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## GlendalePermits Launch Planned

By Ruth SOWBY

The City of Glendale is improving the way applicants apply for and obtain licenses and permits. GlendalePermits is launching on Sept. 13. The online portal makes managing permit and license applications faster and more convenient.

With GlendalePermits, applications may be managed from a personal computer or mobile device. The portal will eliminate the need to make multiple trips to city hall to submit bulky plans and paperwork, or to make payments. GlendalePermits allows applicants to: submit applications and plans; make secure payments; check the status of applications 24/7; message city staff with questions about applications; share projects with contractors, clients, owners and other interested parties; review and print inspection reports and permits, on demand.

City staff will be available in person to guide applicants through account creation and application submission beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 7 a.m. – noon in the Municipal Services Building at 633 E Broadway, Room 106.

Once the GlendalePermits Portal goes live on Sept. 13 all applications will need to be submitted through the online portal. Permit Services Center staff will continue to be available to answer questions and provide guidance by phone at (818) 548-3200 or in-person during regular counter hours.

For more information about the new online service and how to set up a free user account, visit [GlendalePermits.org](http://GlendalePermits.org).

Applicants can learn how to create a free GlendalePermits account at one of two demo sessions on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. or at 2 p.m. Each one-hour demo session will explain how to create a GlendalePermits account. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

The next meeting of the Glendale City Council will be on Tuesday, Sept. 13. At that time, there will be further information on the new permitting process.

## Raising Awareness of Cancer Resources While Providing a Unique Experience for Kids

By Mary O'KEEFE

*A pancake breakfast, information booths and some really big trucks will be part of the Touch-A-Truck event.*

The Glendale Police Dept. and the American Cancer Society have partnered for a fundraising event. Touch-A-Truck takes place on Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be fire engines, GPD vehicles, a street sweeper, cement mixer, a garbage truck and more big trucks and vehicles that kids can climb into and get their pictures taken.

For many years GPD dedicated time to raise funds in support of cancer care programs and to raise awareness of the disease. The program was driven by GPD community officer Tahnee Lightfoot; however, since she left the department and when the pandemic unfolded, activity in the program waned. GPD would still wrap some patrol units in pink to raise cancer awareness, thanks



Photo courtesy of GPD Garbage trucks like this one will be available for kids (big and small) to check out at the Touch-A-Truck event on Sept. 25.

to Sgt. Teal Metts but, for the most part, the larger fundraising events faded away.

Amy Tate, GPD service officer, wanted to once again raise cancer awareness within the community and the GPD.

"My family has been hit hard by cancer," Tate said.

Tate was speaking with GPD volunteer Jean Kagan about having a cancer awareness public event.

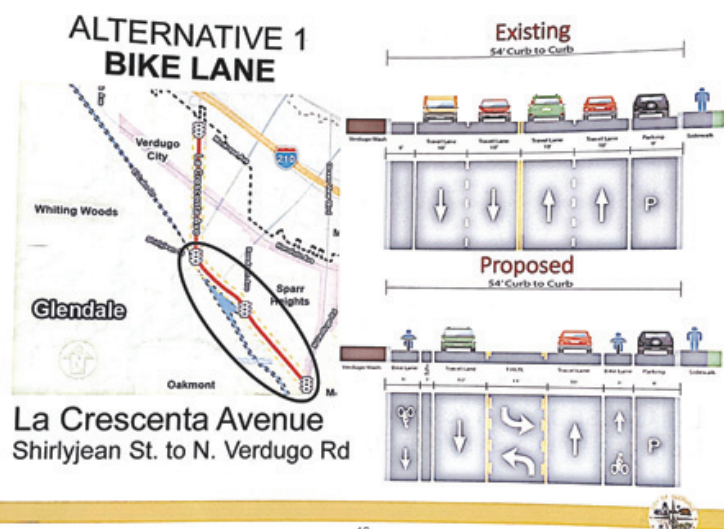
"Jean said, 'You know, I am on the American Cancer Society board,'" re-

called Tate.

Tate said she had no idea Kagan was part of the board and her involvement seemed like a sign to start fundraising again. Tate spoke about event options with Officer Selene

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## The Choices: Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 on La Crescenta Avenue

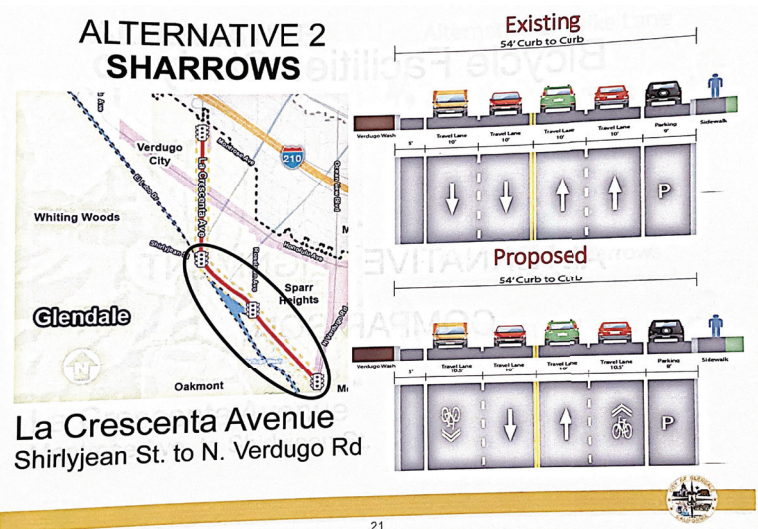


By Mary O'KEEFE

After several outreach meetings by the City, the Glendale City Council will vote on Sept. 13 between two

alternatives for the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation project.

Alternative 1. Alternative 1 includes a "dedicated and protected colored bicycle lane – 'Bike Lane.'"



The Bike Lane option would reduce driving lanes to one lane per direction of travel on La Crescenta Avenue from Montrose Avenue to North Verdugo. see REHAB on page 8

Images courtesy of City of Glendale On Sept. 13, Glendale City Council will be voting to implement one of two alternatives for the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation project.

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# Preparing for the Motorcade

I don't know about you but for me it's hard to believe that it's been 21 years since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the destruction of an airplane and its passengers and crew when it crash landed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Like many, I remember where I was when the horrors occurred and how devastated I was when I saw the collapse of the Twin Towers. It was nearly incomprehensible.

I was recently talking to my friend Amy who said when she saw the attacks in New York she immediately went to a Red Cross donor site because she wanted to do something. There was quite a crowd there and one of the organizers said something along the lines that donations made that day would not be going to New York and that anyone who wanted to leave was welcome to do so. Amy said no one left. That sense of wanting to rise up, to do something, was felt among all those people who were ready to roll up their sleeves.

In our extended family, we had a student who was taking part in the Semester at Sea program. She was in Vietnam (I think – I might be wrong) when the attacks happened. We were so scared for her but she said that there was such sympathy for her; she never felt unsafe.

Another member of our family was on one of the first transports out of California heading to New York on a search and rescue mission. Not long after he arrived he learned it was a going to be a recovery mission; it

was expected that no one survived the attacks.

We have heard about the bravery of many who ultimately lost their lives when responding to the disaster. We've heard about New Yorkers who showed up to feed the rescuers.

Over the years, in the Crescenta Valley there were some who held on to the feeling of wanting to do something; specifically, they wanted to publicly remember the fallen and never forget the attacks. They worked together to create the 9/11 Remembrance Motorcade.

Not to be confused with a celebratory parade, the motorcade is more somber. The CV motorcade incorporates the Early Rodders car meet members and their autos, local safety personnel and dignitaries. They travel throughout the Crescenta Valley, passing by schools, the sheriff's station, fire stations and other key locations. The goal is to remind everyone of the events of 9/11/01.

I've been honored to take part in the annual event, riding with my friend Stan. Sadly, Stan died earlier this year. I will be riding with another Early Rodder on Friday.

This year's 9/11 motorcade is on Friday, Sept. 9 instead of Sept. 11, since that is on a Sunday.

see ROBIN on page 19

*Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or by calling (818) 248-2740.*

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## Weather Watch By Mary O'KEEFE

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window Hurricane Kay

We have only one more day of blistering heat, according to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"There will be a drop off in temperature," said Ryan Kattell, NOAA meteorologist. "Friday will be [about] 105 [degrees Fahrenheit] then Saturday we will see 85 degrees."

We aren't expected to see much of a cool off on Friday night – just in the low 80s – but beginning Saturday the temperature should be a little cooler and we may see some rain. The amount is difficult to predict, Kattell said.

"Right now there are complicated factors," he said.

The complications come from Hurricane Kay that is now making its way toward Baja, California and portions of mainland northwestern Mexico through Saturday morning.

"Hurricane conditions are expected along portions of the west-central Baja California coast on Thursday and Thursday night, and a hurricane warning is in effect for the area," according to NOAA.

Hurricanes affecting California are rare. Hurricane Linda in 1997 was, for a while, thought to be coming to the coast of California; however, it turned back out into the ocean. There were some tropical storms in 1939 that did make it to land; however, Hurricane Kay is a little different.

"[Kay] is extremely rare in following this track and getting [so] close to [land-fall]," Kattell said. "In recorded history no storm has taken a track like this."

To review: We've experienced unusually high dew points/humidity, followed by record-breaking high temperatures and now a hurricane. Ah, the good ole days when all we had to worry about was rip-tides and earthquakes.

There does appear to be some rain coming brought by the hurricane to Southern California. San Diego will definitely see rain; however, for the Los Angeles area it is not clear how much rain will fall. It can be from ¼-to-one inch of rain. There will be wind as well, similar to Santa Anas, that will cause a drying effect ... but there will be rain, too.

"The rain will punch through the drying effect of the wind," Kattell added. "We are still looking at the numbers."

The actual center of the hurricane will stay off the coast so it's not expected to be like those old silent era films of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplain fighting against the winds – but there will be some winds. (For those who don't know who Buster Keaton or Charlie Chaplain are: for goodness sakes look them up!)

It is important to take weather warnings seriously. NOAA continues to track Hurricane Kay as it makes its way toward the California coast.

Saturday still shows a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, with a "chance of showers and thunderstorms" through Sunday. Temperatures will remain in the high 80s. The chance of rain decreases on Monday and on Tuesday it's expected to be clear with highs in the mid 80s.



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### GUEST SPEAKER AT VETS 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, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The new president and superintendent of Glendale Community College (GCC) Dr. Ryan Cornner will be at the breakfast and will speak briefly about GCC.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat. Volunteers will be weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive non-native 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, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com. Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and bring water to drink.

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.

### SPECIAL SPEAKER FOR CVHS COMMUNITY

The community is invited to a talk on mindfulness given by speaker, therapist, writer and teacher Dr. Christopher Willard on Monday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. at CVHS Macdonald Auditorium in the 4300 block of Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta.

