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## Bookmarks, Roof Collapse and Fentanyl Discussed at Council Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday night focused on honoring those within Glendale and highlighting the City's unique diverse art culture.

Samples of the winning young artists' work were honored with a mayor's commendation for the 2023 Children's Bookmark contest. This was the 46th annual contest and the artists' ages ranged from preschool to eighth grade. The theme was "Find Your Voice" and there were 700 entries received from students from Glendale Unified School District as well as other areas. There was one winner in each grade level.

The bookmarks will be on display throughout Glendale beginning June 1.

Mayor Dan Brotman shared a proclamation for EMS (Emergency Medical Services), which includes EMS staff at both the Glendale Fire Dept. (GFD) and Glendale Police Dept. (GPD), and paramedics. Bat. Chief Todd Tucker accepted the honor.

GFD responds to 20,000 calls a year with 85% of those calls being medical in nature, Tucker said.

"We are pretty busy out there," he said.

He added that it was important for the public to be involved in and to get trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). The GFD will be holding sidewalk CPR training events on June 1 at Glendale Community College from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Americana from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

GPD Chief Manuel Cid shared information on the arrest of a suspect who allegedly sold fentanyl resulting in the death of one young local man and caused another young man to

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## Wanted: Boxes of Cereal

By Mary O'KEEFE

*The Glendale Police Dept. is working with the community to help make breakfast a little easier for as many families as they can.*

Every year GPD Community Service Officer Amy Tate looks for community events that help support families – and she loves working with elementary schools. Last year GPD hosted "Big Saturday" where it spent the day with volunteers and fourth and fifth grade students. Many volunteers were from the Glendale Community College Scholars Program; they painted bright murals throughout the school. These big projects have a goal of fostering connections between students and officers while supporting kids.

This year's Cereal Box Drive was something Tate had heard about and then researched. She found that many schools that held this donation drive added a fun domino effect to the project.

"I was doing research about using cereal boxes as dominos," she said.

The plan is to take all the boxes of cereal that are collected through the deadline of May 31 and then on June 1 put them in a line and, like dominos, let them fall.

"I didn't realize how many different sizes of [boxed] cereal there was," she said.

So Tate and volunteers are taking all the boxes donated, separating them by size and will then line them up along a Jefferson Elementary School hallway and into the gym area. On June 1 students will line up with the boxes and will watch as the domino effect

