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## Glendale City Council Meeting

By Roman INGUANZO

On Tuesday, the Glendale City Council conducted its weekly meeting. The meeting began with air quality updates by Michael Cacciotti, the Vice Chair-Elect of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Throughout the presentation, Cacciotti emphasized ways that small businesses can benefit from clean air investments. If you are a small business owner interested in learning more, call the South Coast AQMD's small business assistance line at (800) 388-2121.

The council also urged those who are struggling with the increased cost of natural gas to visit [socalgas.com/managehigherbills](http://socalgas.com/managehigherbills) for assistance. The website offers energy-saving tools, financial assistance programs, and a plethora of other services that can help people save money and use less energy.

Councilmember Dan Brotman nominated Daniel Paul to the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission, citing Paul's experience as a historian and teacher as reasons for his nomination.

City Manager Roubik Golanian highlighted news regarding Glendale's housing. According to Golanian, Glendale was able to achieve substantial compliance with the state housing and community laws. This is an advantage for the city of Glendale, as they were able to achieve a level of compliance that two-thirds of cities in California have been unable to meet. Golanian concluded his piece by thanking the teams who worked hard to make this achievement a reality.

The council then turned to discussing the scope of a potential ban on gas-powered two-stroke engines and landscaping equipment, as well as enforcement of the ban. According to Golanian, the city

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## Let It Snow, Let It Rain, Let It Snow

By Mary O'KEEFE

Just as we were getting used to the rain—it started to snow. Over the weekend many throughout Southern California were surprised, and delighted, to see beautiful, huge flakes of snow falling from the sky without the help of Hollywood special effects.

Some may have remembered the snow “storm” in 1989 in Los Angeles and Ventura counties that had surfers taking photos of snow on Malibu beaches but Saturday's snow seemed to be something for the record books.

“The [Angeles] Crest was closed due to mud and rock slides,” said California Highway Patrol Officer Jonathan Boyd.

That was due to the rain that preceded the snow, then with the snowfall the roads remained closed and more closures were added.

As of Wednesday Angeles Crest Highway SR 2 was closed from Islip Saddle to 2.6 miles west of Big Pine, and from the LA/San Bernardino County line to the Junction of SR 138 due to snow. Chains are required on many roads as well and conditions



Photo by Mark SHELTON

change quickly. To get information on roads go to [roads.dot.ca.gov](http://roads.dot.ca.gov) or call (800) 427-7623.

“A lot of the major roads [in the Angeles National Forest] were closed over the weekend,” said Dana Dierkes, Angele Na-

tional Forest spokesperson.

Over the weekend Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) had one activation to the Mount Wilson area, when one of the facility managers at the top asked for assistance because water was

flooding an area that had sensitive electrical equipment, said Sgt. John Gilbert, LA Sheriff's Dept. MSAR coordinator.

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## New EV Charging Stations in Glendale



Photo courtesy City of Glendale  
 Glendale Water and Power unveiled 25 new EV charging stations at a ceremony last week. The total of EV chargers are now at 47 throughout the City of Glendale.

By Mary O'KEEFE

According to a AAA survey conducted last year, a quarter of US

consumers plan to go electric for their next vehicle purchase.

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are still a fraction of the vehicle sales in

the US but the trend is growing. Although the price tag for a new EV may be daunting to some, many in the AAA survey said they

would consider buying a used EV.

One of the concerns for those who have purchased, or are

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# Smooth Sailing



As I write this Steve and I are blissfully sailing through the Panama Canal. Though I had heard this journey was unbelievable it is hard to convey the magnitude of this project.

We took a tour of Panama City and our very knowledgeable tour guide – Anna – gave us the lowdown on Panamanian history. We learned about the origins of the building of the Panama Canal - one of the seven wonders of the modern world – a project that was started by the French in the 1880s (and abandoned by them in 1888); however, in 1902 the U.S. stepped in, completing the project in 1914. The purpose of the Canal was to greatly reduce the amount of time it took to navigate from one ocean to another; in our case, from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Before the Canal, it would take additional weeks to months to circumnavigate the route by rounding the southern tip of South America.

As we make our way to the Atlantic Ocean, it's awe-inspiring to think about the man-hours spent – and number of men

sacrificed – to complete this ambitious project. I am so grateful to be able to make this trip – and to those at the CV Weekly that have made this escape possible.

And speaking of my friends back home ... I cannot believe that, as I bake in the sunshine, the southland is being blasted by freezing rain and even snow! My friend who is watching the dogs and the house said the water in the dogs' outside bowl was frozen solid. Unbelievable! I asked her to take photos of the snow that we learned via social media was falling in our neighborhood. Apparently a lull in storms provided a brief respite before the area was to be hit again. I shudder to think how my convertible is holding up to the barrage of rain.

Ah, well. I'll just get another piña colada and think about something else.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I am going to try to explain my thought process which can be difficult to follow at times but please stay with me. March is Women's History Month, and for the next four weeks I want to highlight some incredibly strong, intelligent and innovative women. Of course I will not be able to highlight all the great women which is why I need to explain my thought process.

A few days ago I had asked a friend a question via text. I didn't get a response, so I texted again, still no answer. It was a time sensitive issue and I needed an answer quickly so I called my friend and asked her if she had received any of my texts. She said she had and apologized for not responding. I started thinking about how dependent I was on my phone.

I am old enough to remember when we didn't have a smart phone embedded into our soul but now I have to admit I am so dependent that I will check the weather app before looking out the window to see if it is raining. That got me to ponder how we got to this point, where our whole lives seem to be swirling around these small electronic devices and that, of course, led me to Hedy Lamarr...a natural progression right?

Lamarr was an Austrian American actress from the 1930s to the late 1950s.

She made films in Austria but her real fame came from American films in the 1940s like "Ziegfeld Girl" and "Samson and Delilah." She was beautiful, graceful and a genius.

As the story goes—Lamarr's father inspired her to use her mind. They would take walks and discuss inventions like the printing press or street cars. She loved taking things apart like her music box, just to see how it operated. But Lamarr was also very beautiful and that trait took center stage as she began her acting career.

In the 1930s after acting in few films in Austria, Lamarr married a munitions manufacturer as Nazi rule was just making its way to power. Being the good wife, she would listen to her husband and his friends talk of war machines. She was not exactly the "trophy

wife" type and as the war became imminent she escaped Austria and her husband. She went to England where she met film producer Louis B. Mayer, went off to Hollywood, and became a star. But that didn't mean she stopped inventing and being curious.

She wanted to do something to help the US during WWII. She and friend George Anthiel, a musician, came up with an idea of frequency hopping.

Frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) transmission is the repeated switching of a carrier frequency during a radio transmission to reduce interference and avoid interception. Lamarr and Anthiel were awarded the patent in August, 1942. They had initially thought the communication system could be used to guide torpedos to their targets during WWII, however the Navy decided against using the new system until decades later during the Cuban Missile Crisis and other operations. This technique is also the basis of cordless phones, cellphones, wifi and global positioning systems.

According to reports some men tried to discredit Lamarr for the patent, some calling her a plagiarist claiming her former husband had to have come up with the engineering idea. Yet no one else patented the technology but Lamarr. As film historian Jeanine Basinger said of the men's opposition to Lamarr's engineering skills "You don't get to be Hedy Lamarr and smart."

According to other reports she had wanted to join the Inventor's Council formed to help fight the Nazis but was told she would be of better use selling kisses and dances for war bonds.

But Lamarr continued to invent and discover. She dated Howard Hughes, but seem more interested in his innovations than his wealth, and Hughes saw her brilliance. He took her to his airplane factories and let her see how planes were built. Hughes wanted to create faster planes, Lamarr studied fish and birds and came up with a new wing design for Hughes' planes.

"She went on to create an upgraded stoplight and a tablet that dissolved in water to make a see WEATHER on page 8

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All are invited to join Caltech Chamber Music for an hour-long concert featuring performances by Caltech's small instrumental ensembles. Two chamber music groups perform Dvorak's lovely Miniatures, followed by a complete performance of Boccherini's famous "Fandango" for guitar and string quartet. Then, hear what a Caltech Music Club can accomplish on its own.

The concert is on March 4 at 8 p.m. at Dabney Lounge, located on the Caltech campus, 1200 E. California Blvd. in Pasadena.

Caltech Video Game and Anime Ensemble is a student music club that is dedicated in playing music originated from video games and anime. In this concert cycle, they will be performing a selection of pieces from Mario, Pokemon, Studio Ghibli and more.

Admission is free and no tickets are necessary. Social Distancing and masks are recommended but not required. For more information visit [pva.caltech.edu](http://pva.caltech.edu) or call 626-395-3295.

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m. Casa Adobe de San Rafael in Glendale is the location of the observance of Arbor Day by Glendale Beautiful.

Glendale Beautiful, in cooperation with the City of Glendale's Community Services and Parks Dept., asks the public to attend the annual observance. Take part in this community-wide effort by contributing to the purchase of a tree or by supporting trees throughout the city. For donation and other information, visit [www.glendalebeautiful.org/arbor-day](http://www.glendalebeautiful.org/arbor-day).

In case of rain, the event takes place at Brand Studios, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

Casa Adobe de San Rafael is located at 1330 Dorothy Drive in Glendale.

### THE DAFFODIL & THE SHAMROCK, THE THISTLE & THE ROSE

Wander a nostalgic road through the British Isles with Bronwyn Schramm, with stories sprinkled with song, poetry and history from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Before their was the television, film and the Internet there were storytellers that shared the folklore, and history, of the world. Schramm is a storyteller in the great tradition of the Seanchaí (shan-ah-key) the custodians of history of Ireland for centuries.

Join the La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC) for a fun program on Wednesday, March 8. The meeting for LCWC begins at 10 a.m. with the program featuring Schramm begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. LCWC is located at 4004 La Crescenta Avenue.

Lunch is \$10. RSVP to (818) 249-9403.

### FREE GLENDALE NOON CONCERT

The free admission Glendale Noon Concerts have returned to live performances in the Sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Avenue, Glendale 91206.

The next concert will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 12:10 p.m. Calico Winds will perform a concert of Italian wind quintets spanning centuries from classic to modern. The program will include the charming Quintet No. 3 (1802) by Giuseppe Cambini (1802) and the playful Clown Music (1968) by Teresa Procaccini.

Street parking is available.

# How to Love Yourself Shared at CVHS



Hayley Gripp spoke to Crescenta Valley High School students about "Positive Self-Talk." The event was sponsored by the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Feb. 14 the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA hosted a Valentine's Day discussion at Crescenta Valley High School that focused on how students, and adults, can practice loving who they are.

The event was titled "Self-Love Seminar: Positive Self-Talk" with guest speaker Hayley Gripp. It was held during lunch at the WellNEST Center at CVHS.

Gripp is a co-founder of a wellness brand and is a woman's and disability right's activist with a background in the entertainment industry, she also has ties to the community.