Dr. Christopher Willard (PsyD) is a psychologist and educational consultant based in Boston specializing in mindfulness. He has been practicing meditation for 20 years and has led hundreds of workshops around the world, with invitations to more than two dozen countries. He currently serves on the board of directors at the Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy, and is the president of the Mindfulness in Education Network. He has presented at TEDx conferences and his thoughts have appeared in the New York Times, The Washington Post, mindful.org, and elsewhere. He is the author of 20 books, including "Child's Mind" (2010), "Growing Up Mindful" (2016) and "Raising Resilience" (2017) and others for parents, professionals and children, along with six sets of cards and therapeutic games, available in more than a dozen languages. He teaches at Harvard Medical School.

### CITY OF GLENDALE EXTENDS COOLING CENTER DAYS

The City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. is extending the operation of its cooling centers located at four community centers through Friday, Sept. 9. This is due to the updated weather forecasts calling for temperatures to remain over 95 degrees through the end of the week.

Additionally, the City is extending the hours of operation for splash pads until 8 p.m. daily through Sunday, Sept. 11. The splash pads are located at Cerritos Park and Pacific Park and will remain open until 8 p.m. instead of closing at 6 p.m. through Sunday.

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.

Residents are encouraged to visit [www.glendaleca.gov/beattheheat](http://www.glendaleca.gov/beattheheat) for the latest information and hours of operation at each location.

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, call (818) 548-3775.

### GUSD EXTENDS CONTRACT FOR SUPERINTENDENT

At its recent meeting the Glendale Unified Board of Education unanimously voted to extend the contract for Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian for another four years. Her new contract, effective immediately, will extend through August 2026.

Dr. Ekchian has served as Glendale Unified Superintendent of Schools since July 2019. Under Dr. Ekchian's leadership, Glendale Unified was recognized as a countywide model for successfully navigating the COVID-19 pandemic by offering child care in technology learning pods, developing essential practices for distance and hybrid instruction, implementing multiple layers of protection for campus health and safety, hosting 38 vaccination clinics, and offering on-site COVID-19 testing every school day at every school site.

## Book Signing, Giveaway of "Charlie Bubbles" Books

By Bethany BROWN

The Glendale Area Schools Credit Union is sponsoring a free book giveaway and book signing with local author Paul Carafotes on Friday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Carafotes is known for his "Charlie Bubbles" storybook series that first began with the publication of "The Adventures of Charlie Bubbles" in 2012.

The series follows the journeys of a young boy named Charlie – named after and inspired by Carafotes' real-life son. One day Charlie discovers that he can blow magic bubbles that can bring him to faraway incredible places. Through his adventures he meets many new friends and together they learn the values of friendship, loyalty, acceptance, humility and kindness.

Carafotes said the idea first came to him when his son Charlie was a baby; Carafotes would blow bubbles at him and watched as his eyes grew wide in amusement. Carafotes then pondered what would happen if there was a bubble big enough to carry the little boy away, fantasizing about the magical places he would go and the people he would meet – and thus, Charlie Bubbles was born.

Carafotes said he has continued to make every story different, with various themes and adventures because he learned from his personal experience that parents get tired of reading the same books to their children repeatedly.

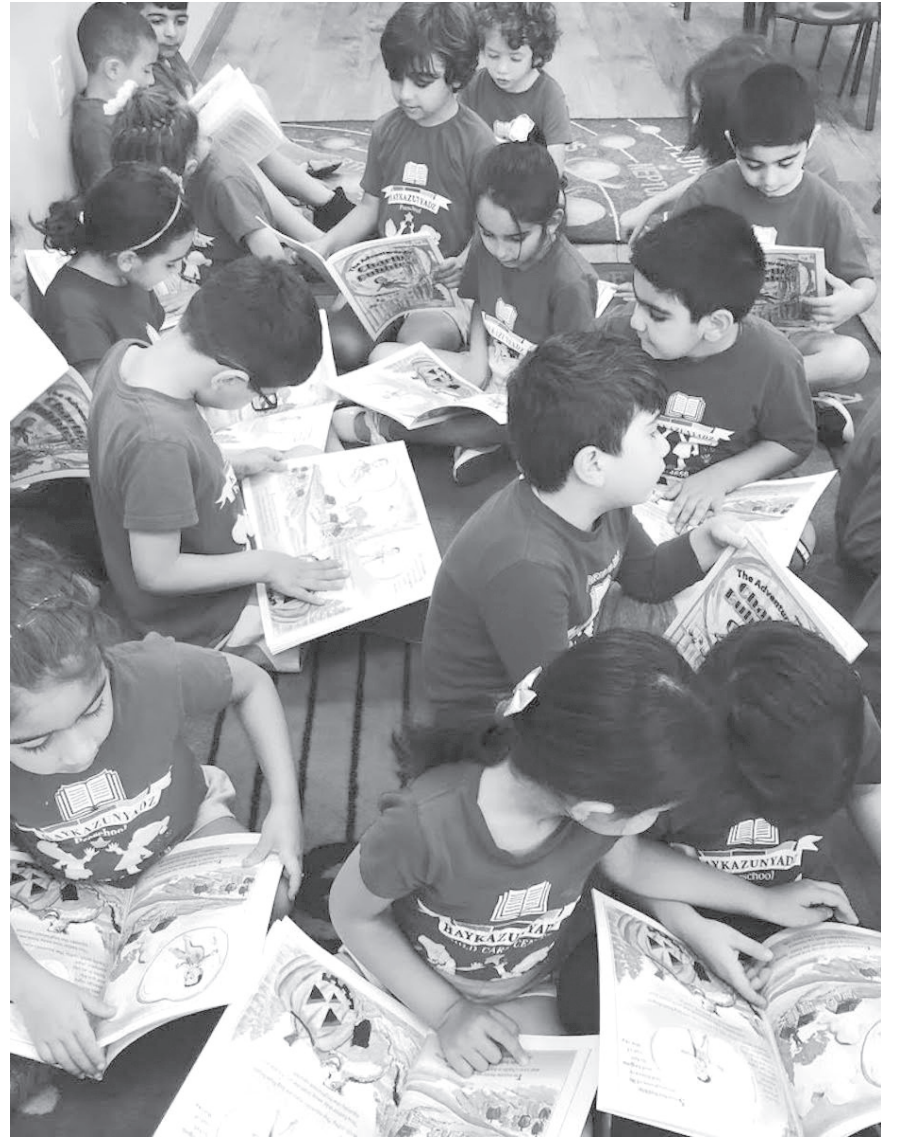
"I wanted to write a story that parents could also enjoy with the kids, so that it can be a very hands-on bonding experience because that's what it was for me and Charlie," he said.

Carafotes emphasized the goal of the books is to encourage children to be confident and courageous and believe that they can achieve anything they put their minds to. Charlie's motto throughout the series is to be "helpful, loving and kind" and he hopes those who read the books will feel inspired to live lives guided by that motto.

"It's a commentary on society and a reminder to people that if you want friends, you have to be a friend," he said. "One of the tenets [of the books] is that when you say 'yes' anything is possible but when you say 'no' nothing happens! So, say 'yes' and be kind."

During the COVID-19 lockdown, Charlie (who is 15 years old) followed in his father's footsteps and wrote his first book for the series, which is set to be released this November. It is called "Zena the Great" and is based on the family's Maltipoo dog. It is illustrated by local student Harper Pam. A special edition hardcover collection of all three of the original Charlie Bubbles books, "Charlie Bubbles Triple Play," was also recently released and is available for purchase.

Additionally, just over a year ago, Carafotes formed a charitable non-profit organization tied to the books called Charlie Bubbles Cares for Kids. The goal of the organization is to raise money so imaginative storybooks can be distributed to disadvantaged children "endeavoring a positive influence in their young lives." Charlie Bubbles Cares for Kids has been able to provide hundreds of books to children's hospitals, homeless shelters and schools in Los Angeles and San Diego



counties. Books have also been donated to Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

"We're really trying to expand and get books to children all over the country, not just locally," Carafotes said. "The more money we raise through donations, the more we can do ... at the end of the day we just want to bring smiles to children's faces."

To learn more about the organization and how to donate, visit <https://charliebubblesbook.com/>.

To take part in the book signing and giveaway on Friday, visit the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union, 1800 Broadview Dr., Glendale 91208 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Provided by Paul CARAFOTES

Children at Haykazunyadz Armenian School enjoy gifted "Charlie Bubbles" books. A book giveaway and signing will take place on Friday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at Glendale Area Schools Credit Union.

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# Witnesses Return to Knocking on Doors After 30-Month Pandemic Pause

Jehovah's Witnesses resumed their trademark door-to-door ministry on Sept. 1; the two-and-a-half-year suspension of the work ended just in time for the launch of a global campaign featuring an interactive program for Bible study.

The decision to resume their door-to-door ministry marks the complete restoration of all pre-pandemic in-person activities for the nearly 1.3 million Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States. Houses of worship (called Kingdom Halls) were reopened on April 1, witnessing in public places resumed on May 31, and in-person conventions are again being planned for 2023.

Former Los Angeles residents Ron and Ann McGriff are excited to reconnect with their community.

"I can't wait to get back and see how my neighbors are doing," said Ron. "My community is like my extended family. It's been such a long time since I've gotten to go out and talk to them face to face."

The suspension of the public ministry was a proactive response by the organization to keep communities and congregants safe. The move was also unprecedented. Jehovah's



Jehovah's Witnesses resume their door-to-door ministry after an unprecedented pause due to the pandemic. Provided by JW

Witnesses had been preaching from house to house without interruption for more than 100 years through an economic depression, two world wars and global unrest, but COVID-19 demanded a different response.

"We believe that the early decision to shut down all in-person activities for more than two years has saved many lives," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "We're now ready and eager to reconnect with our

neighbors once again – person to person, face to face. It's not the only way that we preach, but it has historically been the most effective way to deliver our message of comfort and hope."

The return to an in-person ministry coincides with a global campaign to offer an interactive Bible study program, available in hundreds of languages and offered at no cost. The course comes in the form of a printed book, online publication or as an embedded feature within the organization's free mobile application, JW Library. Released in late 2020, the interactive study platform combines text, video, illustrations and digital worksheets to help learners of all ages.

"This study program is designed to match the learning style of the 21st-century student," said Hendriks. "We're excited to begin sharing it with our neighbors as we return to making personal visits."

The pandemic forced Jehovah's Witnesses to quickly pivot to virtual meetings and conventions while conducting their ministry exclusively through letters, phone calls and virtual Bible studies. This has led to growth in meeting attendance and the number of congregants, with more than 400,000 newly baptized Witnesses joining the ranks of 120,000 congregations globally in just the first two years of the pandemic.

For more information about Jehovah's Witnesses, their history, beliefs and activities, visit their official website, jw.org, with content available in more than 1,000 languages.