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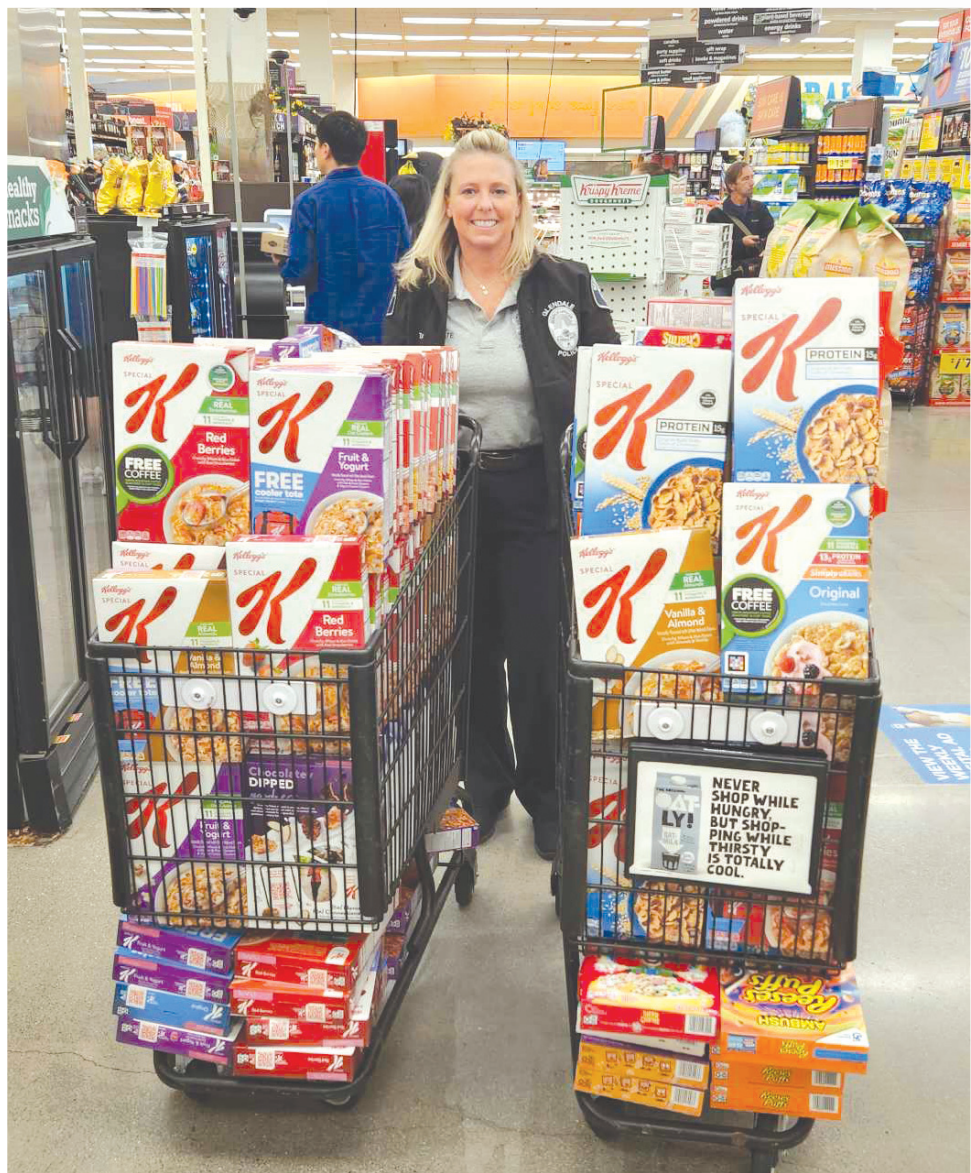


Photo provided by GPD  
GPD Community Service Officer Amy Tate with carts filled with cereal boxes donated by American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars 1614 and Glendale Moose Lodge 641.

## Overwhelming Support for Local Waste Management Company

By Lucian KUGLER

On Saturday, the La Crescenta Library hosted an event organized by Los Angeles County Public Works to provide a presentation on the contract for trash collection services in the unincorporated portions of LA County La Crescenta/Montrose. The event was attended by a dozen members of the community who expressed their unanimous support for Burrtec Waste Industries, the current waste management company for unincorporated portions of La Crescenta/Montrose, and their desire for the Burrtec contract to be renewed.

Since 2014, Burrtec has been providing waste management services to unincorporated portions of La Crescenta/Montrose and the community

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Photo by Lucian KUGLER  
About a dozen community members attended a recent presentation on trash collection services in the unincorporated portions of La Crescenta/Montrose.



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# Reflecting on Past Mother's Days

Steve and I are empty nesters; the four boys have all gone off to lead their own lives. Two live locally and two live in North Carolina. We are blessed with five granddaughters – three bio and two “bonus” – and indeed consider ourselves blessed though I do have to laugh when considering that our four boys have given us five granddaughters.

Thinking of my daughters-in-law and their journey in motherhood takes me back to the days when I was the celebrated mother. Gifts and cards would be presented to me on “my day” – macaroni necklaces were standard as were handmade cards. Steve never gifted me though. His excuse? I’m not his mother (to which I replied true but he did make me a mother. Still no gift).

I remember incorporating a visit with my mother-in-law as part of our Mother’s Day plans. I’d prepare brunch (with the help of my daughters-in-law and sister-in-law). Sadly, Mom died on Dec. 8 so this year will be a little melancholy.

I decided to investigate a little about the history of Mother’s Day. Contrary to what many think, Mother’s Day was not created by the greeting card industry but by a woman who wanted to establish a “celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society.”

According to Wikipedia, “While some countries have a multi-century history of a day to celebrate mothers, the modern American version of the holiday began in the United States in the early 20th century at the

initiative of Anna Jarvis who organized the first Mother’s Day service of worship and celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which serves as the International Mother’s Day Shrine today.”