"My father is a graduate of [CVHS] and my grandmother is the [founder] of Oktoberfest in Montrose," she said.

Gripp grew up with Tourette Syndrome, and has faced bullies throughout her life. She spoke to the students about the power of positive self esteem—self love.

Gripp said she was at the school to talk about "self love and figuring out what tools" can be used to help students do this.

Impact student ambassadors Rebekah DeBoskey and Payton Ashe, both CVHS juniors, passed out mason jars as Gripp explained the act of self love. She told the students to write down things they liked about themselves, put them in the jars and then look at those comments to bring positivity into their day.

Often finding traits we like about others are much easier to identify and voice than finding those best traits in ourselves. Gripp spoke how she learned turning inward was helpful for overall mental health wellbeing.

"I have spoken to over 500,000 people on self worth," she said. "I have advocated for mental health, female empowerment and disability equal rights."

She spoke about her journey from actress to activist and how after achieving success on social media with over 100,000 followers and attending special events doing "all these cool things" she realized she wasn't happy. She said those around her saw a happy person on the outside but it wasn't what she was truly feeling. She realized she had to focus on herself with self love and self care to balance life and be happy.

According to the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation, self love is a state of appreciation for oneself that grows from actions that support our physical, psychological and spiritual growth. Self-love means having a high regard for your own well-being and happiness.

Gripp got the self-love exercise going by sharing what she was writing to be placed in her mason jar. She shared she liked how she was kind hearted and humble.

"And that I am kind of a goof ball," she added.

Several students smiled and nodded in agreement as she shared her comments. Students shared their self-love images including:

"I love no matter how many times I try something, I never give up."

"I like that I stick up for my friends."

Impact ambassador DeBoskey said she felt it was important to have this type of conversation at the school.

"I have struggled myself with [mental health]," she said.

She wanted students to see that she, fellow ambassador Ashe and the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation cared about them.

Ashe said she had struggled with self worth but felt "loved and welcomed" by the Impact Foundation.

"I have found this [Foundation] has made me feel like I belong," she added.

*The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation has tips on how to practice self love:*

- Talking to and about yourself with love.
- Prioritizing yourself
- Giving yourself a break from self-judgment
- Trusting yourself
- Being true to yourself
- Being nice to yourself
- Setting healthy boundaries
- Forgiving yourself when you aren't being true or nice to yourself.
- Tips to follow self-care:
  - Listen to your body
  - Take breaks from work and move/stretch
  - Put the phone down and connect to yourself or others, or do something creative
  - Eating healthily, but it's ok to sometimes indulge in foods that are not on that healthy list.

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# SoCalGas Proposed Increase

By Mary O'KEEFE

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) are asking for the people to participate in a public forum concerning the SoCalGas' 2024 General Rate Case application.

The public is encouraged to make comments and raise concerns with the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge who is overseeing this rate increase request.

SoCalGas filed an application with the CPUC last Mary, before the dramatic increases in natural gas bills. The application also included a request to include more price increases to be implemented until 2027.

"The request is a detailed projection of what it will cost to safely, reliably, and sustainably deliver energy to the company's nearly 22 million consumers from 2024 to 2027," stated the SoCalGas website. "Our rate request will allow us to modernize and upgrade our infrastructure so that we can maintain and enhance long-term reliability and safety for our customers; support the growth of more diverse renewable energy options, and retain and reward the most talented energy professionals, so they can continue delivering the safe, clean, and reliable energy and superior customer service our customers deserve." According to their website if

the rate increase is approved, customers will see an increase of about \$8.62 per month in 2024; however, individual customer bills may vary.

The hearings, also known as Public Participation Hearings are to be held virtually on March 6 beginning at 2 p.m. Access can be via phone by calling (800) 857-1917, or webcast by going to [adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc) The passcode is 1767567#

Another meeting will be on March 15 at 6 p.m., calling in (800) 957-1917 and webcast go to [adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc) Passcode is 1767567#

People can also write comments at any time during the proceeding at [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205015](http://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205015).

In a Feb. 2022 article CVW covered the previous SoCal Gas rate hike.

Customers found their bill had increased as much as 200% from 2021. Natural gas prices are heavily regulated in California with the CPUC calculating and approving rates based on (1) the cost of natural gas on the international market, (2) transportation costs and (3) public-purpose surcharges that fund natural gas related programs. And according to SoCal Gas' Natural Gas Rates Explained page, only about 8% of billed revenue goes toward a return on SoCalGas' investment in the gas system.

Two rate changes were approved by the CPUC in 2019 and went into effect on Jan. 1 2022 which led in part

to increases in billing. The rate changes included an updated transportation rate and an updated commodity procurement rate designed to support infrastructure upgrades and energy diversification. These increases led to a 110% increase in the base procurement rate for natural gas compared to 2021.

SoCalGas also faced lawsuits and fines including a \$10 million fine handed down in 2022 by the CPUC for improperly using ratepayer money to lobby public officials and fight against standards designed to make homes and businesses more energy efficient. Days before that fine was issued, SoCalGas agreed to a \$1.5 million settlement that alleged it failed to warn customers about possible exposure to toxic chemicals. In 2021, the company agreed to a \$1.8 billion settlement over the 2016 Aliso Canyon facility blowout.

For people struggling to pay their utility bills, SoCalGas and the state of California also offer a number of assistance programs. More information on assistance programs can be found at: <https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy>.

SoCalGas offers several energy-saving tips on its website at <https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/energy-saving-tips-tools>.

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# GUSD Reaches Tentative Agreement with GTA

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) bargaining teams have reached a tentative agreement on a contract for the 2020-23 school years. The tentative agreement includes three separate compensation increases for GTA members: a 4.5% one-time compensation increase for the 2020-21 school year, a 3.5% ongoing raise retroactive to the 2021-22 school year, and a 5% ongoing raise in the current 2022-23 school year. When combined with a benefits package valued at over \$34,000 per year, per employee, Glendale teachers' compensation is the highest in the region.

Additionally, GUSD and GTA tentatively agreed to several stipend and hourly rate increases, including:

- Increased stipend for special education, dual language immersion, and split grade level teachers, and other special education service providers
- Increased stipend for teacher specialists
- Increased stipend for elementary

- teacher/assistant to the principal
- Increased hourly rate of pay for professional development instructors
- Increased hourly rate of pay for categorical program instruction
- Increased hourly rate of pay for attending professional development, planning for tutoring/ intervention
- Increased stipend for National Board Certified Teachers and consulting teachers
- Increased doctoral stipend
- Stipend for secondary teachers who have two prep periods on the same day in a block schedule
- "Glendale Unified proudly offers competitive wages, health benefits, and professional growth opportunities for our highly valued educators and certificated employees," said GUSD Board of Education president Nayiri Nahabedian. "I want to thank everyone whose hard work led to this tentative agreement, which gives our educators an important raise while keeping our commitment to maximize academic achievement for every

child and maintain district financial responsibility."

"Our Board of Education, district leadership, administrators, educators, and staff are unified in our commitment to an equity-focused agenda that gives our students voice and choice in their academic endeavors," said GUSD Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "I am pleased that we have come to a tentative agreement that competitively compensates our GTA employees for the hard work they do every day."

"The Glendale Teachers Association's Board of Directors looks forward to sharing the details of this tentative agreement with our members for a ratification vote. The tentative agreement reflects our Association's commitment towards promoting the well-being of our students and our educators," stated Chris Davis, GTA president.

As a next step, GTA membership will vote on the tentative agreement, after which the agreement will be submitted to the Glendale Unified Board of Education for approval.

## CHP Check Point

The Altadena area office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will conduct a sobriety/driver license checkpoint on Friday, March 3, within the unincorporated area of Pasadena.

"We would like to remind everyone to drink responsibly and to designate a sober driver. Driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is dangerous to everybody on the roadways and has cost the lives of too many people," said Captain Derek Moulton, Altadena Area Commander.

The goal of the CHP is to ensure the highest level of safety, service and security to the people of California. Sobriety/Driver license checkpoints are proven, effective tools for accomplishing this goal and are designed to augment existing patrols.

As summertime approaches and weather conditions start to heat up, unfortunately, we see an increase in the number of arrests and traffic crashes involving drivers under the influence. As such, we remain committed to protecting

our community and decreasing the number of traffic crashes involving drivers under the influence. The California Highway Patrol will be diligently looking for DUI drivers, whether it be drugs and or alcohol. Be responsible; designate a sober driver. The objective is to send a clear message to those individuals considering mixing alcohol and/or drugs and to those who drive when unlicensed.

## Senator Portantino to Continue Chairmanship of Committee

Senator Anthony J. Portantino announced that the Senate Select Committee on California, Armenia and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art, and Cultural Exchange has been re-established for the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Senate Pro Tem Toni G. Atkins, reauthorized the committee on February 15, 2023.

"California and the Republic of Armenia have a long history of partnership, cooperation, and trade," stated Portantino. "I am proud to once again serve as Chair of the Select Committee on California, Armenia, and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art, and Cultural Exchange. By approving this Select Committee, the California State Senate expresses its commitment to expanding relations not only with Armenia, but also with the Republic of Artsakh. Given the recent tragic events that have devastated the

country, it is more important than ever that California reaffirms its commitment to Artsakh's sovereignty and that we continue to strengthen this important partnership."

At the request of Portantino, the California State Senate Rules Committee first established the historic Senate Select Committee on California, Armenia, and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art, and Cultural Exchange in 2017 to expand business opportunities through trade, economic development, cultural awareness, and education between California, Armenia, and Artsakh. Portantino also helped negotiate the historic Memorandum of Understanding between California and Armenia and joined Governor Newsom in New York for its historic, official signing.

As California recently passed Armenian Genocide Education Curriculum for inclusion in social

studies textbooks, the opportunity to encourage teacher training and professional development trips would also be a priority of the committee.

California has the largest population of Armenian Americans in the country, with the 25th Senate District having the largest concentration. The continued work of the Senate Select Committee will have a direct role in building stronger economic and cultural ties between California, Armenia, and Artsakh.

Members of the Senate Select Committee on California, Armenia, and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art, and Cultural Exchange include Senator Bob Archuleta, Senator María Elena Durazo, Senator Melissa Hurtado, Senator Brian W. Jones, Senator Susan Rubio, Senator Henry I. Stern, Senator Scott Wiener, Senator Caroline Menjivar, and Senator Scott Wilk.

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# The GPD Arrest Home Depot Robbery Suspect

On Feb. 21 an armed robbery occurred at Home Depot in the 5000 block of San Fernando Road in Glendale. Within the first hour of the store opening a male entered the location and immediately began looking for the store manager. Once he found the manger, the suspect

lifted his shirt revealing a firearm and ordered the manager to open the vault.

The suspect reportedly loaded money from the safe into an orange Home Depot bucket and fled out of the store via an emergency exit. When Glendale police officers arrived they were

unable to locate the male.