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# 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

By Mary O'KEEFE

Californians have joined the rest of the nation in another way to access mental health professionals. They can dial or text 988.

By calling or texting 988, the caller will be connected with a mental health professional with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

"Too many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. There are urgent mental health realities driving the need for crisis service transformation across our country. In 2020 alone, the U.S. had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes – and for people aged 10-34 years, suicide is a leading cause of death," according to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers that help thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day. The centers are supported by local and state sources as well as the federal Dept. of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The 988 lifeline will provide confidential support 24/7 to people in suicide crisis or mental health-related distress.

In addition veterans, after dialing 988, can press "1" to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline, which serves U.S. veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members and those who support them. For those who want to text, veterans should continue to text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is in support of the new 988 program.

"I do think having a more easily recognizable number to remember will be a major benefit," said Jason Romero with NAMI Glendale.

The National Suicide Prevention Line used to be an 800 number. Romero said it was encouraging that 988 is a national effort rather than an effort community by community.

"Anyone can dial 988 and hopefully it will save some lives," he said.

This is a good first step in mental health wellness.

"We still need to push for more," he said including more mobile crisis units like those working with law enforcement departments including Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

He added there is still a social stigma when it comes to those dealing with serious mental illness.

The fact that there is a special system for veterans is also

something Romero sees as a positive step, especially because it is not just limited to veterans but also to their family and friends.

"Anyone can call, any family member [or caregiver]," he said.

# PET OF THE WEEK

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# Remembrance Motorcade: Remember, Honor, Respect

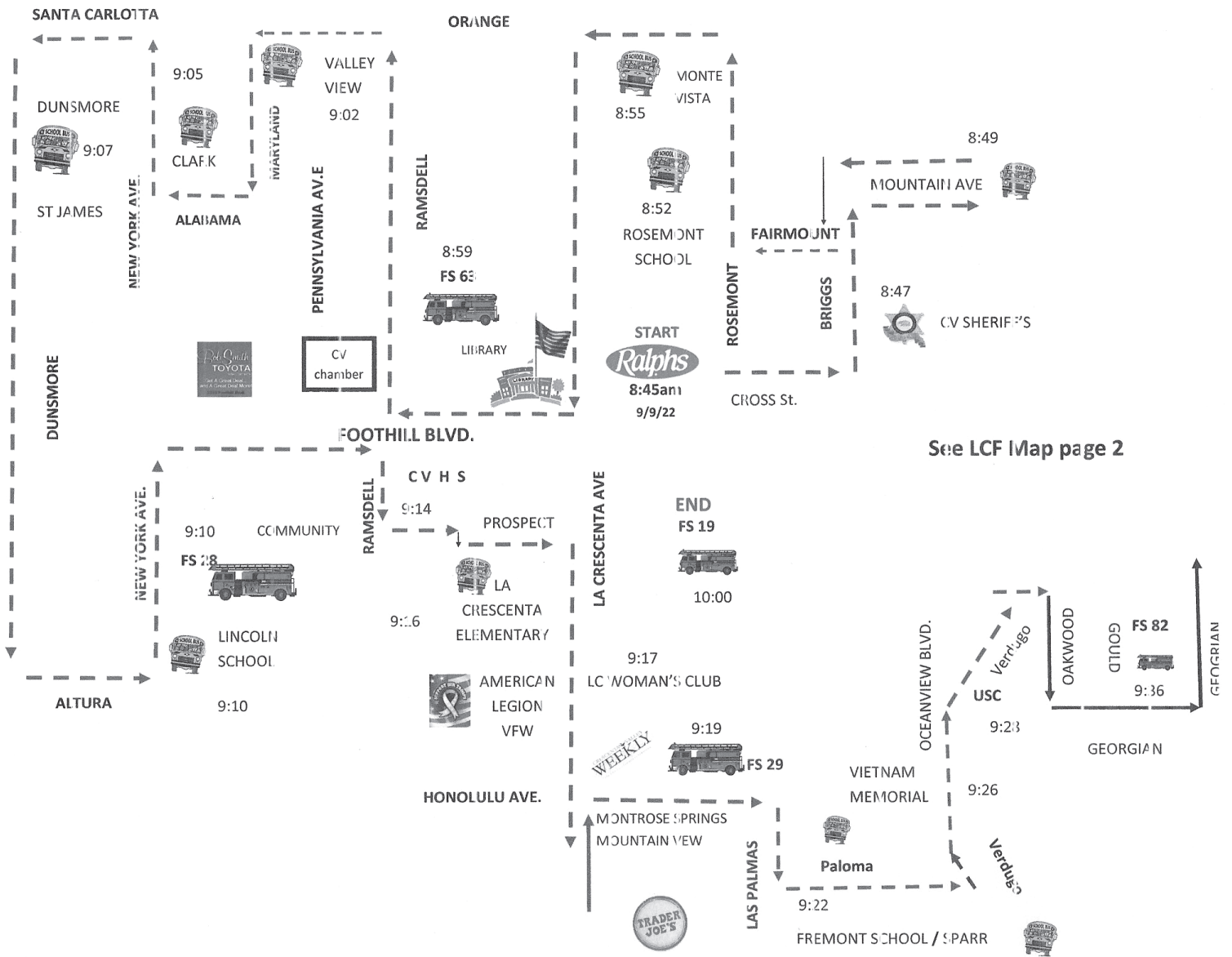
The 9/11 Remembrance Motorcade is taking place on Friday, Sept. 9. According to organizers, the motorcade is on Friday for two reasons: the first is that 9/11 is on Sunday and the motorcade doesn't take place on Sunday; and on Friday the local

schools are open giving students the chance to observe the classic vehicles that will passing most of the public schools.

According to Dwight Sityar, one of the organizers of the motorcade and a member of the Early Rodders car meet, 50 classic

cars are expected to take part in Friday's event along with safety personnel.

The map below outlines the planned route. The motorcade begins at 8:45 a.m. at Ralphs Market in La Crescenta.



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*Obituary*

**Eleanor “Ellie” Baker**



Aug. 30, 1938 – Aug. 13, 2022

Eleanor “Ellie” Baker passed away in Glendale on Aug. 13. She was 83.

Ellie was born in Los Angeles and in the fifth grade moved with her family – mom Dolores, father Pillar and brothers Michael, Paul and John – to Glendale where she lived her entire life.

She attended Holy Family Grade School and Holy Family High School, graduating in 1957. She continued to attend Holy Family Church her entire life.

Ellie was a real estate broker for over 40 years starting her career at Los Feliz Properties. She then moved into a management position at Red Carpet Realty in Beverly Hills before landing at Dorn, Platz & Company in Glendale.

She had a heart for the less fortunate and was particularly active with the Glendale Board of Realtors where she could be found every holiday season working on its can tree drive or ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettles.

Ellie was an expert crafter making wreaths, sweatshirts with appliques and other arts and crafts items that would be donated for various fundraisers (though she did make sure to hold back some items for family).

Ellie had a great sense of humor and lit up any room she entered.

Married in 1958 to Ronald Baker, they divorced in 1973.

Ellie is pre-deceased by her parents and her brothers Paul and John. She is survived by her brother Michael Martinez; son Ron (Patti) and daughter Rhonda; two granddaughters, two grandsons and one great granddaughter and one great grandson.

A service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 209 E. Lomita Ave. in Glendale. Burial will be held on Friday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery, 4201 Whittier Blvd. in Los Angeles.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Holy Family Church “Building Our Future” campaign.

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*Obituary*

**Rocco P. Arre**



Aug. 25, 2022

Rocco Peter Arre of La Crescenta passed away on Aug. 25. He was 90 years old. He was born and raised in Easton, Pennsylvania as the only child of John and Lena Arre. He earned a B.S. degree in economics from Florida Southern College. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy for four years and became a medical corpsman in the Marine Corps. He and his parents eventually moved to La Crescenta in 1961.

Rocky, as he was affectionately known, found his soul mate and the love of his life, Palma, in Italy and the two were married and inseparable for 61 years. They had three children but, sadly, their eldest daughter Gina died from leukemia at the age of 13.

Rocky worked as a salesman for G.E. for many years until he became successful in real estate and restaurant ownership. He loved to travel with his extended and immediate family and had traveled extensively throughout the world. He truly enjoyed cruising the most. One of his favorite pastimes was watching old movies on TV, which he did much of in his later years.

Generous to a fault, he provided love and security to his family. His children – Gina, Linda and John – his daughter-in-law Janice and son-in-law Michael, and his grandchildren, Kyle, Zachary, Dylan, Juliana and Johnny, meant the world to him. A piece of him died when his beloved Johnny died at the tender age of 7. The enormity of losing not only a child, but a grandchild too, certainly weighed heavily on him but he never lost his zest for life. He was not only a man of big physical stature, but he also had a large personality to match. He loved making other people laugh with his stories and uninhibited remarks.

Rocky is survived by his wife, Palma Arre; two children, Linda Warner (husband Michael) and John Arre (wife Janice); grandchildren Kyle, Zachary, and Dylan Warner and Juliana Arre.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, Sept. 12 at Holy Redeemer Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. in Montrose with a rosary starting at 10:30 a.m. and service immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rocky’s name to Holy Redeemer Church or to the charity of your choice.

**CRIME BLOTTER**

**Sept. 2**

500 block of Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta, a man’s door surveillance footage activated. He saw a man in his 20s walking in his front yard. The suspect approached the front of the house and peeked through the front door’s window. The suspect began to tamper with the doorknob then paced back and forth holding what was later identified as a knife in his hand. The resident, in fear for his life and his family’s safety, grabbed his firearm and told the suspect to leave. The suspect then walked off the property.

The residents then called law enforcement at 11:33 p.m.

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a man reported taking his sister and a friend to the bank. When he returned to the vehicle he was unable to start it. Due to his sister’s medical condition he flagged down Glendale police to help transport them to their home. The officer transported the man and his sister, leaving the friend in the parking lot. When the man returned to his car, which was left unlocked, he found several items including a cellphone had been stolen. He called his friend who at first admitted to having his phone and would bring it to him but then changed his mind.

The man believes the friend stole the other items as well. The theft was reported at 5 a.m.

**Sept. 1**

4700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in La Cañada Flintridge, a lawnmower was stolen from the bed of a pickup truck. Surveillance footage showed a dark-colored Ford pickup with a camper shell drive past the location several times. The suspect’s vehicle eventually stopped alongside the victim’s pickup and then drove out of sight.

The theft occurred at 2:30 p.m.

3700 block of Berwick Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a glass sliding door had been shattered, several rooms had been ransacked and items were stolen from a home between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

3900 block of Durham Place in La Cañada Flintridge, a glass door was shattered and personal items were stolen from a home between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**Aug. 31**

5400 block of Pineridge Drive in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find a sliding glass door had been smashed, several rooms had been ransacked and a safe had been broken into. Several items were stolen.