Within our family, there are grandparents (including Steve and me), mothers, fathers, stepmothers, girlfriends and grandchildren (including bonus grandchildren). Most – including the mothers – need to be loved and cared for and Sunday is an opportunity to focus on doing that. I applaud the mothers in our family as they wipe dirty faces and change dirty diapers, listen to complaints and comfort those whose need a little more attention. It takes work and I am grateful for those in our lives.

And as far as our plans for this weekend, Steve and I will be in my favorite place: Cambria. Lunch plans have been made and wine pickups arranged. I don’t think I’ll be getting any macaroni necklaces.

Our plans to head north were made prior to learning that Saturday, May 13 into Sunday, May 14 is Prom Plus. This year’s event is being held earlier in the year than ever before. Though I’m not as involved with PP as I once was, I am confident that the crew in place will host a dynamic event. I thank everyone who has donated money, product or time to this worthy cause.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

This weekend my grandson had a sleepover at our home. On Sunday my son and daughter-in-law invited me to meet them at the Autry Museum. It was the “Great Big Family Play Day at The Autry in Griffith Park” and when they stated “great big” that is exactly what they meant. There were bounce toys, games and booths throughout the Autry parking lot and yard. Because I rarely go to these big events I always seem to forget how difficult parking can be in Los Angeles.

As I made my way around the Zoo parking lot, which was where the traffic security directed me as I got off the freeway, I found no open parking spaces. There were drivers who would just stop in the middle of the parking lot, either hoping or waiting for someone to pull out of a space. Many of them did not leave room for any other car to pass. People would get out of their cars to yell at those drivers; I heard more horns honking than I think I ever have in LA – and there were a few hand gestures that were not exactly friendly.

At one point as I was attempting to leave the parking lot a driver who was coming from a side road pulled toward my car without slowing down. I had the right of way but the driver obviously disagreed and honked and yelled while nearly hitting the front of my car. I had my grandson in the car, so I was limited as to my response. I just used it as an example of bad karma: my grandson and I have long talks about good karma/bad karma.

When I saw this example of bad societal behavior I came to the frightening realization that this was happening at a “fun day” and it dealt with simply finding a parking space. This, of course, led me to climate change.

Climate change is real, it has happened, it is happening and our world is changing because of it. There will be more extreme weather events like droughts and flooding that will affect food supplies and the economy – just to name a few inconvenient truths. There will be a time when we look back and wish that our biggest problem is finding a parking space.

I honestly do try to be optimistic but it is difficult to imagine that society, as it is today, will come together to support each other like the “Greatest Generation” did during WWII or the tremendous support shown for others after 9/11 or, locally, how neighbors helped neighbors after the Northridge Earthquake and numerous wildfires. I hope I am wrong and that our best selves will shine through.

Two films come to mind about how societal superiority and negativity toward others had us paying a price for turning our back on nature.

“Princess Mononoke” is a Japanese animated fantasy film that was released in the U.S. in 1999. It was written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki and follows Ashitaka, an Emishi prince who killed a demon that attacked his village. During the battle the demon touched the prince, causing him to be cursed. The demon was found to be a boar god who had been corrupted by an iron ball that was lodged in his body. The wise woman of the village told Ashitaka about a possible cure in the land where the demon came from but until then he would suffer great pain and his anger would grow.

Ashitaka takes a journey where he meets both humans and animals that have their own views of the importance of nature. He finds himself in Irontown, which was created by clear-cutting the forest to mine the iron. Eboshi was the woman who heads up Irontown and is in direct conflict with Princess Mononoke – known as San – a human raised by wolves.

San has seen what humans have done to the forest and hates them – especially Eboshi. Eboshi has created a haven for outcasts to work at the iron mines and is pro business no matter the cost. This film shows there is no easy answer for any of the destruction that happened. The animals fought amongst themselves as to what needed to be done and the humans fought amongst themselves – all during the total destruction of nature. The end of the movie attempts to bring everyone together with humans realizing the need to work with nature and nature attempting to recover from the destruction. Ashitaka will work with the

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## IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

### VINTAGE FILMS AT HSCV MEETING

The May 15 meeting of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will feature film historian Joe Rinaudo showing several old films on his restored projector. "Glendale on Parade" is a 1939 promotional film and "Montrose Rodeo" shows highlights from a local rodeo in the late 1940s.