GPD robbery/homicide detectives began an investigation and identified, with help from surveillance video of the incident, a 47-year-old man from Rancho Cucamonga. He was arrested within 48hours. During the

arrest detectives reportedly located a replica firearm, several thousands of dollars in cash and an orange Home Depot bucket.

The suspect was arrested on Feb. 23 and is being held without bail. His court date is Feb. 28.

# New LA County Fire Chief Appointed

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors appointed Anthony C. Marrone to serve as the tenth Fire Chief of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, effective Tuesday, February 28.

After serving as the Interim Fire Chief for more than 11 months, Chief Marrone steps into the permanent role. With more than 37 years of experience, his well-established career combines broad experience in both emergency and business operations with an extensive list of accomplishments and assignments, including supervising and managing the Leadership and Professional Standards Bureau, Special Services Bureau, Emergency Medical Services Bureau, East Regional Operations Bureau, and Central Regional Operations Bureau, in addition to managing special projects and Business Operations. Marrone has also directly managed routine and complex wildland fires and other significant all-risk incidents.

Marrone will lead one of the

largest and most diverse fire departments in the world, providing traditional and non-traditional fire and life safety services to more than 4 million residents and communities in 60 cities and 122 unincorporated areas served by the Department within its 2,311-square-mile service area. The Department operates out of 177 fire stations, with just over 5,000 emergency responders and business professionals operating within an annual budget of \$1.5 billion. In addition, the Fire Department provides ocean lifeguard, 9-1-1 dispatch, health hazardous materials, and forestry services throughout the County.

"I am thankful to the Board for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility and opportunity to move the needle forward and I embrace what lies ahead," Marrone stated. "I recognize there is work to be done and I look forward to collaborating with the Board of Supervisors, Labor, our membership, and the residents and communities we serve, to do what is best, just, and



right; enhance the delivery and quality of emergency and life safety services; stabilize the Department's budget; address our workers' compensation challenges; focus on employee

wellness; and, lead through a lens of equity and diversity, so everyone has a path to success and a workplace where they feel welcome and know that they belong."

## EV CHARGING from Cover

thinking of purchasing an EV, has been the lack of charging stations but cities and businesses are moving to improve that issue.

And last year AAA launched a pilot program offering roadside charging for EVs in 16 metro areas.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) and Caltrans are partnering to implement the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, which allocates \$5 billion to the states to create a nationwide, interconnected network of DC fast chargers along the National Highway System. California's share will be \$384 million over five years, according to CEC.

DC fast chargers convert AC power to DC power within the charging station to deliver DC power directly to the battery, which makes it a faster charging system.

Keeping up with the EVs, Glendale Water and Power

(GWP) recently installed 25 new EV chargers in the Glendale Marketplace parking structure located at 120 S. Artsakh Street.

"We have a plan for GWP customers as we embrace the electric vehicle market," said Herbert Garcia, GWP public benefits marketing manager.

GWP plans to adopt more charging stations.

"We want to foster this seamlessly," Garcia said of adding more charging stations. "We want to accommodate residents [as well as] people who are visiting Glendale."

The City and GWP want to see curbside charging stations as well as placing them in multifamily residential units.

"We are looking into installing some in south Glendale where there are a lot of multifamily [units]," he added.

The City is also looking at other areas including Montrose for new charging stations.

Garcia said he understood

the concerns drivers have of where to charge their vehicle, for both those who have already purchased or are thinking of purchasing an EV.

The buyers are more likely to purchase an EV if they feel comfortable they are going to find charging stations, he added.

"That is [called] range anxiety, [meaning] how far can I go on a charge," he said. "We want them to visit Glendale and eliminate that range anxiety."

This anxiety is nothing new to the motor vehicle owners. When gasoline powered vehicles were just coming into use, finding a gas station was not always easy prompting many drivers to keep a can of gasoline in the vehicle as they traveled.

"With Glendale's EV population nearly tripling since 2016, and growth expected in the coming years, installing EV chargers has been one of GWP's top priorities, making the installation of these 25 new

chargers a huge success. GWP also has incentive programs for their customers, including the GWP Charging Station Rebate, and the Off-Peak EV Charging Rebate Program, which gives customers \$8/month in rebates for charging during off-peak hours," according to a GWP statement.

Visit [GlendaleCA.gov/ElectricVehicles](http://GlendaleCA.gov/ElectricVehicles) to learn more about EV programs offered by GWP. You can also visit [EV.GlendaleWaterandPower.com](http://EV.GlendaleWaterandPower.com) to view the EV Buyer's Guide and access the EV charging stations map.

The chargers are not free, drivers will pay 20 cents per kWh. The final cost depends entirely on the size of battery and how low the battery charge is. The charging stations do accept Apple Pay and credit cards.

The 25 new charging stations bring Glendale's total public chargers to 47.



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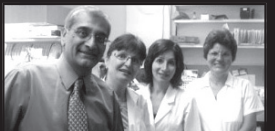
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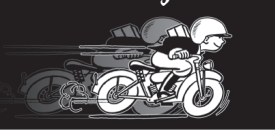
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# Donation from Home Instead Brings Continued Respite to Caregivers at YMCA of the Foothills

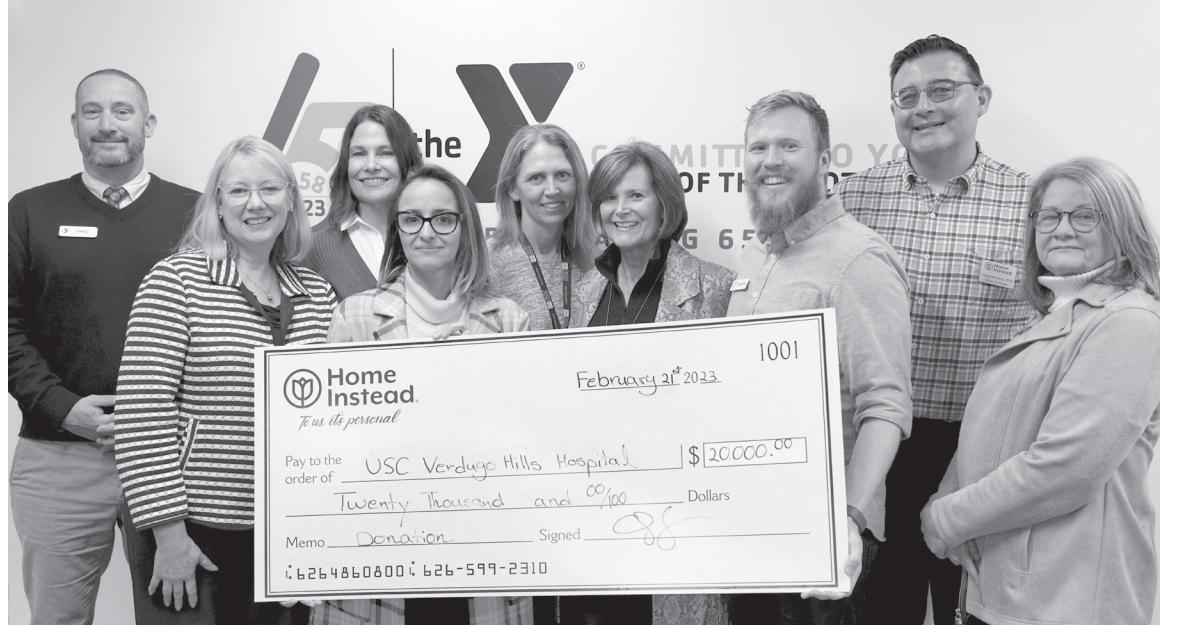
Greg Sanchez from Home Instead presented a check for \$20,000 to Deborah Weirick, director of community and donor relations for USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in continued support of the senior care monthly program, Caregiver's Night Off held at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA. The program launched in April 2022 and has since impacted 133 lives within the Alzheimer's community.

The generous sponsorship allows Caregiver's Night Off to continue to be provided at no cost to attendees, through its host organization, the YMCA of the Foothills. Further partnerships with USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource Center for Aging and Alzheimer's Los Angeles bring the resources and support needed for those caring for people with early to mid-stage

dementia.

Caregiver's Night Off is held the first Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA. Space is limited and volunteers are welcomed to participate. Caregivers enjoy the ability to talk with others about their shared experiences, are provided refreshments and receive tips on self-care as well as participate in activities. Their person with dementia is on-site participating in a variety of activities such as art, music, ping pong, and others with trained staff and volunteers.

The mission of the YMCA of the Foothills is to organize, develop, finance, and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich



Home Instead presented USC Verdugo Hills Hospital with a check to support their continuation of the partnership with the YMCA of the Foothills program "Caregiver's Night Off." From left: Vince Iuculano, Adria E. Navarro, Deborah Weirick, Naghmeh Maryan, Denise Traboulsi, Susan James Carr, Cameron Rose, Greg Sanchez and Debbie Kyhn.

the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially. Individuals can

support the cause by visiting [ymcafoothills.org](http://ymcafoothills.org) community to learn more about Caregiver's Night Off.

Please visit [ymcafoothills.org/](http://ymcafoothills.org/)

## Glendale Latino Association Award Luncheon is Back

By Ruth SOWBY

Soft guitar music greeted guests arriving at Glendale's Oakmont Country Club for the Glendale Latino Association (GLA) Award Luncheon. On Feb. 23 more than 200 supporters filled the Club's main banquet room to honor GLA's awardees.

Back after a two-year pandemic hiatus, guests were in the mood to mingle before the award ceremony began. The full program started with the flag salute led by Glendale Fire Chief Timothy Ernst. It was followed by the invocation from Rev. Al Garcilazo, senior Chaplain at Adventist Health Glendale. Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian offered greetings from the City of Glendale.

A presentation of GLA Advisory Board Members and recognition of outgoing board members was led by former Glendale Mayor Frank Quintero, who is the GLA founder.

Following was the installation of the 2023 Board of Directors and Officers presented by Glendale Police Department Chief Manuel Cid.

Keynote speaker Alfred Ramirez, Dean of Continuing and Community Education at Glendale Community College, introduced the 2022 GLA Scholarship Recipient Maria Lucia Garcia who is completing her degree at GCC and, upon graduation, will enroll at Cal State Long Beach.

The mistress of ceremonies for the awards was incoming GLA President Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian.

Woman of the Year was

awarded to Jane Viar, president of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Trust. The presentation was made by Karen Swan, 2020 Woman of the Year.

The Glendale College Foundation was awarded Organization of the Year. Glendale Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian presented the award to Foundation President Rick Dinger and Foundation Executive Director Lisa Brooks. Brooks took the opportunity

to announce her August retirement.

Man of the Year was awarded to Mayor Kassakhian. Frank Quintero, 2020 Man of the Year, made the presentation. Mayor Kassakhian took the podium to describe his ongoing goal to make the Hispanic community continue to feel welcome in Glendale.

Closing remarks were made by new GLA President Quiñonez Gabrielian.



