cosmos brings you a window of opportunity that's helpful for starting a new career, moving into a new position in your company, or launching a product or service through a major advertising campaign. If you want to be in the spotlight, this is the time. However, people are already noticing you whether you realize it or not. Get ready to stand out from the crowd.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
You're busy exploring new options. The cosmos makes this a great time to start a degree or certificate program. If you're about to go on a business trip, things should go well for you. The Universe is encouraging you to share your ideas with key people. This is a good time to apply for a new job or career opportunity. Your creative skills are in demand, and that's good news.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
As a natural entrepreneur, you have plenty of get up and go. You're ready to meet any challenge. The period ahead brings plenty of opportunities to advance your career. Make use of your creative abilities. You may be able to talk your way into an interesting project that will stretch your abilities. You also have many chances to make money right now.

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Santa Monica Beach (by the pier / par el malecón)	10:45 a.m.

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Santa Monica Beach (inside the pier parking lot / en el estacionamiento del malecón)	3:30 p.m.
Two Strike Park (on Rosemont Av. / en la Rosemont Av.)	4:30 p.m.
County Library (on Foothill Bl. / en la Foothill Bl.)	4:35 p.m.
Montrose Av./Ocean View Bl. (SE corner / esquina sureste)	4:45 p.m.
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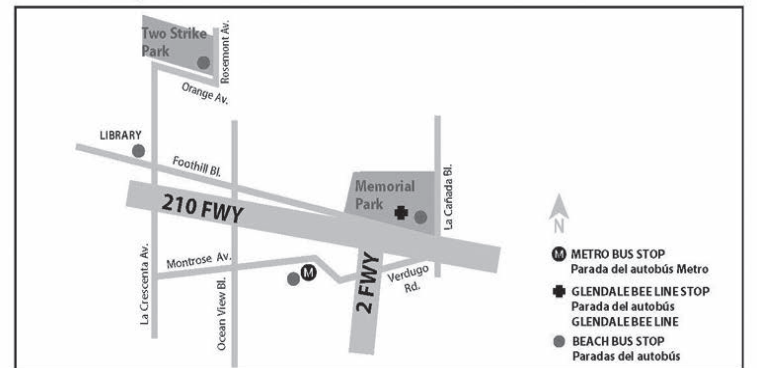
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For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Ithaca College student Leo Gonta of La Crescenta was named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College in New York is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 5,200 students, the college offers more than 90 degree programs in its schools of business; communications; humanities and sciences; health sciences and human performance; and music, theatre, and dance.

Olivia Garland of La Cañada Flintridge earned a spot on the dean's list at Emmanuel College for the spring 2022 semester. To earn a spot on the dean's list, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

Willa P. Gore of Glendale, a freshman attending College of Design at the University of Michigan Twin Cities, earned a spot on the dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Christian Cabello of La Cañada Flintridge was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2022. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Cabello, the son of Paul S. Cabello and Barbara J. Cabello, is a 2021 graduate of La Cañada High School. He is a first year at Bates.

Located in Lewiston, Maine, Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates has been dedicated to educating the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community.

Katherine Festen of La Crescenta has been named to Purchase College's dean's list for the spring 2022 semester. Festen is studying theatre and performance, anthropology.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Purchase College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY) network of 64 universities and colleges, was founded in 1967 by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. Purchase College, SUNY is a community of students, faculty, and friends where open-minded engagement with the creative process leads to a lifetime of intellectual growth and professional opportunity.

Justin Kouyoumdjian of La Cañada Flintridge was among approximately 3,275 students across

all schools who graduated from Tufts University. Justin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in community health.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is a research university in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

For more information about the College, visit www.purchase.edu.

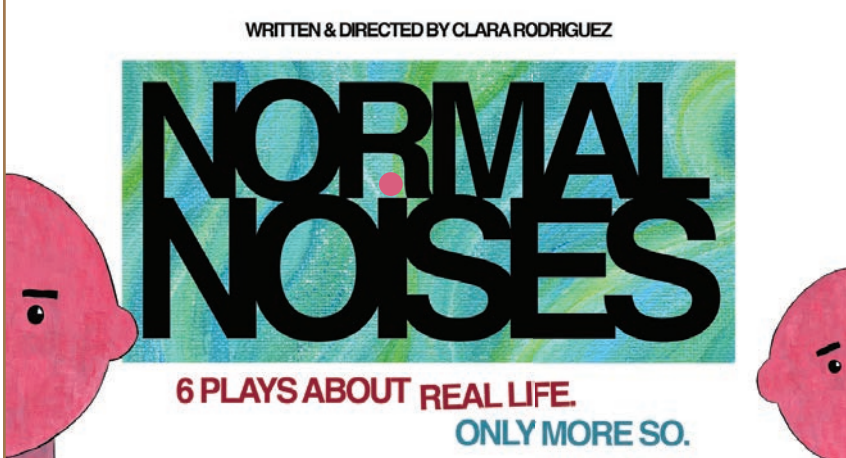
About 7,700 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 13 and 14, including students from La Crescenta and Glendale.

From La Crescenta, David Komjathy, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, earned a Bachelor of Science in microbiology; Charles Pingry, School of Human Ecology, earned a Bachelor of Science in personal finance.

From Glendale, Megan Gmelich, College of Letters and Science, earned a Bachelor of Arts, legal studies and political science; Conor McGrory, School of Business, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, business: finance, investment and banking and business: real estate and urban land economics.

For more information about UW-Madison, visit <http://www.wisc.edu>.

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