The burglary occurred between 12:10 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

4400 block of Cloud Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle. A resident reported hearing the sound of a motorized

saw. She looked outside and saw a man underneath a truck parked near her residence. The woman started to record the incident with her cellphone camera. She handed the phone to her husband who continued to record. The resident went to her front window, banged on it to get the attention of the suspect and then yelled at him. The suspect quickly got out from underneath the truck, carrying its catalytic converter and placed it in the bed of the truck and entered the front passenger side door. The vehicle drove off.

The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, about 6’ tall, weighing 180 pounds with tattoos on both arms. At the time he was wearing a grey T-shirt, dark colored shorts, a dark colored baseball cap and a black facemask. The suspect got into a grey Toyota Tacoma pickup truck. The theft occurred at 10:05 p.m.

4800 block of Del Monte Road in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at 3:42 a.m.

**Aug. 26**

3900 block of Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, while a gardener was working at a residence a witness came to him to say s/he saw two men, described as Black adults, loading a lawn mower out of the gardener’s truck and into the back of a Burgundy Jeep Cherokee SUV then fled the area. There were other witnesses who shared similar information.

It was found that several pieces of equipment/tools had been stolen at 10:30 a.m.

5500 block of Godbey Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a Skid-Steer loader [a small piece of heavy equipment] was stolen between 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 26 and 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 27.

**Aug. 25**

Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a call concerning a bike stolen from the front of a bus. The bus driver reported that the suspect, described as a White male, 6’ tall and weighing 180 pounds with blond hair and wearing a dark T-shirt and shorts, attempted to enter the bus at the bus stop. The driver told him he had to wear a mask; the suspect got angry, started yelling at the driver and refused to wear a mask. He told the driver he had just been released from the Crescenta Valley jail and needed to get on the bus. Again he was not let on because he would not wear a mask. He stepped out of the bus and stole the bicycle that was on a rack in the front of the bus. The bike was the property of one of the bus passengers.

The theft occurred at 3:30 p.m.

**Aug. 24**

900 Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, personal items were stolen from a vehicle between 6:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.



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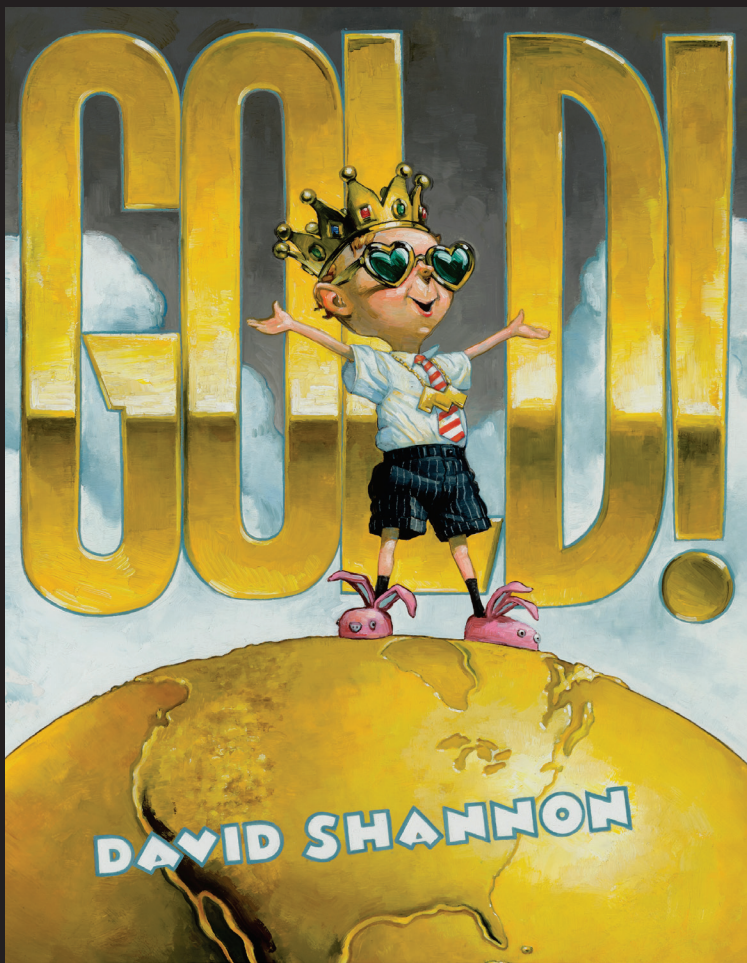
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# Vector Control Confirms First Detection of St. Louis Encephalitis Virus in Los Angeles County this Season

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD/District) has confirmed the first detection of St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) in Los Angeles County this year. The virus was detected in a mosquito sample collected in the city of San Fernando. In addition to the detection of SLEV, the District received 43 new positive mosquito samples for West Nile virus bringing the District's total to 178 this year. This is the first detection of WNV for the season in the following communities: Carson, Lakewood, Montebello, Sherman Oaks, West Hills and Woodland Hills.

"St. Louis encephalitis can be transmitted by the native Culex mosquito species that can also

transmit West Nile virus," said Director of Scientific-Technical Services Steve Vetrone. "The symptoms and transmission of St. Louis encephalitis virus are also very similar to West Nile virus, but this virus is not as commonly transmitted in Los Angeles County."

While this is the first detection of SLEV for the season, the last detection of the virus in the District's service area was in 2016 in the cities of La Mirada and Whittier. However, WNV activity continues to be confirmed throughout the County and vector control officials urge residents to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

"Mosquitoes that can transmit WNV and SLEV are most active

at dusk and dawn," said Anais Medina Diaz, public information officer. "If residents enjoy the cooler hours of the morning and night during the heat wave, it is incredibly important they take measures to protect themselves from mosquitoes."

Because there is no human vaccine or cure for WNV and SLEV, residents must be proactive against mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend products with the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus as

being safe and effective against mosquitoes that can transmit disease when used according to the labels.

To reduce the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods, residents are asked to:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, bird baths and other

small containers weekly.

- Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

For more information, residents can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656, online at [www.GLAmosquito.org](http://www.GLAmosquito.org), or on social media Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

### TRUCKS from Cover

Corrales who mentioned a Touch-A-Truck event she had attended previously with her children and how much fun it was for her family.

"We thought, 'What if we combine the two?' We could have a cancer awareness/fundraiser where we could have booths that share resources, and partner it with a Touch-A-Truck event," Tate said.

The upcoming Touch-A-Truck event has grown and will include several information booths from Glendale Adventist Hospital, City of Hope and the American Cancer Society. Tate said there are many resources for people with cancer and their caregivers/families but many do not know about them.

"We heard from [representatives of] the American Cancer Society who said people miss their cancer [medical] appointments because they do not have a ride," Tate said as an example.

Several programs can help with transportation and with support. The Touch-A-Truck event will bring this type of information to the community.

In addition to the booths, the Elks Lodge of Glendale will be hosting a pancake breakfast with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee at a fee of \$10 per ticket. The Soroptimist International of Glendale is also having a raffle and will also donate

all proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

But it's the Touch-A-Truck part of the program that will be the big draw for kids.

The event continues to expand with the community coming together to support the GPD efforts. Tate is meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Crescenta Valley Station hoping to get more vehicles to participate, like Montrose Search and Rescue vehicles.

The event is on Sunday, Sept. 25 and is free to attend. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, email [atate@glendaleca.gov](mailto:atate@glendaleca.gov) or [scorrales@glendaleca.gov](mailto:scorrales@glendaleca.gov) or call (818) 548-4015.

### REHAB from Cover

In addition there would be a bike lane on each side of La Crescenta Avenue with protective barriers and the addition of a center two-way left turn lane, according to the City.

**Alternative 2.** Alternative 2 would be a class III bike route with shared roadway markings called "Sharrows." The Sharrows proposal would include wider travel lanes to accommodate cyclists and drivers; there would be shared lane markings to alert drivers of bicyclists. The basic change would be to the lane closest to the sidewalks, or outside lane, that would be marked as a bike lane that would be shared with vehicles, according to the City.

There have been definite sides taken by residents between Alternative 1 and Alternative 2. Here are some opinions by those who have taken a stand on their choice:

**Pro Alternative 1.** Alek Bartrosouf is a resident in the Citrus Grove area of Glendale, which is farther south of the La Crescenta Avenue Rehab project. He was on the City of Glendale's Transportation and Parking Commission, the City's Sustainability

Commission and has a degree in urban planning.

Bartrosouf takes issue with the [La Crescenta Rehabilitation] project being characterized as purely a bike project.

"It is to improve safety of the corridor for people walking and biking," he said.

It is also to improve safety for vehicles, he added.

"There has been a pattern of

collisions - 83 collisions in the last five years," he said.

He added that several of those accidents are either rear-end collisions or broadside accidents. He said that these types of collisions are common when there are no center turn lanes, which La Crescenta Avenue does not have.

Alternative 2, he said, is

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REHAB from page 8

“keeping it the way it is.”

“Alternative 2 is [keeping the road] in the status quo and accepting the existing condition,” he said.

His argument for Alternative 1, at its foundation, is safety stating this choice will slow down traffic, something he has seen when these types of lane configurations are done.

“As transportation planners [we see] direct benefits,” he said, adding that in theory there will be at least a 30% reduction in car crashes.

And that 30% estimate is low.

With speeding an issue in the City and the cause of numerous accidents, he feels Alternative 1 would reduce drivers’ speed because all vehicular traffic will be in one lane instead of two.

Bartosouf added he understands the concerns of those who oppose Alternative 1, including cut-through traffic into nearby neighborhoods, but feels there are options that can be used to reduce this risk.

“You can put in right turn restrictions for morning [traffic],” he said.

He added that speed bumps are also an option.

He said he has spoken to residents who park along La Crescenta Avenue near Oakmont Drive who have had their vehicles broadsided – and worse – due to speeding traffic.

Joaquin Siques agrees with Bartosouf in support of Alternative 1. He is a resident of Sparr Heights, two houses in from La Crescenta Avenue, and is a registered traffic engineer in Pasadena.

“Overall, Alternative 1 provides a greater level of safety for pedestrians,” he said.

He added that presently southbound vehicles weave in

and out of traffic as each tries to find the fastest route down the street. Siques said the sidewalks in the area are narrow so when two pedestrians meet when walking in opposite directions, many times one person has to walk into the street to get past the other. That is a safety issue, he said, as cars are traveling so fast along La Crescenta Avenue. This is especially a concern near Fremont Elementary School.

He, too, understands the concern about cut-through traffic.

“No one wants additional traffic on their street like Sycamore [Avenue],” he said. But he feels the cut-through traffic will be no greater with Alternative 1 than it is now.