Photo by Ruth SOWBY

From left, Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian, in-coming president of the Glendale Latino Assn., and out-going president Jennie Quinonez-Skinner participated in the Passing of Gavel ceremonies at the Glendale Latino Assn. Awards Luncheon.

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**SNOW from Cover**

“We responded along with LA County Fire. The road conditions were so poor, none of us were able to make it up there. The snow was too deep. Thankfully the issue began to resolve itself and the response was canceled,” Gilbert added.

Three homes in La Cañada Flintridge were severely affected by the rainy weather on Sunday with a mudslide.

LA County Fire Station 82 responded to the 460 block of Paulette Place, along with deputies from the CV Sheriff Station.

“Shortly after 4 p.m. [on Sunday], firefighters responded to the area of Paulette Place and Paradise Canyon Lane in the City of La Canada Flintridge for a reported mud/debris flow incident. Upon arrival, firefighters found that the hillside behind two residences on Paulette Place gave way resulting in mud and debris flow into the rear of two homes, significantly damaging one residence. The home at the top of the hillside on Noren Street was undamaged. This incident likely occurred sometime between early Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon when the residents returned home and called 911,” said Maria Grycan, LACoFD spokeswoman.

La Cañada Flintridge Building and Safety responded and yellow-tagged two residences on Paulette Place. The residence on Noren was not tagged, said Susan Koleda, director of community development at the City of La Cañada Flintridge. Koleda explained that yellow

tagging means that part of the house has been deemed uninhabitable, but not all of the house had been determined unsafe.

The weekend rainfall and snowfall totals were impressive. According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), from Thursday through Sunday La Cañada Flintridge recorded 9.29 inches of rain, Pasadena had 8.11 inches and Eagle Rock Reservoir had 8.14. La Crescenta saw 2 inches of snow in the 2000 to 1500 foot elevation, Mt. Wilson saw 40 inches of snow, and the highest snowfall in the area was at Mountain High with 93 inches of snow.

There was a small window of drying out on Sunday, then Monday night through Wednesday there was more rain with La Cañada Flintridge recording 2.32 inches. There was snow as well in the area but it melted quickly.

The rest of the week, according to NOAA, should be dryer through the weekend but another storm may be making its way toward Southern California by early next week.

Last night through this morning the National Weather Service has issued a Frost Advisory, as it is going to be cold with wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour. The Advisory is from last night at 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. today.

Gilbert wants to remind those who may want to travel up the Crest or take a winter hike that conditions are constantly changing.

“The conditions have been so tough that rescues cannot be guaranteed. We normally do not have these issues since our weather is favorable for our response or a helicopter extraction. As of late, helicopters are not able to go through the clouds and our ground travel is extremely delayed,” Gilbert said.

And for those who are not going to the mountains but just driving on the roadways and highways during the rain storms CHP reminds drivers to just slow down.

“When it comes to conditions like [the recent rainfall] people may or may not know how water builds up on the freeway creating [puddles] that build especially on elevated runways and walls,” Boyd said.

He added that carpool lanes along with lanes one and four on the freeways can be dangerous as water pools form there that are not seen until the vehicle’s tires go into the water.

Boyd said CHP receives numerous calls concerning spin-outs due to drivers losing control in these kinds of conditions.

In addition to the rain and snow there has been a lot of fog. Boyd reminds drivers to keep their headlights on low beams and not to stop on the roadway unless it is an emergency.

“Try not to drive through standing water and be cautious when using your brakes when driving in snow and ice,” he said. “And simply slow down.”

**GCC from Cover**

of Glendale has already started transitioning from gas-powered equipment to electric-powered equipment, and he believes that the ban will likely spread to the rest of Glendale over time. The council’s staff

recommended that the ban should be implemented in a phased-approach, as it would give community members and businesses adequate time to adapt. It is very likely that the council will adopt the ban

- starting with the ban of gas-powered leaf blowers to initiate the process. Discussion of when to implement the ban itself (as well as enforcement of the ban) will take place in a future meeting.

**WEATHER from page 2**

soda similar to Coca-Cola,” according to womenshistory.org.

It wasn’t until in her later years that Lamarr was recognized for her inventions.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation jointly awarded Lamarr and Antheil with their Pioneer Award in 1997. Lamarr also became the first woman to receive the Invention Convention’s Bulbie Gnass Spirit of Achievement Award. Although she died in 2000, Lamarr was inducted in 2014 into the National Inventors Hall of

Fame for the development of her frequency hopping technology. Such achievement has led Lamarr to be dubbed “the mother of Wi-Fi” and other wireless communications like GPS and Bluetooth.

And by the way, she also helped the war effort with her celebrity by selling \$25 million in war bonds.

It’s probably fair to say we are looking at our phones more often lately to check the future weather, to see if the rain will stop for a while.

According to NOAA

meteorologist Rose Schoenfeld, we will be seeing some dryer days but they will be cold. The rain that fell Tuesday to Wednesday was expected to bring about one to two inches to the area but from now until Tuesday, we should have cloudy skies but no rain.

It will be cold, with today’s high expected in the upper 50s but a wind chill value as low as in the 30s. The highs will be in the upper 50s to low 60s from Friday to Tuesday with the lows in the low 40s.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Big Snow of 1949

Last weekend we had a taste of snow here in the Crescenta Valley. But when we talk about real snow in the history of the valley, the date of January 10, 1949 always comes up. That was the famous 3-day snowfall that blanketed not just La Crescenta, but Greater LA and Southern California. Historically before that, we had four inches of snow in January of 1932, two inches in 1915 and a whopping 18 inches in 1882.

In 1949, the snow was six to eight inches deep in the valley, and the snow lasted several days. The snow began falling on Sunday night, piling up a significant amount, followed by more snow on Monday and Tuesday.

The beginning of the post-WWII Baby Boom ensured that there were plenty of kids locally to enjoy this rare phenomenon. On Monday, the La Cañada schools

declared a once-in-a-lifetime “snow day” that excused kids from school both Monday and Tuesday. But in La Crescenta and Montrose, stuffy school officials declined, so it was up to parents and kids to declare their own unofficial “snow day.” Most families did, as only 15 percent of the kids at Clark Junior High showed up on Monday morning.

Many people took photos of themselves playing in the snow, making snowmen, and even skiing down the steep streets of the valley. The local paper reported that camera stores were mobbed to replenish stocks of film. Even local merchants jumped on the photography train. Rebal’s Market in Verdugo City (“the store that made Verdugo City famous,”) their advertising joked) ran a snow photograph contest. The submissions would be posted in

the front window of the store, and the first-place prize was to be \$25 in merchandise.

Driving, of course, became a problem. The wind-blown snow initially made for blinding conditions, but after a couple of icy nights, slipping and sliding became the problem. Those heavy rear-wheel drive cars of that era handled poorly on ice. Vehicles were often abandoned when they couldn’t negotiate our hills. Accidents were common. Our local ambulance service was busy, and even found itself doing double-duty as a tow truck.

One gentleman answered a frantic knock on his door at 3 a.m. on Tuesday night. His young neighbors, expecting a baby and now in labor, couldn’t get their car out of their driveway. It took him 45 minutes, slipping and

*see LAWLER on page 22*

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Weather In The Foothills

By far, the biggest showstopper of the week was the incredible weather we had in the foothills. The torrential rains resulted in flooding and road closures, wind gusts caused power outages, and amazing snowstorms brought us all together for fun and frolic. How heartwarming to see people helping each other when things were rough. What a delight to hear families emerge from their homes to see the snow falling, perhaps for the first time ever. Every remarkable event that took place, stirred excitement as we shared stories and photos. It felt like a reset for the community.

Having grown up here at the base of our lovely mountains, I can only remember five times when I saw snow falling at home. Sure, there were plenty of times when Camel’s Back mountain was covered in snow and we would hop in the car and head to the canyon to enjoy the white stuff but it rarely touched down in our neighborhood.

We did have substantial snow in 1961, however. My parents had movies of Parr Avenue homes that showed every lawn covered solid white with scattered snowmen standing guard. At Sunland Elementary when I was about 9 years old, I saw snow falling from the window of my classroom but we weren’t allowed to go play in it. By the time school was let out, it had stopped.

When I was a young adult, I came home one night from a class in the San Fernando Valley to a yard covered in slushy snow. I was sorry to have missed it falling and my pet duck named Beep, was terribly unhappy that I left her out in the cold. She could have easily moved inside to her wooden pen but squawked at me, nonetheless. I brought her inside to warm up.

There was the time during the 1990s in La Crescenta when it started to snow at 10:00 at night. Our little boys had gone to bed but knowing that it rarely snows in the foothills, we got them up and had

a wonderful nighttime snowball fight. My last recollection of falling snow was in the first decade of the 2000s, when husband, Jeff and our daughter came out of the grocery store to a surprisingly heavy snow that lasted for about a half an hour. They left the groceries in the car while our whole family including our dog, Coco, ran around and played.

It seems that so many of my vivid memories, the ones that really stick with me, are either weather or natural disaster related. I can remember so clearly the rains in 1969 that tore out both the bridge at Riverwood Ranch and the one on Foothill around where Angeles National Golf Club exists today. People were stranded and it took a long time to repair those bridges. There was the 1971 earthquake that did a lot of damage to our house. I remember the strong aftershocks but mainly the foot of food and dish debris in the kitchen and the five

fish tanks that all broke, spilling fish and glass into the wet, family room carpet. We were evacuated during the 1975 fire that ravaged Big Tujunga Canyon. This was followed by several years of floods that floated caskets down from the Verdugo Hills Cemetery in 1978 and my mom getting knocked down by flood waters in 1980 by what we called “Ellenbogen River.” She was alright but bruised while the car she had been driving, floated into the wash.

After years of crazy “weather,” it was refreshing to experience this recent snowstorm, together as a community. I have never seen anything quite like it in my neighborhood. I won’t soon forget how I felt seeing the San Gabriel mountains completely covered in snow. The Verdugo Hills even had a dusting. What a joy to behold.

*Susan Bolan  
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# YOUTH

## The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Celebrates “Terrific Kids” Student Honorees

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada hosted 22 local sixth graders, recognizing them as the most recently inducted “Terrific Kids” recipients. With almost 100 in attendance, the students and their families were treated to a luncheon by Kiwanis members at the La Cañada Congregational Church. The students were selected by their classrooms at La Cañada, Palm Crest and Paradise Canyon elementary schools for displaying such character traits as good citizenship and kindness.

“After a two-year hiatus because of covid, we were thrilled to be able to finally celebrate indoors. You could literally feel the excitement in the air! We are happy to acknowledge these students who have helped their classrooms thrive through their positivity,” stated Trish McRae, Kiwanis of La Cañada president.

At the helm of the Kiwanis signature event is Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Terrific Kids coordinator Nancy Leininger who, along with Dr. Michael Leininger and Tom Slaughter, heralded the students. They had visited each school

beforehand to present certificates to the student honorees at their rallies or classroom.

“It was gratifying to have all 3 schools come together and present what was written about each student, applauding them on their special attributes. It was a great day,” Nancy stated.

Established by Kiwanis International worldwide, “Terrific” stands for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

Attending the event were La Cañada Flintridge Mayor Keith Eich, La Cañada Flintridge Council member Terry Walker, La Cañada Unified School Board District education president Joe Radabaugh, Caroline Anderson, and former Board member Kaitzer Puglia; LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Michael Leininger, LCF Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Pat Anderson, La Cañada Flintridge City Manager Mark Alexander and former LCF Mayor Don Voss.

If you are interested in learning



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Twenty-two youths were recognized as the most recent “Terrific Kids” recipients at a luncheon ceremony held by the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada. Enjoying the festivities are:

Front row (L-R) La Cañada Elementary students: Arianna Toutounjian, Enoch Li, Fiona Gablesen, Jaden Chong, Peter Oliverez, Jordan Wilcox, Orion Chahine, Charlotte Chumo.

Middle Row (L-R) Palm Crest Elementary students: Damon Eastman, Riley Chang, Maya Kim, Dominic Angelica, Alana Rodemich, Elias Kang.

Back Row (L-R) Paradise Canyon Elementary students: Alexandra Kelly, Evan Key, Evan Yeowk, Madeline Para, Anjuili Rao, Karla Louie, Ryan Cho, Colin Rao.

more about Kiwanis, want to attend a meeting featuring guest speakers, or go to a “K-Mix” monthly evening social for members and business members, email [kiwaniscluboflacanada@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniscluboflacanada@gmail.com)

or call (818) 568-6411. With the club’s invigorated tagline of “Be Kind, Be Cool, Be Our Guest,” the Kiwanis’ mission is to make a difference by conducting programs like Terrific Kids.

## Glendale Youth Orchestra Presents “EXPLORING THE COSMOS”

On March 5, the Glendale Youth Orchestra (GYO) will be performing in a concert entitled “Exploring the Cosmos,” featuring works inspired by outer space and the greater universe. Works will include Gustav Holst’s “Mars, the Bringer of War” and “Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity” from *The Planets*, Op. 32, Haydn’s overture to his opera “Il mondo della luna,” and excerpts from some of the

famous space-themed films such as “Star Wars” and “Star Trek.”

“Tapping into the minds of all of these composers from different centuries on how they imagined outer space and the universe to be through their music is something truly fascinating. The commonality we can find among all of these works spanning almost 250 years amazes me most, as we can find in each of

these works a sense of wonderment and curiosity” said Henry Shin, music Director and conductor.

Alongside these works, the GYO will also be featuring two of their recent winners of the annual concerto competition. Nathan Scherrer will be performing Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Bass Trombone and Orchestra, which is

see GYO on page 22



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CU Weekly **Summer SCHOOL & CAMPS** Special Section

# SUMMER CAMPS AND SPORTS CAMPS: WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?

by Roman INGUANZO

Summer camps and sports camps are popular choices for children and teens during the summer months. Given the plethora of options available, some parents may find it hard to decide which option is right for their children. After all, each of these programs offers unique benefits and drawbacks for your children, depending on their specific needs and goals. The CV Weekly has created an overview of each type of camp in order to help parents decide which option is best suited for their child:

### SUMMER CAMP

Summer camps can vary widely depending on the type of camp, location, and program offerings. Generally, summer camps are designed to provide children and teenagers with a fun and engaging outdoor experience during the summer months.

Summer camps typically offer a range of activities that are designed to be engaging, educational, and above

all, fun. Camp activities typically include sports, arts and crafts, swimming, hiking, camping, nature exploration, team building games, music, and drama. Some camps emphasize outdoor activities, while others focus on team building.

Summer camps often utilize a daily schedule in order to maintain an orderly and transparent operation. Camp schedules are typically posted on their website, so that everyone can stay in the loop. In this way, parents can stay up to date about their child's day-to-day activities without having to be physically present on the campsite. Schedules often include a combination of planned activities, free time, and meals. Depending on the camp, the daily routine may adopt a more flexible or rigid schedule. Regardless, camps always have rules and guidelines in place that outline proper behavior and safety measures that campers are expected to follow.

Summer camps are situated in a variety of settings, such as in the mountains, near a lake, in a rural area, or in a city.



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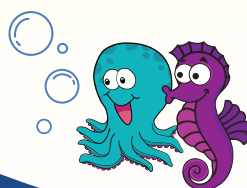


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# Summer SCHOOL & CAMPS



## SUMMER CAMPS AND SPORTS CAMPS (continued)

The location of the camp may influence the types of activities that are offered, as well as the environment and culture of the camp. If your child is an adventurous and outdoorsy type, it may be best to look at camps in rural or suburban areas, as opposed to a large city. Parents who are unable to drive their child to and from camp can rest easy, as most summer camps offer pickup and drop off services.

Campers typically stay in cabins, dormitories, and tents. Accommodations may vary in terms of comfort and amenities, from rustic cabins with no electricity or plumbing to modern dormitories with air conditioning and private bathrooms. Meals are usually provided by the camp and may be served in a dining hall or eaten outside. Camps make sure that everyone gets fed a proper meal. Your child will receive appropriate accommodations if they have any dietary restrictions and/or food-specific allergies.

A proper summer camp is staffed by trained counselors and instructors who are responsible for leading activities, providing guidance and support, and ensuring the safety of the campers. Counselors may be college students, teachers, or other adults who have experience working with groups of children and teenagers.

### SPORTS CAMP

As the name suggests, sports camp is focused on teaching and developing athletic skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship among young people. Sports camps often utilize daily schedules like the ones used at summer camp, but with sports as the main focus for activities rather than arts and crafts. Here are the overarching qualities of sports camps:

1. Types of Activities: Sports camps typically include a range of activities and sports such as soccer, basketball, football, tennis, swimming, and more. The campers will usually participate in drills, games, and competitions to improve their skills and athleticism.

2. Coaches as camp leaders: The camp will be led by experienced coaches who are knowledgeable about the specific sports being played. As such, these coaches will provide instruction and feedback in order to help campers hone their skills and technique.

3. Teamwork and Sportsmanship: Teamwork and sportsmanship are fundamental for a variety of sports. As such, sports camp seeks to create an environment that develops these skills among their campers. Campers must work together and support each other. Not only will this help build social skills and confidence, it will also build phenomenal athletes.

4. Fitness: Sports camps are physically demanding, and campers should be prepared to exercise regularly. These exercises include workouts, stretching, and other exercises to help campers improve their physical ability.

5. Fun: While the focus is on improving athletic skills, sports camps are also designed to be fun and social. While campers will have opportunities to make friends through the sports they play, they also have time to make friends in activities not related to sports while they rest up.

Summer camps and sports camps offer plenty of great ways for your child to enjoy their summer break. Ultimately, parents and their children should consider their goals and interests when deciding which program to sign up for. Luckily, it is hard to go wrong with either one of the options, as they both offer your child opportunities to have fun, learn and develop their skills, make friends, and create cherished memories.



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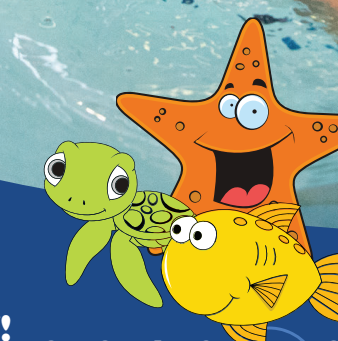
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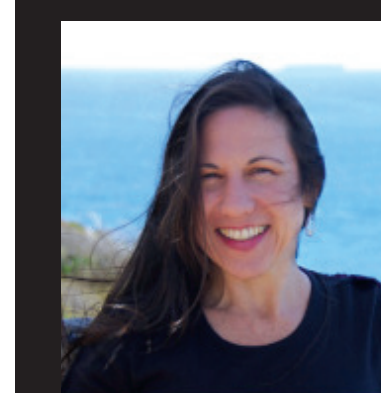
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## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

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#### Trustee Not Acting As A Fiduciary?

Dear Phyllis,

My aunt never had children, and her trust named her five nieces and nephews as beneficiaries. The eldest nephew was the trustee. Her home was on a flag lot, and the trustee lived next door. There was poor communication from the trustee from the start. As the sale occurred before the market changed, taking three months to sell the home was a long time. I was suspicious because the trustee's wife seemed to be running the show instead of my cousin. We asked for a fiduciary audit and learned from the Realtor that my cousin turned down two higher offers because he picked the buyer he thought would be a better neighbor as they had children similar in age to his. The Realtor even had my

cousin initial the prices of the higher offers and formally reject them. Now my other cousins want the difference to be taken out of the trustee's proceeds. What are your thoughts on this? **J.L.**

Dear J.L.,

Often people don't want to hurt feelings and select the eldest as trustee. But really, it should be the most competent and trustworthy. When selecting multiple trustees, it is wise never to appoint an even number. When trustees make decisions, it's important that the majority rule, or there could be a stalemate.

It was a great idea that the Realtor made it crystal clear that the trustee rejected higher offers. I have represented many trust sales and have never

encountered this situation. One thing to be clear is the terms of the higher offers that were rejected versus the terms of the lower offer. Let's assume the lower offer did not have better terms, such as cash, quick closing, or waiving the inspection contingency. Assuming the terms were similar, in this instance, perhaps the Realtor should have gone to the attorney for further guidance.

Your cousin had a fiduciary duty to act in the trust's best interest and not his own. You will need to discuss this with the trust attorney, but this seems like an obvious case of him not taking his duties as the trustee seriously and putting his needs first. Best of luck to your family!

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### Coping with the Death of a Loved One



Grieving the death of a loved one can be an isolating and lonely experience after the initial rallying and support of friends and family wanes and life slowly returns to "normal." Everyday life without that person can be hard to bear. While it is a natural and common experience, it is also very personal and individually experienced. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. The grieving period is also unique to each person and there is no ideal amount of time to expect to grieve.

Most grief work is based on the five stages of grief introduced in 1969 by psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler Ross in her first book, "On Death and Dying." These stages are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Experts now describe grieving as a process and not a problem to be solved. Common reactions to grief are disbelief, forgetfulness, changes in sleep and appetite, feelings of restlessness or lethargy, depression, loneliness, anger, guilt and sometimes relief, usually after a prolonged illness of pain and suffering.

Reactions to loss from death also depends on the relationship with the loved one. For example, the feelings of losing a spouse can be quite different from those of

losing a child or the reaction and subsequent feelings to a sudden death is different from those felt after someone dies after a prolonged illness.

People cope with grief and loss in many ways. Some seek comfort through the informal support of friends and family, while others find comfort from their religious or spiritual communities. Employing the assistance of a talk therapist can also be beneficial. Support groups are another way to deal with grief as they allow us to express our feelings in a safe and supportive space, learn ways of coping from others and find comfort in shared experiences.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource Center for Aging will be hosting a 6-week, in-person, support group for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death starting March 30, 2023. Registration is required and after the 2nd session, this will be a closed group. If you are looking for alternatives to a support group, you can still contact us to receive support and information about other services. Please call and speak to a Resource Specialist at 818-949-4033 to RSVP or to obtain additional information and resources.