“Alternative 2 doesn’t change anything. There are basically the same number of lanes and bikes will still travel in the same lane as cars,” he said. “I looked at [this [project]] as a complete safety project rather than a bike safety project.”

*Pro Alternative 2.* Patrick Murphy has attended several of the outreach meetings concerning the La Crescenta Rehabilitation project and is a resident of Sycamore Woods on Sycamore Avenue. He supports Alternative 2.

“There are several reasons [Alternative] 2 is better. First, it keeps the two lanes and avoids cut-through traffic into neighborhoods with very limited lighting and no sidewalks [as in Sycamore Woods] and Sparr Heights. Secondly, it provides for ease of egress in the event of an emergency to the north or west,” Murphy said.

His main concern regarding Alternative 1 is cut-through traffic. Area residents say they have seen drivers cut through

Sycamore Avenue in the past to avoid traffic congestion.

“The project calls for a bike lane that is 1.6 miles long and does not connect with a bike lane on Verdugo or Cañada Boulevard. This feels like a bike lane to nowhere,” he added. “La Crescenta Avenue needs to have improvements that slow traffic for the safety of everyone. For example, speed limits should be reduced to 25 mph due to the downhill topography. Speed monitors should be installed and enforcement should be enhanced, at least at the beginning.”

At outreach meetings, City officials had told residents of mitigation measures to help with cut-through traffic if it becomes an issue; however, Murphy said they have not been contacted by the City about implementing specific measures.

Murphy attended a recent Transportation and Parking Commission meeting.

“I was there and spoke and listened to the concerns of both parents and students from [Fremont] Elementary School,” he said. “There is no doubt they are worried; however, reducing down to one lane is not the only design that will slow traffic and actually may not stop the speeding.”

Julia Leeper is a resident of Sycamore Woods. She has been a longtime neighborhood activist, including as a lead for her Neighborhood Watch. Her concern also focuses on cut-through traffic.

It is important to note that Sycamore Avenue and other streets in the area do not have sidewalks or streetlights.

“The City acknowledges

Sycamore Woods can expect increased traffic as drivers seek to avoid congestion at Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues and will be guided by the app Waze to turn on Cloud, Ramsdell, Glenwood, Oakendale and Invale,” she said.

Waze is a driving application that provides driving directions based on live traffic updates. The app has often led drivers through small neighborhoods to avoid congestion.

“As the Neighborhood Watch block captain for Sycamore Woods, I consider this a serious safety issue for pedestrians since we do not have sidewalks and very little lighting. Many neighbors walk in the evening with their pets and children, and when it gets dark early there is an increased safety concern. In addition, neighbors often report cars driving much too fast – so the increased traffic would also increase the risk to safety. I remember all too well a terrible situation years back when a family was struck by a car while out for a walk after

dinner. The driver did not see them due to poor lighting,” Leeper added. “This could happen in our neighborhood.”

She added that Alternative 1 would increase traffic in Sycamore Woods.

She has contacted the City about what would need to happen if Alternative 1 were implemented and that City officials would need to provide solutions to mitigate the traffic through Sycamore Woods.

“I have suggested speed bumps, making Cloud a cul-de-sac, add signs restricting access during certain hours and adding four-way stops to all cross streets [currently Ramsdell has a two-way stop that cars frequently breeze through. I have avoided numerous accidents myself],” she said. “To date I have not heard from anyone in the City indicating they are considering any of the suggestions to mitigate the traffic.”

The Glendale City Council is scheduled to vote for Alternative 1 or Alternative 2 on Sept. 13 at their regular Council meeting.

# GPD REPORTS

## Male Arrested for Identity Theft

Just before 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 25, a Glendale PD patrol officer responded to a gas station on the 300 block of South Verdugo Road regarding a male who was parked at a gas pump for an extended period of time and refusing to leave.

The officer contacted the male, identified as 30-year-old Raffe Mirzakhanyan of Glendale, who stated he needed a jump for the car. Assisting units arrived and a consensual pat down of Mirzakhanyan produced a folded knife and a piece of foil with burnt residue. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced more drug paraphernalia along with a prescription of Buprenorphine in someone else’s name, and several

documents containing other people’s personal identifying information. Mirzakhanyan was subsequently arrested and booked for identity theft, possessing narcotics and controlled substance paraphernalia.



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## Montrose's Noon Whistle

From 1929 until 1960, a steam whistle, just like a train whistle, would sound off at noon each day in downtown Montrose. It was a powerful whistle and could be heard two miles away. The whistle was part of the fabric of the community and old timers remembered depending on its loud toot to know when was lunch break. The whistle came from Thompson Brothers Cleaners then located right on Honolulu Ave. at 2275. (That's where the venerable Critters store was, along with Wood and Things.) They did laundry, dyeing and dry cleaning. When Thompson Brothers Cleaners opened in 1929, they mounted a whistle on their roof, powered by steam from their steam plant.

Steam for a cleaning service? What was the steam for? This led me down an educational rabbit hole for laundry and dry cleaning, which

I hope you will find as interesting as I did.

Commercial laundry services, popular in large cities, were labor-intensive operations. Steam powered machinery became increasingly available after the mid-1800s and the "steam laundry" became a common feature in American cities. The steam boilers powered the big washing machines as well as providing the hot water, and provided steam for the steam presses. These industrial plants were mainly operated by armies of poor women, called washerwomen, overseen by a few rich men. The washerwomen had a pugnacious culture and pushed back hard on their bosses, producing some epic late-1800 labor clashes.

The French were the supposed originators of dry cleaning, using solvents to remove stains, and

thus was born the term "French Laundry." Although the French have the reputation of being the fathers of dry cleaning, it was actually a Black American who first invented the process. A New York tailor, a free Black man, filed a patent for dry cleaning in 1821, long before the French grabbed the title. As the first African American to be granted a patent, he was the subject of much controversy and resentment. He plowed his earnings from the patented process into the abolitionist movement.

Okay, so I went way down the rabbit hole. Back to Montrose and Thompson Brothers Cleaners.

They had steam power for their cleaning operations and they had attached this steam whistle on the roof of the building in 1929. Initially the whistle was sounded by hand at noon each day, but eventually they attached it to a time clock and it blew automatically. The only time it was sounded outside of the regular noon blast was on the day WWII ended when it joined the celebratory horn honking in Montrose.

But in 1960, Thompson Brothers stopped using steam in their operation and the steam whistle was silenced. It sat quietly atop their roof until 1966 when Thompson Brothers moved to their new location at 2020 Thompson Court. (They are still there today, behind Black Cow Restaurant.)

So what happened to the whistle? Soon after the move, the editor of the Ledger, the local paper, inquired about the whistle. That led the Thompson family on a search. It wasn't on top of the building anymore. They found the demolition company that had cleared out the old location on Honolulu. The demolition company remembered the odd steam whistle. They had sold it to an antique dealer. The Thompsons tracked down the dealer. He still had the whistle, and sold it back to them for \$25. The Thompsons brought it back to Montrose and sounded it a few more times, presumably with compressed air, before retiring it permanently.

The Thompson family sold the business many years ago. A few years back I was manning the booth

for the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley at the Montrose Harvest Market. A couple of guys came up and we got to talking. Turns out they were Thompsons, probably grandkids. Did they still have the whistle? Yes, but it didn't work anymore; I think they said it was bent. We talked about restoring it, but nothing ever came of it, and I guess it's still in someone's garage somewhere.

Typical of the pursuit of local history: rabbit holes, vague stories from the past and missed opportunities.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Solar Power: Not the End All, Be All

I have had a solar power system on line for eight (8) months. A lot of people who I have talked with seem to think that when the sun comes up they have full power until the sun goes down. That is not the way it works. I am sure that everyone who has a solar system with monitoring knows what I mean.

I have what some observers would call a small system. My system is comprised of nine Qcell 340 watt panels (DC) and nine Enphase IQ7+72-2-US micro inverters (dc to ac). There are six panels facing south and three panels facing west. All panels have a 20-degree tilt. There are no batteries. My goal was to defray some of the Edison expense during the summer A/C usage and not spend a fortune. So far I feel my goal has been met. Looking at the history for yesterday and today (so far) the system produced 16.6-kilowatt hours per day. That is combined total for the day. The breakdown is .01kwh at 7 a.m., .9kwh at 9 a.m., 2.2kwh at 1p.m. and .6kwh at 6 p.m. Now spread that out to all solar production in this county and you can get an idea of how much solar production varies throughout the day. The amount will get less every day. Yesterday we had 13 hours and 16 minutes of daylight. Today it will be 13 hours and 14 minutes (if the Daily News weather section is anywhere near accurate).

The main point is that we cannot survive on solar alone. We will need battery backup or some other source of reliable power to cover the hourly changes. That will need any energy force, such as falling water, splitting atoms or burning some kind of fuel. The only

reliable source of wind that we have is concentrated in Sacramento. While we are lowering our living standards China is building new coal plants.

Last note. As far as I can see, this state does not have any recycling program for the total electric and hybrid car batteries. The Toyota Prius has been out for over 25 years. Batteries have or will be replaced. What is the plan for recycling the batteries?

Tom Suter  
La Crescenta

#### Points of Concern Regarding LA Zoo Funding

In the article about the Los Angeles Zoo receiving \$2.2 million from the state that will help with its Vision Plan for future changes and upgrades, I feel it is necessary to mention that there are major concerns about certain aspects of the plan that the public may not know about.

I am with Friends of Griffith Park, which has been very involved in analyzing the project for several years and providing feedback. The Zoo has listened and made some significant changes and for that FoGP is grateful. But – and there is always a but – the plan still has other problem items.

The critical one includes a proposed massive hillside excavation around the California Area of an undeveloped, largely native habitat of 16.1 acres to create Condor Corridor through a natural ridgeline feature. It may require 6,000 dump truck trips to haul out 74,000 cubic yards of rock and earth. They would also plop a huge new California Visitor Center on top of the ridgeline, which would be seen from far away.

The Zoo is inside the boundaries of the Park and this project would extend its current footprint outside its boundaries and raze undeveloped land, which would disrupt the native wildlife and vegetation.

FoGP is not the only organization having problems with this. David Eisenberg, chair of the Verdugo Hills Group – Sierra Club, said that a collaborative effort with the Sierra Club's Central Group and Griffith Park Section has collected 400 signatures to be taken to the city council.

There are several more issues with the Vision Plan that can be explained at FoGP's website <https://friendsofgriffithpark.org/lazoo>. I urge interested Park users to read it.

I want to make clear that FoGP fully supports the Zoo's mission of excellent animal care conservation, outreach and education but without destroying a hillside.

Carol Brusha  
Glendale

#### Applauds Mary's Weather Watch

Just want to acknowledge the tremendous work Mary O'Keefe is doing on writing about the local weather since the very sad passing of Sue Kilpatrick (we still miss her).