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Super Nintendo World

By Charly SHELTON

For anyone who has ever wished they could travel down a Warp Pipe and into the fantastical world of Super Mario, Universal Studios Hollywood has a new experience for you. A new land, a new ride and a new restaurant bring this dream to life in Super Nintendo World, which opened recently to a massive and delighted crowd.

Last week, we talked about the land and the new restaurant, Toadstool Cafe. But the real Super Star (pun intended) of the land is the new attraction. Mario Kart: Bowser's Challenge is the one and only ride in the land, being the anchor of the whole experience. Guests enter a Warp Pipe and find themselves in an intensely immersive queue. From a Yoshi's Story themed room to secret caves with Super Stars and giant mushrooms, up to a balcony walkway with fantastic views of Super Nintendo World below, before entering Bowser's Castle.

Greeted by a gigantic statue of the King of the Koopas himself, guests can explore Bowser's office and a Bob-omb factory before learning the rules of the race from Lakitu. Donning a Mario cap headband, guests board their racing kart vehicles in groups of four. In each seat is a visor that magnetically attaches to the Mario cap, allowing projections to come to life in augmented reality.

The ride vehicles set off on a racing course based on the worlds found in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, and with a mix of screens, physical sets and AR, the video game comes to life. Each seat is equipped with a steering wheel and buttons to shoot shells at other racers, allowing each player to earn coins for their team. The aiming is unique in that the

shells go where the viewer looks, as tracked by the AR visor. This gives full freedom to each rider, independent of the others in their vehicle. The grand finale, of course, is the classic Mario Kart course Rainbow Road. As a fan of the video games for more than 25 years, driving down Rainbow Road for real and hearing that iconic music is chill-inducing. It's so immersive and so much fun, but the experience can't be fully explained or understood without being there.

This attraction is among the most immersive and exciting in the park, and definitely the most interactive. The AR tech is groundbreaking, even if a little clunky to use. And whether you're a long time fan of Mario Kart or just finding out about it now, the ride is immensely enjoyable.

Beyond the ride and restaurant, the land itself is an activity as well. Guests can get into the action with the new Power Up Band, which is a watch-like bracelet that can be purchased for \$40 from the various shops of the park and used inside the land. Six different designs are available, based on many of the Super Mario Bros characters. The bands link to the Universal Studios Hollywood app and create a profile for the player. Then, by punching ? blocks or riding the Mario Kart attraction, guests can earn coins, achievement badges in the app, and bragging rights. Various "M" touchpoints are hidden throughout the land that can be tapped to activate secret hidden achievements in the real world, like finding the original 8-bit iterations of Mario, Luigi, Bowser and Peach which light up from seemingly innocuous walls. The bands can also be used at home as an Amiibo character upgrade on the Nintendo Switch.

Super Nintendo World



Photos by Charly SHELTON



has so much going on that it almost feels like it could be the majority of a day in the park. If you're a local and haven't been in a while, this is definitely worth a visit. And if you're out of town and looking to come to Universal Studios Hollywood

for the first time, you'll want to add an additional day just to see this new land and not miss out on the rest of the park.

Super Nintendo World is open now. Expect high wait times on the attraction and restaurant, and be sure to arrive early

to get a timed Virtual Line reservation in the USH app, which is required to gain entry to the land on busy days. For more information, visit [UniversalStudiosHollywood.com](http://UniversalStudiosHollywood.com).

### THEN & NOW

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**THEN** » On Saturday we got a little snow, but certainly not enough to ski on our streets. That would be hard on your skis. This beautiful shot was taken on Saturday afternoon at the top of Ocean View.

# Scene in LA - March 2023

By Steve ZALLAND Sid FISH

It's great to see that more of the theaters we feared had been lost during the pandemic closure are opening their doors again with new shows. COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a face mask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before you attend an event to find out what their current policy is.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing, however you should verify it 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:

**"South Pacific"** On an island in the South Pacific during World War II, Ensign Nellie Forbush, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with French planter Emile de Becque. When Nellie learns that the mother of Emile's children was an island native, she refuses Emile's proposal of marriage, unable to overcome the prejudices with which she was raised. Meanwhile, the strapping Lt. Joe Cable falls in love with a Tonkinese girl named Liat, but he, too, denies himself a future due to the same fears that haunt Nellie. When Emile accompanies Joe on a dangerous mission that claims Joe's life, Nellie chooses to embrace a future with Emile and his children, thus confronting and conquering her prejudices.

This show features everyone's favorite songs including "Some Enchanted Evening," "Cockeyed Optimist," "Nothing Like A Dame," "Honey Bun," "Younger Than Springtime," and more!

Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 / \$65 / \$79 / \$89 + applicable fees. There are a limited number of VIP Experience Meet & Greet Available, which include a post-show reception with the lead cast and directors - \$75.00 + applicable fees.

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Written by James A. Michener, adapted by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, with music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, it runs April 28 through April 29 at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets call 888-645-5006 or visit www.wmmts.com.

**"The Way It Is Now"** Join the Journey. Versatile talent Dionne Lea (with Keith Harrison Dworkin) captures the quirks and quandaries of today - commiserate, contemplate and

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**"Love and Information"** What does it mean to be human? The digital age has given humanity access to radical equality, effortless connection and unprecedented intimacy. It has also served as a driver of detachment, alienation and unbridled anger. "Love and Information" examines these ideas and more through a kaleidoscope of scenes that reflect on the way we communicate in the 21st century. Eight Antaeus actors play dozens of unique characters from around the planet, each asking the biggest questions in this deep, funny, sexy and engaging work. Written by Caryl Churchill, and directed by Emily Chase, it runs March 3 through April 3 at the Kiki & David Gindler Performing Arts Center in Glendale. For tickets call 818-506-1983 or visit www.antaesus.org.

**"La Egoista"** Josefina is a rising stand-up comic who takes nothing seriously. Her younger sister Betsaida, on the other hand, takes everything seriously. When a sudden diagnosis upends Betsaida's life, the sisters are drawn together to rediscover the history, friction, and affection that still fuels their relationship. Written by Erlina Ortiz, and directed by Daphnie Sicre, it runs March 4 through April 9 at the Skylight Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets call 213-761-7061 or visit www.SkylightTix.org.

**"To the Bone"** Sometimes life throws us a curve ball. It's been 20 years since the Red Sox lost their chance at the pennant when a Yankees fan ran onto the field and voided the final out, but the Dugan sisters are still mad about it. Kelly and Maureen live on the South shore of Boston, where they were known as "hard girls" back in the glory days of high school. Now they're readying the house for a meeting with the daughter Kelly gave up for adoption back when she was 17. But when Geneva shows up, things don't go exactly as expected. Written and directed by Catherine Butterfield, it runs March 4 through March 26 at the Theatre 68 Arts Complex in North Hollywood. For tickets call 818-691-3001 or visit www.theatre68artscomplex.com.

**"Mean Girls"** Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady

devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung. Written by Tina Fey, with music by Jeff Richmond, lyrics by Nell Benjamin, and directed by Casey Nicholaw, it runs March 7 through March 19 at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts Segerstrom Hall in Costa Mesa. For tickets call 714-556-2787 or visit www.scfta.org.

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**"The Lonely Few"** Lila is getting by in her Kentucky hometown—scanning groceries at the Save-A-Lot, caring for her erratic brother, and living for Friday nights, when she plays a gig with her band The Lonely Few. And that's enough or she thought, until Amy, an established musician ragged from the road, passes through and offers her a shot at something much, much bigger. But is Lila ready for the life she never dared to imagine? Written by Rachel Bonds, with music by Zoe Sarnak, and directed by Trip Cullman and Ellenore Scott, it runs March 9 through April 9 at the Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater at Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. For tickets call 310-208-2028 or visit www.geffenplayhouse.org.

**"The Human Comedy"** Set in war front America in 1942, tells the story of a 14-year-old boy who delivers telegrams to make money for his family. During the course of two days, he grows from an idealistic boy to a mature young man as he struggles with the unfairness of the world around him and the pain of families to whom he delivers the War Department's death notices. Written by Thom Babbes, based on the novel by William Saroyan, and directed by Thom Babbes, it runs March 10 through April 23 at the David Schall Theater in Hollywood. For tickets call 323-462-8460 or visit www.actorsco-op.org.

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**Q**uestion: I am not a Catholic but this latest senseless murder of a Bishop in his home really shook me up! With all of the gun violence happening all over our country, I can't, for the life of me, understand the reason legislators do not take effective action. We vote them in to protect us and this is just not happening. One never knows when he/she goes out on an innocent outing whether they'll return alive. In the meantime, what can we do to help maintain a sense of stability, fearlessness and peacefulness?

~ Scared Stiff

(Bishop David O'Connell was murdered at his home on Feb. 18. Carlos Medina, 65, the husband of O'Connell's housekeeper has been arrested and charged for his murder.)

Dear Scared Stiff,

You are not alone. As a preacher in a small church, I have thought on more than one occasion, "What if some wacko comes to church some Sunday morning and shoots me?" It has happened before, at least once in Texas. What to do? Sadly, not much at this point. You and I live in a society that has become trapped in our insistence on "our rights", in this case what the Second Amendment seems to say about keeping and bearing arms. (BTW Do you think the Founding Fathers really thought every goof ball with a perceived grievance should have whatever weapon he/she wanted at his/her disposal? I think not.) The American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, who died in 1971, said what I think is a really wise thing, and his words seem apropos at this point: Man's ability to do good makes democracy possible; man's ability to do evil makes democracy necessary. In my opinion, those who think we all ought to be able to have any gun we want forget about the ability of each of us to do evil. The gun lobby wants to "crack down" with tougher penalties but that approach has not worked. In the debate over gun ownership, the ability of each of us to do evil gets lost in the debate. And most of our international friends cannot believe that we Americans give whoever wants a gun, a gun. A solution? It's not a quick one, but a good start would be that those we elect to public office gain some courage and try to think outside

the box for new answers, such as entertain the thought that maybe everybody shouldn't have a gun - duh. Again, we are trapped by our insistence on "our rights". We are strangely trapped by a "freedom" we insist upon having. Sorry to have no quick fix.

The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman  
lindemanskip@yahoo.com

Dear Scared Stiff,

We have more guns in the United States than people, so it's no wonder you are scared stiff. And the media doesn't help either with if it bleeds it leads. I don't think we can count on our government right now so we have to take action ourselves. I only look for the good in everything I do or the people I meet. And guess what? I only get back goodness. Also I have been practicing staying in the present for many years now so that's my natural state of mind. The past is gone, we don't know the future and the present is all we have. Make it count. Meditation helps so much. I start every morning by reading the Daily Word [published] by Unity and then concentrate on the word of the day. Sometimes it's for only for five minutes. There are also many meditation apps you can get on your phone. Do what works for you. But remember that practice makes perfect; so stay in the present and expect goodness.

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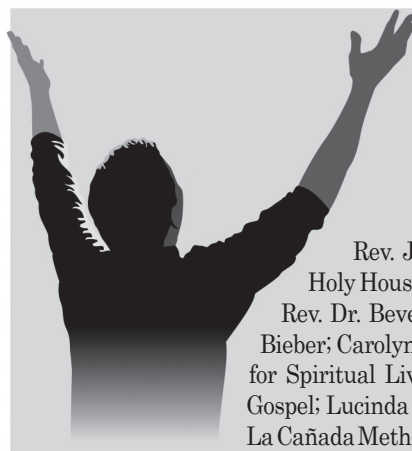
**Q**uestion: Please help us with a decision. We're a family of four adults.

Our father passed away five years ago. Now, our mother's health is deteriorating. We all live in the same community and have been taking turns caring for mom. She owns her home and has said repeatedly she wants to stay there. Two of us think it's time for her to be moved to assisted living and two do not like the idea. We all admit the care we're giving her really isn't enough. We love our mom and want the best for her.

~ Undecided

Dear Undecided:

Taking care of aging parents is a tradition in many countries. In my youth I recall vividly it was common for the younger generation to take care of their parents, it was the only Social Security we had



## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Highlands Church.; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church; Michelle Gillette, Unity Chaplain/Pasadena; Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain; Katie O'Brien, runningstream48@yahoo.com

Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Dear Undecided,

First, thank you for taking care of your mom. Taking care of someone else it not always an easy task, but your love for your mom is evident in your concern for her wellbeing. I commend you and your siblings for working together to make sure she is lovingly cared for.

Second, there comes a time when we realize we need help. We can't do everything on our own, or even with a few people. In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul talks about the body of Christ and how each person is a special member of that body with individual gifts and talents (1 Corinthians 12). We can't do everything by ourselves, but together we can make sure those around us are taken care of.

So, maybe it is time for you and your siblings to get some help. If your mom wants to stay in her home and is able to, maybe you can hire a caregiver to come in and assist her. The caregiver can be with your mom when you and your siblings cannot be there. This would give all of you a break, while at the same time making sure your mom has the best of care.

Whatever your family decides to do, please know there are people willing to help. You are not alone. May the comforting and caring Spirit of God guide all of you as you make these important decisions for your family.

Blessings,

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# NOTES & NODS

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The event is free, open to the community and is sponsored by two Churches of Christ, Scientist – in Montrose and Glendale. For additional information call (818) 249-8807. [csmontrose.org](http://csmontrose.org); [fccsglendale.com](http://fccsglendale.com).

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The blood drive will be held at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

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For more information or to sign up, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search "91214" for local blood drives, or simply contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at 818-249-6137.

# Fat Tuesday Celebrated at St. Luke's of the Mountains



By Mary O'KEEFE

The Lenten season began on Feb. 22 with the observance of Ash Wednesday by local religious organizations. Lent is the 40-day period stretching from Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It is a time of fasting, prayer and reflection.

But just before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday,

also known as Fat Tuesday and Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before Lenten fast.

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church celebrated Shrove Tuesday, with a community meal that included a lot of sweets. The congregation and guests had their fill of sweets as they prepared for the 40 days of reflection and fasting.

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Last month the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce (CV-COC) installed the new 2023 Board of Directors, this month the Chamber welcomes two new smiling faces to our office. With Steve Pierce trying on a new hat of semi-retirement and the loss of Jean Maluccio, the new Board had some pretty big shoes to fill. Please welcome the new dynamic duo of Rachelle and Rena.

Rachelle Miller joins us as our new Executive Director, and has a background of event management, print publications and HR (yes, she still works at the Crescenta Valley Weekly too). Rachelle has

been involved in the community since she moved here in 2011 and will oversee the chamber office, build and maintain our memberships, organize and run our events and mixers and create new ones.

Our new Office Manager, Rena Dishjekian, is a new resident to the La Crescenta area, fluent in four languages and has a background in office management and search engine optimization, Rena will be handling the Chambers email blasts, social media as well as running the office.

Rena is in the office Tuesday - Thursday's from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and Rachelle is here in the

afternoons of Monday - Thursday. Stop by and say hi.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Home Town Country Fair 2023**

The Chamber's annual Home-town Country Fair event, with kid's activities, food trucks, live music, costume dog parade, first responders including Montrose Search and Rescue, classic cars on display by the Early Rodders, robotic demonstrations, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce activities and numerous vendor booths will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Crescenta Valley Park from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Vendor booth applications and Event Sponsor

forms are available at the Chamber office or on the Chamber website, [www.crescentavalleychamber.org](http://www.crescentavalleychamber.org). For more information call the Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 Monday through Thursday between 3 pm and 5 pm and speak with our Executive Director, Rachelle Miller. You won't want to miss this always fun, family oriented event.

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As we move into spring, the MVCC has an exciting slew of events. We hope you will join us as we unearth a piece of Montrose history, dine out with Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, celebrate Easter and showcase local breweries and food vendors.

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MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

-Saturday, 3/18/23 at 5p.m. - Unearth a Piece of Montrose History

Join us as we dig up and open a community time capsule that was buried at Montrose Library in March

1993. Montrose Library is located at 2465 Honolulu Ave.

-Wednesday, 3/22/23 from 11a.m.-8:30p.m. - MVCC Dine Night Out at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant located at 2272 Honolulu Ave.

Drop your receipt in the provided box and 15% of your check will go towards the 2024 MVCC Scholarship Fund. Alcohol sales not included in the 15%. Thank you in advance!

-Wednesday, 4/5/23 at 6p.m. - Easter Mixer with Aligned Construction Co.

There will be drinks, food, opportunity drawings, and Easter themed networking games. Members: \$10, Guests: \$15. Aligned Construction is located at 3440-B Foothill Blvd.

-Sunday, 4/9/23 - MVCC 3rd Annual Egg My Home

Let the MVCC scatter eggs on your lawn early Easter morning for a

fun surprise for your kids, grandkids or even adult neighbors. Orders can be placed at [bit.ly/eggmyhome3](http://bit.ly/eggmyhome3)

-Sunday, 4/30/23 from 12p.m.-4p.m. - 8th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest

Tickets can be purchased at [bit.ly/2023cbf](http://bit.ly/2023cbf)

Special Thank You:

We want to thank everyone who dined out with us at Giuseppe's last month. The MVCC is working hard to get back to the missions we paused in 2020, one being the MVCC Scholarship. We are not just committed to local businesses and the community, but our schools as well.

Stay warm and we hope you will continue to make memories that will last a lifetime with us.

-Molly Burke  
MVCC Interim  
Executive Director

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**PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**

## My Samsung tablet won't hold a charge. Is my warranty dead, too?

*John Baldwin's Samsung tablet won't hold a charge. He wants to file a warranty claim. Samsung says the device is out of warranty. Is it?*

**Q** Last year, I ordered a Samsung Tablet 7A Lite online directly from the company to replace a Samsung Tablet S2. I replaced the S2 because it could no longer hold a charge after several years of use.

The new tablet worked fine until about two months ago. I hadn't been using it very often, mainly because every time I tried to use it, the battery was dead. A month ago I began deleting the apps I identified were using significant amounts of the battery's power, but that didn't solve the problem. I eventually deleted or force-stopped every app that was drawing even the smallest amount of power, but the device still died. I've owned two Samsung tablets and both had a battery life that was much shorter than I expected.

Before my warranty expired, I called Samsung's customer service department. But a Samsung representative said my warranty had expired a month ago.

How could that happen? The Samsung representative didn't know.

It's possible the tablet I received was not new, as advertised.

To prove that the warranty period in his file was wrong (yes, it was up to me to prove it), Samsung asked me to email him a copy of my receipt, which I immediately did. I called to follow up on my request a week later, and a representative said Samsung had canceled my request because I didn't answer my phone when the company tried to call.

Samsung has made me jump through hoops to get this warranty honored. It has asked me to send a receipt, pictures of the device, and evidence of the warranty. I have been on hold for hours.

I can't believe that a company like Samsung would treat its customers like I've been treated. I paid for a one-year warranty in my purchase price.

Can you help me to get Samsung to honor its warranty?

- John Baldwin,  
South Windsor, Conn.

**A**: Samsung should honor your warranty, but it looks like it was doing everything

it could to avoid its responsibilities.

Let's start with your Samsung tablet. It should keep its charge for a reasonable amount of time. Based on your account, it looks like you had not one, but two, Samsung tablets that failed to keep their charge. (I'm not sure I would have bought another Samsung tablet based on my experience with the first one.)

Samsung's limited one-year warranty would have covered a faulty battery. That's something everyone can agree on. But why did Samsung make you jump through all those hoops to get there? Part of the explanation is the time it took to file your request. But that's not all, the company put you through the wringer with constant demands for more information -- information it should have already had.

Why? Who knows? If you're more conspiracy-minded, this sure looks like a concerted effort to thwart customers like you from making valid warranty claims. Others might see incompetence. Maybe it's a little of both.

see PROBLEM SOLVED on next page

**» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE**



## CALENDAR this

**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL - BINGO**

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale Foundation is hosting a bingo night on Saturday, March 4 at the Elks Club in Glendale. Doors open at 6 p.m.; first game is 6:30 p.m. No outside food allowed. Individual tickets are \$40, which includes one bingo book and one meal ticket -- however, sponsorships are available!

Proceeds benefit programs serving the children, youth, homeless, veterans and other non-profits in the local community.

For more information, including how to sponsor the event or how to buy tickets, visit [www.glendalekiwanis.info](http://www.glendalekiwanis.info) or email [glendalekiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:glendalekiwanis@gmail.com).

**TUESDAY MUSICALE FREE CONCERT**

On Tuesday, March 7 at 12:30 p.m. a free concert will be performed at Altadena Baptist Church, 791 E. Calaveras St. in Altadena.

On the roster is "Trio" by Mozart. Emily Denney will be on clarinet, Sue Reinecke on viola, Sharon Chan on piano. "Violin Sonata" by Grieg will be performed by Ann Levi on violin and Louise Earhart on piano. Piano soloist Anna Ching will perform "Nocturne" by Chopin. A duet from "Aida" by Verdi will be performed by Diana Briscoe and Bernice Brightbill, vocalists and Geraldine Keeling on piano.

**LIFE ON THE SHELF**

Eden Ahbez, composer of the pre-flower-power anthem "Nature Boy" (made popular in 1948 by Nat King Cole), released his lone LP, Eden's Island, in 1960. Soon thereafter he wrote a dozen more songs intended to be the creative content of his second album. But because Eden's Island sold less than 100 copies in its initial release, and because his wife Anna contracted bone cancer in 1961, Eden's second album never got past the sheet music stage. In 1995, Eden passed away at the age of 86.