Besides her other quality writing, Mary has undertaken a crash course in meteorology and doing a marvelous job in reporting on local weather and our global environment. As a longtime "Twilight Zone" fan, I particularly appreciated her connection last Thursday to the iconic episode, "The Midnight Sun." Great information and wonderful creativity. Thanks!

Tom Lusby  
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**NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON**

“Labor Day marks not just the triumph of worker’s spirit but a renewal of fertile goddess of creativity dignity.” Unknown

I hope you all had a Happy Labor Day.

**CVHS Back to School BBQ.** Today, Thursday, Sept 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the quad at Crescenta Valley High School is the Back to School BBQ. Come and support Prom Plus (funds raised will benefit the post-prom party in 2023). Complete meal includes choice of hamburger, hot dog or sausage – donated by Gelsinger’s – and additional items donated by local residents and businesses. Just \$7 per meal.

**Happy Anniversary, Montrose Search and Rescue!** This year marks the 75th anniversary and we are recognizing this milestone event at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance to the event is free and will feature dignitaries, former team members and members of the communities who have benefitted over the years by Montrose SAR. The opening ceremony will include a welcome by Sheriff Villanueva as well as a fly-over by LASD Air Rescue 5 helicopter. Supervisor Kathryn Barger is a sponsor of the event.

The Montrose Search and Rescue team has been serving the community and saving lives since 1947 and we would like to thank the community for its support over the past 75 years.

**It’s hot out this week!** Make sure those who are at higher risk of heat exhaustion, especially children, seniors and pets, are cared for and cool. You can beat the heat by visiting one of the free cooling centers in the area to access some air conditioning or enjoy fun in the sun at a local pool or splash pad.

**Mark your calendars!** On Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. the La Crescenta Library is hosting “Prioritizing Mental Health and Substance Abuse” presented by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, LA County Public Health Dept., GUSD Superintendent Dr.

Vivian Ekchian and the CVTC Outreach Committee.

On Oct. 14 it’s the CVTC Annual Pancake Breakfast!

On Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, the Dept.

of Regional Planning from the County of Los Angeles will make a presentation to the community.

SB9 – The California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act facilitates the process for 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.

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And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. For those who have an interest in attending or participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to contact the CVTC on Thursday,

Sept. 15 between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at [contact@thevcouncil.com](mailto:contact@thevcouncil.com). In addition to in-person, meetings are held via Zoom; ID 956-9812-8070; password 750226.

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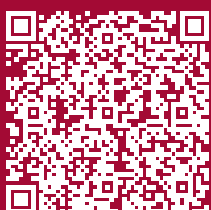
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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA – September 2022

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Most theaters have returned to normal operations again; however, county mandates for mask requirements are still being decided as we go to press, so please check the current guidelines before leaving to attend any performances. COVID protocols also vary from venue to venue; proof of vaccination may still need to be shown and/or a mask might have to be worn during a show, so please check with the theater before attending an event to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, check with the theater to confirm before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running at this time:

*“Animal Farm”* Revolt is afoot at Manor Farm when downtrodden beasts of burden rise up against the cruel Farmer Jones. But self-ruled animal utopia quickly gives way to the temptations of power and privilege in Peter Hall’s fast-moving musical adaptation of George Orwell’s savage satire.

Written by George Orwell, adapted for the stage by Peter Hall, with music by Richard Peaslee, lyrics by Adrian Mitchell and directed by Julia Rodriguez-Elliott, it runs Sept. 3 through Oct. 2 at the A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 353-3100 or visit [www.anoisewithin.org](http://www.anoisewithin.org).



*“Being Future Being”* delves into the power of creation, building a visual, aural and ancestral landscape of indigenous power. By (re)building new visions of the forces that brought this world into being, the multilayered performance becomes a site for transformation, ushering into focus new futures with the potential to reshape the way we relate to ourselves, our environment and to the human and more-than-human cohabitants of our world.

Written and directed by Emily Johnson, it runs Sept. 8 through Sept. 10 at the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage in Santa Monica. For tickets, call (310) 434-3200 or visit [www.broadstage.org](http://www.broadstage.org).

secrets. She is determined that her son will not follow in his father’s footsteps, but when Oswald returns from France, she discovers that she may be too late.

Written by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Richard Eyre and directed by Bart DeLorenzo, it runs Sept. 8 through Oct. 23 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 Ext. 2 or visit [www.OdysseyTheatre.com](http://www.OdysseyTheatre.com).

*“Bearings”* Richard Kalvar crossed a line. He did something he never thought he would do; and then something happened. It must have because things no longer make sense. Rich has lost his bearings. Can Detective Mike Salcedo help him piece together the weird, passionate, hilarious fragments of his shattered life and make sense of them again? Can Kalvar regain his bearings?

Written and directed by Matt Chait, it runs Sept. 9 through Oct. 9 at the Flight Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/bearings-tickets-395606518747](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bearings-tickets-395606518747).

*“Bright Blue Sky”* A heartfelt original musical that follows the personal accounts of an everyday group of people in the North Tower of the World Trade Center on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

Written and directed by Vincent Aniceto, with music by Tim Nelson, it runs Sept. 9 through Sept. 18 at the Rose Center Theater in Westminster. For tickets, visit [www.rosecentertheater.com](http://www.rosecentertheater.com).



*“Nunsense”* is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Sadly, the rest of the sisterhood died from botulism after eating vichyssoise prepared by Sister Julia Child of God. Thus, the remaining nuns – ballet-loving Sister Leo, streetwise Sister Robert Anne, befuddled Sister Mary Amnesia, the Mother Superior Sister Regina and mistress of the novice Sister Mary Hubert – stage a talent show to raise the money to bury their dearly departed. With catchy songs and irreverent comedy, “Nunsense” is sure to keep audiences rolling with laughter.

Written by Dan Goggin, with music by Dan Goggin, and directed by Alta Abbott, it runs Sept. 9 through Oct. 2 at the Theatre Palisades in Pacific Palisades. For tickets, call (310) 454-1970 or visit [www.theatrepalisades.org](http://www.theatrepalisades.org).

*“Silent Sky”* When astronomer Henrietta Leavitt begins work at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, she doesn’t begin by looking through a telescope. She joins a group of women “computers,” charting the stars as a vital part of the world’s first study of the sky done from photographs. As Henrietta, in her free time, attempts to measure the light and distance of stars, she also takes measure of her life on Earth, trying to balance her dedication to science with family obligations and the possibility of love. Based on the life of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, “Silent Sky” explores a woman’s place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries.

Written by Lauren Gunderson, and directed by Barbara Schofield, it runs Sept. 9 through Oct. 9 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org).

*“Almost, Maine”* Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place so far north, it’s barely in the United States, where the residents are so disorganized it’s not quite a town. On one cold clear winter’s night, as the Northern Lights float magically in a star-filled sky, the inhabitants of Almost find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. In nine entwined stories, strangers become friends, friends become lovers and lovers become strangers. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend – almost.

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/LEISURE](http://CVWeekly.com/LEISURE).



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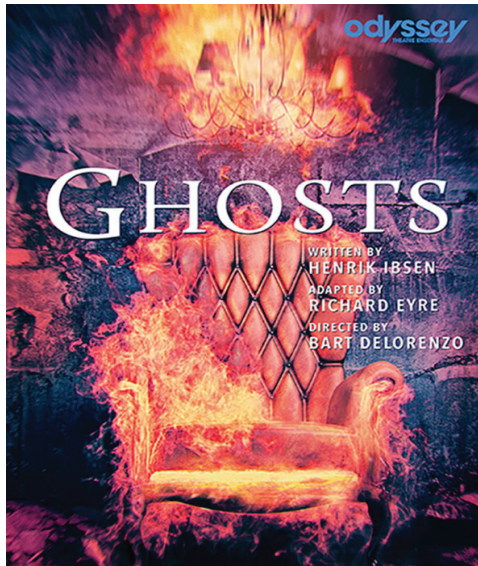
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Written by Katelyn Schiller and Nick Rheinwald Jones, with music by Weston Gaylord, and directed by Katelyn Schiller, it runs Sept. 8 through Oct. 2 at (a private residence) in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit [www.spybrunch.ticketleap.com/dragon-show-extended](http://www.spybrunch.ticketleap.com/dragon-show-extended).



*“Ghosts”* As widow Helene Alving tries to start her life anew after the death of her philandering husband, she must confront the ghosts of the past and the weight of her own

# Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series at Brand Library & Art Center

The 2022 Brand Summer Music Series continues its outdoor concerts at Brand Library & Art Center (1601 W. Mountain St. Glendale) on Fridays through Sept. 16. These concerts begin at 7 p.m. and feature music groups from Southern California and beyond. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides of Brand Park behind the library. Performances run approximately 60-90 minutes without intermission.

On Sept. 9, Eva and the Vagabond Tales will perform. Eva and the Vagabond Tales

is a multi-instrumental music project centered around the songwriting of Russian-born Eva Khachiyani. The songs combine pop, western, old folk and ragtime influences. The band had a residency at Downtown Disney.

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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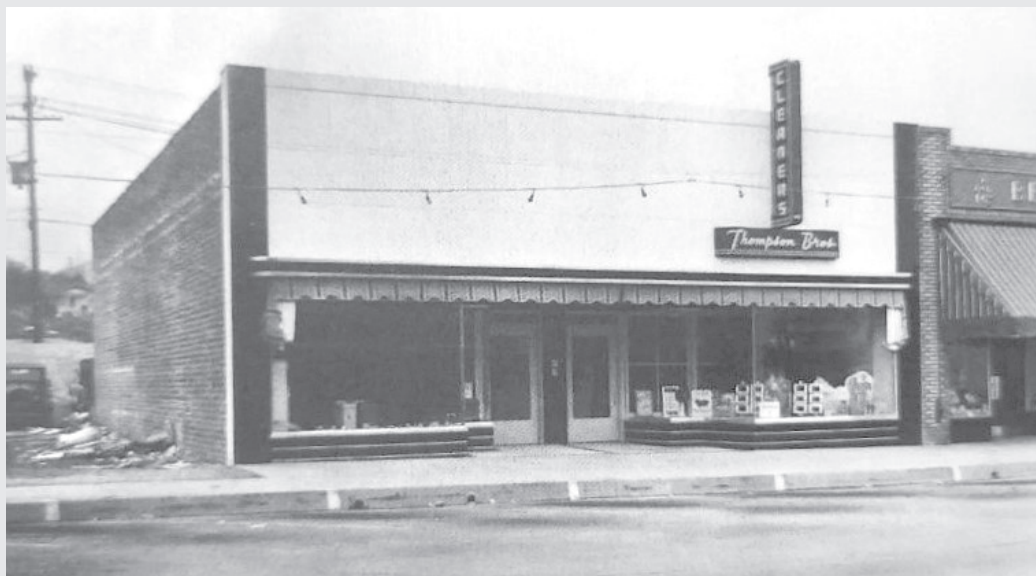
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**Now:** In 1966, Thompson Brothers Cleaners moved to a new location at 2200 Thompson Court, where it still operates as one of the oldest businesses in Montrose. Various businesses have occupied the old Thompson Brothers location on Honolulu since then, including the much-loved Critters. More recently the site was occupied by That's Darling gift shop and Wood and Things.