In 2009, fan turned researcher Brian Chidester found, tucked away on a shelf in the Library of Congress, more than a dozen hand-written lead-sheets of never recorded Ahbez compositions. In 2021, collaborating with the Swedish Band Ixtahuele, many of these songs were recorded and released.

Eden Ahbez had lived much of his time in the local Big Tujunga Canyon. This suite of new music was very much concerned with the spiritual qualities of this landscape.

Local history hunter Craig Durst will introduce the sights and sounds of the local canyons in the form of music by Eden Ahbez.

This free presentation is on March 11 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of the Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in

Tujunga. Suggested donation is \$3 per person.

**CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES**

Since 1995, US Presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Military Veterans Affairs of the County of Los Angeles will honor WWII Army veteran Bea Abrams Cohen (perhaps the oldest living veteran in this area who passed away at 105) at "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," an event focusing on the philanthropic efforts of Ms. Cohen on Saturday, March 18, at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, 1816 S Figueroa Street, LA 90015. Ms. Cohen will also be honored by dedication of a resource room at Patriotic Hall, the first room named after a women veteran within the facility.

Speakers at the event include: LA County Supervisor, fifth district, Kathryn Barger, Virginia Wimmer, deputy secretary of CalVet Women Veteran Affairs, Betsy Butler, executive director Women's Law Center, and a close friend of Ms Cohen and Chief Master Sargent Jason Young, also a close friend of Ms Cohen.

The event is open to the public. To register contact [jdavis@mva.lacounty.gov](mailto:jdavis@mva.lacounty.gov)

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAY**

The community is invited to play games with supporters of Bolton Hall Museum on March 25 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The afternoon of exploring and playing family friendly board and card games is suitable for ages 6 to 96. Based on the Museum's current exhibit, Toys & Games, Past & Present, young people are invited to see and learn vintage games and adults will relive the games of their youth.

This event is co-sponsored by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, Home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or by visiting [BoltonHall.org](http://BoltonHall.org).

**VILLAGE POETS READING CONTINUE WITH TOTI O'BRIEN AND LINDA DOVE AT BOLTON HALL**

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga is pleased to invite poets and friends of poetry to the second of this year's Monthly Reading held in-person, on Sunday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m. at see CALENDAR THIS on next page

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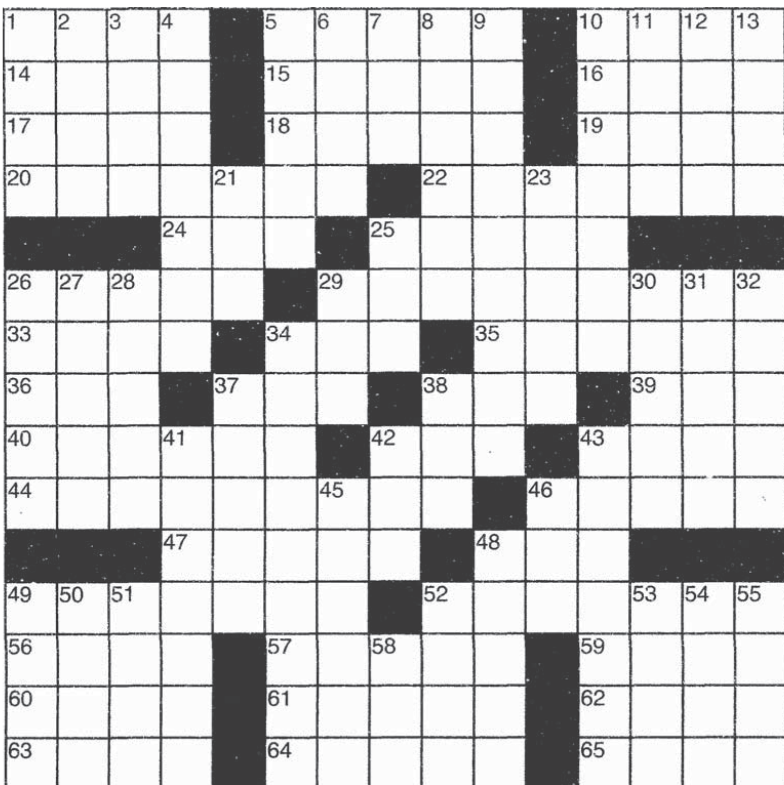
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com 2.27.23-3.5.23

**ARIES** March 21 - April 19

Take it easy if you're going to do any projects around the home. You may be more accident prone than usual. Accidents are completely avoidable if you take precautions. On another note, you may decide to buy a gadget, such as a juicer, to help you in your bid for excellent health. Exercise equipment could be another temptation.

**TAURUS** April 20 - May 20

Your more optimistic mood is bound to have a good effect on your health. You have so many opportunities to get in peak condition that it would be a shame to waste them. If you have any questions, get as much help as you need online or in person. Groups can prove to be a source valuable support.

**GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

If you have any experience as a fitness instructor, masseuse, or yoga or tai chi teacher, this is a great time to offer your services. If you need another income stream, your practical nature and calm and helpful outlook would help you be very effective in these kinds of jobs. If it feels right, try it. You might do this on a permanent basis.

**CANCER** June 21 - July 22

You're in such a positive mood now that you're eager to translate this into other areas of your life, including health and fitness. Now is the time to transform your diet and exercise routine. Think ahead to how you'll look when these changes take effect. If you like what you see, don't think too much, just do it! You won't regret your decision.

**LEO** July 23 - August 22

It's time to use your imagination to enhance your health and well-being. If you tend to think that you're the kind of person who can't stick to a daily routine, eating plan, or workout, you're going to influence yourself in the wrong direction. Imagine that you can do these things every day and then see what happens. If you make this a lifelong habit, your health will improve in wonderful ways.

**VIRGO** August 23 - Sept. 22

It's time to reflect on your health. If you don't have any goals in this area, create some. Are you happy with your weight? Do you work out regularly? Do you feel fit and full of energy? Whatever your answers, begin to envision yourself in a state of radiant health. Take steps to make it happen.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Creative works, action, and assertion come together now. This will change the way you connect with social groups, and it may start you thinking about becoming self-employed in the near future. This aspect says your ideas are solid. All you need is the gumption to make this transition and see it through. Money comes when you follow up on what you've been fortunate enough to create.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's time to do an emotional detox and release all the bitterness, resentment, and pain accumulated over a lifetime. It isn't possible to let it go all at once. If you work on this daily, you'll notice a big difference in your health and vitality. You'll look and feel younger, and your energy level will be much higher.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This is a great time to work out regularly with a group of friends. You'll be able to give each other plenty of support. You can encourage one another to work through issues that may keep you from reaching your fitness goals. Getting healthy as a team will work wonders.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your health is never far from your thoughts these days. The cosmos is encouraging you to do some research that will enable you stay ahead in the fitness game. If there's a program or book that really inspires you, it's worthwhile to use it. Every little effort enables you to stay in peak condition.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your health is about to become a source of delight rather than dismay. Aspects are contributing to a much more positive outlook. It's time to see yourself inhabiting the kind of body you've always dreamed of having. Concentrate on images of well-being. They can't help but manifest. Try it and see!

**PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20

You may need to take extra care of your health. A health issue could take a backward turn. This means that you haven't really gotten to the heart of the problem. Look at this matter from a number of perspectives. Get some other opinions so you know what to do to heal it completely.

PROBLEM SOLVED from previous page

Samsung's corporate contacts, which I list on my consumer site, Elliott.org, might have been a shortcut to a better resolution. A brief, polite email to one of them might have fixed this. But you said you sent an email to the executives and they didn't respond.

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. A representative called you almost immediately from Samsung's Extra Care department. She said you had received a brand new tablet and explained that Samsung automatically sets the start of the warranty period on their products on the last day of the month the device is manufactured. Then they correct the date when the customer registers the device. You say you don't remember if you registered the device or not.

So the important takeaway is: Remember to register your device and keep all your receipts in case you need to file a warranty claim.

Samsung repaired your tablet, and you report that it can now hold a charge. Let's hope it stays that way.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy, a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him on his site. © 2023 Christopher Elliott.

CALENDAR THIS from previous page

Bolton Hall Museum, located at 10110 Commerce Ave, Tujunga, 91042-2313. In March our features will be poets Toti O'Brien and Linda Dove.

Toti O'Brien is the Italian Accordionist with the Irish Last Name. Born in Rome, living in Los Angeles, she is an artist, musician and dancer. She is the author of Other Maidens (BlazeVOX, 2020), An Alphabet of Birds (Moonrise Press, 2020), In Her Terms (Cholla Needles Press, 2021), Pages of a Broken Diary (Pski's Porch, 2022) and Alter Alter (Elyssar Press, 2023).

Linda Dove holds a Ph.D. in Renaissance literature and teaches college writing. She is also an award-winning poet of four books: In Defense of Objects (2009), O Dear Deer, (2011), This Too (2017), and Fearn (2019), as well as the

scholarly collection of essays, Women, Writing, and the Reproduction of Culture in Tudor and Stuart Britain. Poems have been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, the Robert H. Winner Award from the Poetry Society of America, Best of the Net, and Best Microfiction. More recently, she has acted as a cultural critic, writing reviews and editing creative work for several internationally recognized visual artists. She lives on the eastern edge of Los Angeles, where she serves as the faculty editor of MORIA Literary Magazine at Woodbury University.

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The GYO is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture.

The GYO is by the California Arts Council through the Creative Youth Development Grant.

Tickets are \$18.00 and may be purchased from the Alex Theatre Box Office. Students, children and seniors may purchase tickets for \$16.00 each. The Alex Theatre is located at 216 North Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203. For more information, visit www.alextheatre.org.

The mission of GYO is to contribute to a world where exceptional young musicians are empowered to express themselves

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sliding all the way, to get them to a Glendale hospital. On his way home, he couldn't get up the hill, so abandoned his car and walked the last half mile.

A resident reported seeing his neighbor who regularly got a lift to work, come out to the curb with an armful of firewood. He built a small campfire to warm himself while waiting for his ride.

And in 1949, just like today, water was a pressing issue, and the snow was welcomed for the water it would provide. “Record Breaking Snowfall Increases Water Resources” was a headline in the local paper. The Crescenta Valley was dependent on

groundwater for all its drinking water. Colorado River Water was still a few years away. A drought plagued the burgeoning valley population. In 1948 there was less than two and a half inches of rainfall, and in 1949 only five inches. Because of the drought, some water sources dried up entirely, leaving some homes with no water at all. Glendale stepped in with emergency water. Many residents felt it was better to go with big city water, and so voted to annex to Glendale. That drought forever changed the Crescenta Valley, and this snowfall wasn't enough to change that.

But back to the snow, many adult residents were new to Southern California, having moved from snowy eastern states. They were somewhat blasé about the event, stating they'd seen worse, and joking that they were “goin' back to Iowa”. But one resident on Alabama Street expressed the same joy the kids did. “We came here in 1937, so this is the first time I've ever been in a snowstorm out here. I think the North Pole fell over and we got the big end. It was very beautiful!”

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

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