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Welcomed by La Cañada Unified School District Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Terry Piasky offered special salutations. Kiwanis member Dr. Michael Leininger served as the event liaison and emcee, which featured inspirational words by Kiwanis member Linda Magarian. Among the other Kiwanians in attendance were LCUSD Board of Education members Caroline Anderson and Joe Radabaugh, Kiwanis president-elect Trish McRae, Linda Fors, Nancy Leininger and Alice Perez. The "Apples for Teachers" event is a program inspired by Kiwanis International's mission to recognize those individuals



Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of La Cañada. Pictured are LCUSD Incoming K-12 teachers with Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Terry Piasky.

who help and encourage youth worldwide. Anyone interested in helping kids while making friends and having fun is invited to attend or Zoom in on a Kiwanis Club of

La Cañada meeting held each Wednesday at noon featuring the "Guest Speaker of the Week" program. To receive an invitation, email [laacadakiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:laacadakiwanis@gmail.com) or visit [laacadakiwanis.org](http://laacadakiwanis.org).

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# Volunteer Opportunity at Lanterman House



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Lanterman House volunteers Joy Chung and Christy Schober

The Lanterman House is hosting an event today, Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. for community members with a passion for local history who might be interested in becoming a volunteer at La Cañada's historic house museum.

The museum offers a range of events, including public tours, school programs and lectures, and its team of volunteers is essential to making sure they run smoothly. Volunteers can train to become docents, offer hospitality and organizational support for special events, join the gardening team, or assist with behind-the-scenes activities such as holiday decorating or preparing social media posts.

"All of the wonderful events and services the Lanterman House provides for the community are only possible because of the dedication and support of our

volunteers," said Laura Verlaque, executive director of the Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation. "They're such a vibrant, fun group of people and we're always looking to find more people to join in. Our training is brief and personalized; and we offer very flexible scheduling."

An informal coffee hour will be held today, Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. to welcome potential new volunteers and explain the volunteer program.

Volunteers are asked to become members of the Lanterman House and attend four-to-six one-hour training sessions to learn about the history of the family and their home.

Anyone interested can contact Laura Verlaque at (818) 790-1421 or email lantermanhouse@gmail.com for more information. Individualized training and time commitments can be arranged.

# Circus Vargas Unveils New Production – The Circus Vargas Express

Circus Vargas embarks on a brand-new epic adventure under the big top in Arcadia at Westfield Santa Anita Sept. 9 through Sept. 26.

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This production is meant to depict the brotherhood of sorts that circus people have. Circus gets in your blood. When you are circus, you belong to an entity that has no cultural, racial or religious classification or characterization. This is one of the beautiful things about it and one of the reasons that circus people love what they do and

the lifestyle it provides. They are able to travel the world, learning and appreciating the beauty and wonders of every corner of the globe, learning new languages, eating new cuisine and most of all making new friends! Circus Vargas is proud of their diversity and celebrates it with this awesome new production.

"We are like our own mini United-Nations here," said Katya Quiroga, co-owner and CEO. "Everyone will get a taste of the different countries represented and enjoy two hours of thrills and excitement. Like only Circus Vargas can bring!"

For Circus Vargas performance dates, times and to purchase tickets, visit [www.circusvargas.com](http://www.circusvargas.com), call 877-GOTFUN-1 (877-468-3861) or visit the box office at each location. Follow Circus Vargas on Facebook and

Twitter for updates, discounts and behind the scenes video.

# People Making News

Andrew B. Nomoto of La Cañada Flintridge whose parents are Bruce and Kathy Nomoto graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College Class of 2022.

St. Olaf's 300-acre campus is located in Northfield, Minnesota, approximately 40 miles south of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Maia Tivony of Glendale, majoring in Stage and production management and a member of the Class of 2022, and Liqun Zheng of La Cañada Flintridge, majoring in media arts production and a member of the Class of 2025, were named to Emerson College's dean's list for the spring 2022 semester. The requirement to make dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and 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 is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000-plus alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit [emerson.edu](http://emerson.edu).

was named to the dean's list at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis for the spring semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

The University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Undergraduate degrees prepare students for health professions careers and serve as the foundation for graduate or professional study, while the University's Doctor of Pharmacy program prepares students to be leaders and innovators in the profession of pharmacy.

Andres Torres of La Crescenta earned the distinction of being included on the president's honor list

at Cal Poly Pomona. The distinction signifies that he demonstrated "exceptional academic standing during the 2021-22 academic year."

Local students were named to the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis. They included (from La Cañada Flintridge) Katie Lee, enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences; Grace Li and Carsten Petersen, both enrolled in the university's Olin Business School. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

From La Crescenta, Tyler Carlson, enrolled in the university's McKelvey School of Engineering. To

see PEOPLE on page 19

# CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Georgina Mueller took along the CV Weekly when visiting Cambria and staying at the historic Rigdon House. Thanks, Georgina!

**CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.**

Erica Um of La Crescenta

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS WELCOMES ROUBIK GOLANIAN

At the Sept. 9 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, Glendale PD will make a presentation on criminal intent/EOCTF.

Guests are welcome at the lunch meeting. The cost to attend, which includes lunch, is \$15. Meetings start at noon.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado Blvd. in Glendale.

### SINGERS: LEND US YOUR VOICES

The Verdugo Hills Women's Chorus (VHWC) is in need of women's voices to round out its chorus. Soprano, second soprano or alto all are welcome to join the chorus, which has entertained residents of La Crescenta, Glendale, La Cañada, Pasadena, Monrovia, Sunland-Tujunga and beyond. The group entertains at club meetings, church groups, schools, senior facilities and more.

Ki Park, a collaborative pianist who has worked with classical singers, instrumentalists and choruses throughout the Los Angeles community, is VHWC music director.

VHWC has been a chorus of 35-plus active singers. The members meet at St. Luke's of

the Mountains Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta on Monday mornings September through June at 9:15 a.m. The chorus is not associated with the church but uses its facilities for rehearsals.

Anyone interested can contact Arlene Massimino at (818) 624-1111 or Ki Park at (818) 720-6465.

### 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 event tonight Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7:30–9 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend.

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

### JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email [susandietel@yahoo.com](mailto:susandietel@yahoo.com).

### BURRO FLATS

Beautiful polychrome pictographs created by local early populations and listed on the National Register of Historic Places are just a part of more than 150 archaeological sites in the Burro Flats area. Sites include numerous Chumash, Western Ranching and Space Age period locations spread across 2,850 acres in the Santa Susana Mountains at the west end of the San Fernando Valley.

Al Knight, speaker for the Sept. 10 program, will present his 25 years of research on the Burro Flats area. Knight has over 40 years experience in archeological, anthropological and historic fieldwork, research and writing and is the author of numerous published and unpublished reports. He has participated in over 250 projects in Southern California, including work leading to the creation of the nearby Stonehurst community HPOZ.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. The program is on Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from the Little Landers Historical Society by calling (818) 352-3420 or visiting [BoltonHall.org](http://BoltonHall.org) or emailing [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

Park" garden party, sponsored by Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, celebrating the inspiring work of park heroes who have helped to protect and share the local areas of natural wonder. Enjoy a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center beginning at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the first annual Park Heroes recognition ceremony. Funds from this event will be used to help fund equitable access to programs and activities at city parks for all Glendale youth.

Honorees are Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial; Kiwanis Club of Glendale; Chris Waldheim; Marc Stirdivant. Guest speaker is Honorable State Senator Anthony Portantino.

RSVP at [glendaleparksfoundation.org](http://glendaleparksfoundation.org) or call (818) 631-6132.

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

### 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](http://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>.

### MSAR HOLDING ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The Montrose Search and Rescue team is holding an event on Saturday, Sept. 24 celebrating its 75th anniversary. Featured are food trucks, live music, petting zoo, climbing wall, classic car show and more.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance is free.

### FOOTHILLS DANCEMAKERS CONCERT

Foothills Dancemakers concerts take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at A Room To Create in Pasadena. Tickets are \$20, general admission, and \$15 for DRC, students and seniors with valid ID. A Room To Create is located at 1158 E. Colorado. Parking is available behind the building and on the surrounding streets. For reservations, visit [www.penningtondancegroup.org/tickets](http://www.penningtondancegroup.org/tickets) or call (626) 204-0331 for more information.

### 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](mailto:illi313@yahoo.com) or visiting [www.setsinstep.org](http://www.setsinstep.org).

### LCWC HOSTING PROGRAM

On Sept. 14 at 10 a.m., the La Crescenta Woman's Club program will be a presentation on Ahead With Horses and member summer travels. It will be held at the LCWC Clubhouse, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta, with the luncheon cost of \$10.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.). Join this fun organization and help support the local community! RSVP is appreciated; call (818) 957-9806. To learn more, visit [www.lacrescentawomansclub.org](http://www.lacrescentawomansclub.org).

### 'STARS IN THE PARK' AT DEUKMEJIAN

On Saturday, Sept. 17 the community is invited to join the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation for the "Stars in the

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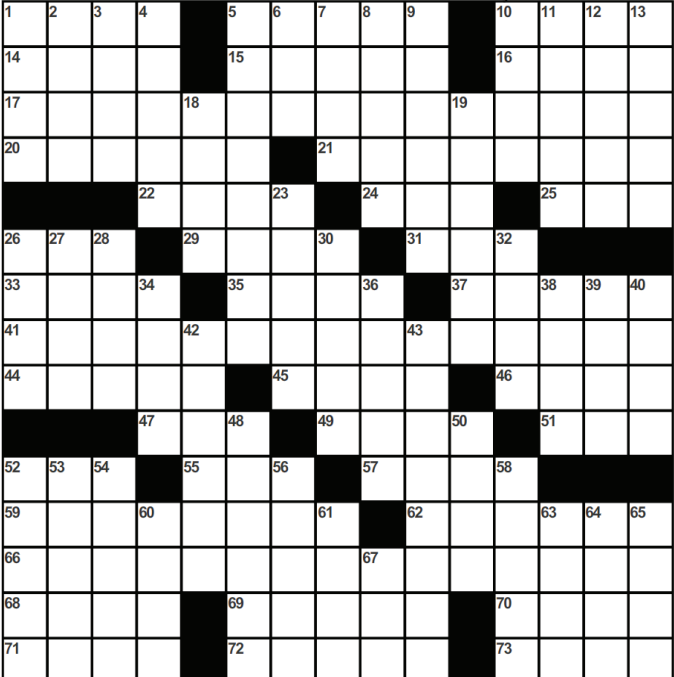
- 1) China setting?
- 5) Descend like an eagle
- 10) First name in fragrances
- 14) Bagel, basically
- 15) Ankle bones
- 16) Large African antelope
- 17) Varying wildly
- 20) Certain chess piece
- 21) In succession
- 22) Helps
- 24) Blackjack card
- 25) Observe
- 26) ATM display monitor
- 29) Knucklehead
- 31) Be mistaken
- 33) Put on \_\_\_ (act snooty)
- 35) Sweater material, sometimes
- 37) Narrow range of hills
- 41) Words of consolation
- 44) Word with "in" or "home"
- 45) Achilles, e.g.
- 46) Flightless birds
- 47) "Spare" bone
- 49) Kabob meat
- 51) Center of Japan?
- 52) Clock standard, briefly
- 55) Common Market inits., once
- 57) Guinness and McCartney, e.g.
- 59) Word with "major" or "little"
- 62) Lo mein feature
- 66) Complimentary
- 68) Vegas night sight
- 69) Troops' campsite
- 70) Earthenware pot
- 71) Bumper boo-boo
- 72) Painter Edgar
- 73) Clean, as a pipe

### DOWN

- 1) Mecca native
- 2) Diva's songs
- 3) Targets of social reform
- 4) Farewell, to the 50th state
- 5) Quit
- 6) Diplomacy alternative
- 7) Food scraps
- 8) Actor Milo
- 9) President after Fillmore
- 10) Carbonated drink
- 11) Nonwritten exams
- 12) Rinse or dry, in a dishwasher
- 13) Kind of daisy
- 18) Word on a sample check
- 19) Capital on the Missouri
- 23) A deadly sin
- 26) Low coral reefs
- 27) Type of gear in a prison?
- 28) Partner of tried
- 30) Steam bath item
- 32) Hoarfrost
- 34) Lingering sign of injury
- 36) Old Italian coins
- 38) Like some cellars
- 39) Rubber cement, e.g.
- 40) "What \_\_\_ is new?"
- 42) French farewells
- 43) Award contenders
- 48) Called on a pager
- 50) Certain sibs
- 52) Liver, for instance
- 53) More than a scuffle
- 54) Hawk's weapon
- 56) Where Minos ruled
- 58) Deep sleep
- 60) Lady's escort
- 61) Pantyhose woe
- 63) Friend-winning Carnegie
- 64) Country singer McCann
- 65) Certain cheese
- 67) Luxurious place to relax

### ...OR NOTHING

By Peter M. Hollins



ANSWERS on page 8



# I'm Ukrainian. Why did Airbnb suspend my account?

*Airbnb suspends Maksym Bidnychenko's account, but it won't tell him why. Now it won't even respond to him. Is there any way to get his account reinstated?*

**Q** *I had to leave Russia because of my Ukrainian citizenship when the war started. After that, I was supposed to travel from Turkey to Georgia and stay in an Airbnb. But Airbnb asked me to confirm my identity and then it suspended my account.*

*I had no history with Airbnb. I've only stayed in an Airbnb once, as someone else's guest. I tried contacting Airbnb support on Twitter. A representative promised to forward my request to the right department.*

*After a couple of hours, I received their standard "We are blocking you: goodbye" email. Then Airbnb ignored me on Twitter*

*I'd like to know why they froze my account. I'd also like to get my account unblocked. Can you help me?*

—Maksym Bidnychenko, Lviv, Ukraine

**A** : I'm so sorry to hear about your account suspension. I can't even imagine what it's like to have your country invaded. But then to have your Airbnb account disabled, too – that's just adding insult to injury.

Earlier this year, when Russia invaded Ukraine, Airbnb decided to stop doing business in Russia. It also suspended all Russian accounts. How did it know if you have a Russian account? When it sees the +7 country code on your contact phone number,

Airbnb assumes it's a Russian account and it's automatically suspended.

I reviewed the emails you received from Airbnb about your account deletion. The notice was vague and arbitrary. "We want to assure you that we carefully studied the situation before making such a decision," Airbnb said. "Further questions on this appeal will not be considered."

I think Airbnb should have explained why it shut down your account. Instead, it just stopped talking to you.

To get Airbnb talking again, you can appeal to one of the executives I list on my consumer advocacy site. Here are the names, numbers and email addresses of the key managers at Airbnb.

I wondered about your first Airbnb stay. It appears you stayed in the property but that someone else used their account to reserve and pay for the

rental. Did that someone else have their account disabled, too? And if so, why? But it appears Airbnb took no action against your friend.

So what happened? As I dug deeper into your case, I realized the answer was staring right at you. Since you lived in Russia, your phone number started with +7. Airbnb banned you because it thought you were Russian. Ironically, you are Ukrainian.

I contacted Airbnb on your behalf. The company responded to you almost immediately. "We apologize for the inconvenience caused," the company said. "Your account has been restored and you can use Airbnb as normal."

*Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>. © 2022 Christopher Elliott*

**♈ ARIES** March 21 - April 19

Are you feeling disappointed with or confused about your current relationship status? You can blame yourself all you want, but chances are good it's not your fault. With asteroid Pallas joining feminine, intuitive Cancer early this week, the women who know you best have some valuable, comforting advice to offer.

**♉ TAURUS** April 20 - May 20

The earthy Venus-Virgo partnership feels comforting and grounding this week. While you're happy for your friends who receive outlandish proposals and dramatic date requests, that's just not what you're about right now. Or ever, really. Keeping it low-key is fine with you.

**♊ GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Your confidence level is off the charts while outgoing Mars is teamed up with your talkative sign this week, and you have absolutely no problem striking up a conversation with anyone. Including your cute neighbor. So what's stopping you from asking them out, Gemini?

**♋ CANCER** June 21 - July 22

There's a lot of intuitive knowledge floating around your love life early in the week as perceptive asteroid Pallas joins your psychically sensitive sign, but for some reason you have a hard time trusting your own instincts. Rely on your own (as well as your friends') past experiences for guidance.

**♌ LEO** July 23 - August 22

You have an aggressive way with words as intense Mars travels with outgoing Gemini this week that helps you talk to just about anyone. Having a joke ready to break the ice is always a good idea. If it bombs, Leo, just laugh it off.

**♍ VIRGO** August 23 - Sept. 22

Your method of communicating is softer and gentler while your ruler Mercury is partnered with gracious Libra early this week. Staying quiet more than you talk is the key to a successful date or when getting to know someone new. While the details of an interesting conversation might escape you, you remember the feeling.

**♎ LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

With communication expert Mercury in your sign this week, you're a gracious and poised conversationalist. Although you'd love to get right to the point, your diplomacy helps you take things slowly. Let the anticipation build, Libra.

**♏ SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You get an extra dose of intelligence and moxie from the partnership of your co-ruler Mars and witty Gemini this week. If someone can't keep up with you when you talk about politics, religion, sports or current events, they aren't the one for you.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're open to a lot of things thanks to the easygoing air sign energy around you this week. Communicative Mercury is in accommodating Libra, so you really don't mind too much when someone says they'll text you then doesn't. You have better things to focus on!

**♑ CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

When crafty asteroid Pallas and creative water sign Pisces link up early this week, you should be able to come up with some very visionary solutions to your common dating problems. If you're having self-doubt, ask a trusted friend for their opinion.

**♒ AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You're definitely guarded during the Pallas-Pisces partnership that starts early in the week, but you aren't sure why. Who hurt you, Aquarius? You might have to reach pretty far down into your subconscious to answer that question honestly.

**♓ PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20

One of the fringe benefits of the Pallas-Cancer pairing early in the week is the sense of empathy and understanding that it adds to your dating life. If someone you're attracted to has been going through something difficult lately, be there for them as a friend (but let them know that you're open to more if they're interested).

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qualify for the dean's list in the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

And from Tujunga, Nathaniel Demoura, enrolled in the university's Olin Business School. To qualify for the dean's list in the Olin Business School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Washington University in St. Louis draws students to St. Louis from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The total student body is more than 15,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

The university offers more than 90 programs and almost 1,500 courses leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in a broad spectrum of traditional and interdisciplinary fields, with additional opportunities for minor concentrations and individualized programs.

Ara Khoilyan of Glendale was among the 116 incoming medical students who received a white coat at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's 14th annual ceremony welcoming the Class of 2026.

The future doctors participated in a ceremony, held in common with virtually every other medical school in the nation, designed to introduce them to the profession. Students recited an oath acknowledging their responsibilities as future physicians and their obligations to future patients. Then they were cloaked with the white coat, the mantle of the medical profession.

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Hannah Whyley, who attends the Hankamer School of Business, and Robert Whyley, who attends the College of Arts & Sciences at Baylor University, both from Glendale, are among the more than 4,800 Baylor University students named to the dean's academic honor list for the spring 2022 semester.

The dean's academic honor list recognizes Baylor undergraduates who earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

Eric Albano from La Cañada Flintridge graduated with a Bachelor of Science in family and consumer sciences and apparel merchandising from the Robbins College of Health & Human Sciences.

For more information about Baylor University, visit [www.baylor.edu](http://www.baylor.edu).

Joshua Christopher Schirripa of Tujunga graduated from Pacific University (Oregon) in May with a Doctor of Medical Science from the College of Health Professions.

Pacific University serves nearly 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, optometry and health professions. Pacific offers a transformational liberal arts foundation paired with meaningful professional preparation. Pacific is the No. 1 private research university in the Northwest, with campuses in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Eugene, and Woodburn, Oregon.

Ian Phillips from La Cañada is one of more than 4,500 students who began their collegiate journey at Utah State University, enrolling in the fall 2022 semester as a first-year college student. Phillips will attend USU at the USU Main campus.

Since its founding in 1888, Utah State University has evolved from a small-town college tucked away in the Northern Utah mountains to a thriving research university respected around the world. Students can choose from an array of academic and social opportunities at a university known throughout the world for its intellectual and technological leadership.

The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation's premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first, by cultivating diversity of thought and culture, and by serving the public through learning, discovery and engagement.

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Also, organizers like to be able to pass by the students at local schools to remind them of what happened so long ago though most weren't even born when the attacks happened.

The motorcade begins around 8:45 a.m. at the Ralphs Marketplace on Foothill Boulevard. As the motorcade passes by, I hope you are able to step outside to remember and honor those who perished on 9/11/01.

In this week's News section on page 5 is a map of the motorcade route.



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Dr. Christopher Willard (PsyD) is a psychologist and consultant based in Boston. He is the author of *Child's Mind* (2010) *Growing Up Mindful* (2016) *Alphabreaths* (2019) and sixteen other books for parents, professionals and children more than a dozen languages. He teaches at Harvard Medical School.



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