This free presentation is on Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta.

### CVWD HOSTING INFORMATION COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Crescenta Valley Water District will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation gathering on the evening of Thursday May 18 from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Crescenta Commons at the intersection of Orange and Rosemont avenues. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss with staff members and the contractor the upcoming pipeline project on the 2600-2700 block of Orange Avenue.

### FOOD DRIVE

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is hosting a food drive fundraiser for the Bailey Center of Tujunga from 10 a.m. to noon on May 20 at St. Luke's of the Mountains. Especially needed are dry pasta, canned soup, canned meat/tuna, canned chili, Spaghetti O's, granola bars, crackers, cereal/oatmeal, dry mac & cheese, Rice A Roni, dry stuffing, canned fruit and canned vegetables.

Monetary donations also accepted. For more information, contact Diana Tyson at lions91214@gmail.com or call (818) 625-5221.

St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at the corner of Rosemont).

### GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED

The CV Chamber of Commerce is hosting a golf tournament at Scholl Canyon Golf Course on the morning of Monday, June 12. Proceeds benefit Crescenta Valley students. Entry fee is \$150 per person; check-in is 7 a.m. with putting contest at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

To register for more information, call (818) 248-4957 or visit [crescentavalleychamber.org/golf](https://crescentavalleychamber.org/golf).

### DOCENTS NEEDED

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is opening an upcoming exhibit, "Living in a Wildlife Corridor," at Descanso Gardens. Volunteers are needed to become docents for this immersive exhibit. Trainings will be held on May 24 and May 27 at Descanso. To sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr2cj5c8>.

"Living In A Wildlife Corridor" will run from June 3 – Sept. 30 and will feature an array of art pieces, educational displays and various ways that community members can participate in conservation action. Docents will need to be comfortable talking and engaging with the many different visitors of the exhibition and gardens.

# Everything Goes Back to ... Bees

By Lynn SHER

Last Thursday students from La Crescenta Elementary's Garden Club attended an in-depth presentation about bees by Mary Landau and Jay Weiss of the LA County Beekeepers Association. According to its website, the LA County Beekeepers Association formed in 1873 "to foster the interest of bee culture and beekeeping within Los Angeles County." Its primary purpose is "the care and welfare of the honeybee."

The students appeared to already understand the significance of bees for their garden's success as they eagerly absorbed all that Landau and Weiss had to say. At the end of the presentation, students asked too many questions for the pair to answer. Landau, using a giant bee she created for the demonstration, gave detailed descriptions about the different classifications of bees and their physical structures and Weiss gave an exciting talk focused on how bees communicate with each other and hive dynamics.

After the presentations, some children gathered around the observation hive that Weiss brought in where they could observe a real beehive in action without the risk of being stung. He pointed out a funny little wiggle dance that some bees were doing.

"See that right there?" he asked. "That's called the 'waggle dance' ... they're communicating, telling each other where the food is."

Madison, a current member of the Garden Club, is not afraid of bees.

"They're cool," Madison said. "At home, there's a small beehive in the bushes where there are a lot of bees." She said she knows how important they are for gardens everywhere.

Anna Judy De Torre, who started the Garden Club last year with Jade Brookbank, said, "About 130 to 140 kids have come through [the Garden Club] so far ... it's been really popular."

Henry, a student at La Crescenta Elementary, previously attended the Garden Club and loves gardening.

"In the summer I usually do a garden in my backyard with my mom and dad," he said. So he was very excited for the chance to create a garden at school.

Each group meets for four or five sessions when they learn the basics of gardening from De Torre, who is a master gardener.

According to the University of California, Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources, "Master gardeners are trained by specialists and other qualified instructors who use research-based information to promote environmentally responsible and sustainable horticultural practices in the home, community and school landscapes."

Although the group was extra large due to the special guests, usually groups consist of 20 to 25 students.

De Torre emphasized the significance of bees. "Something like two out of every three bites of food that we eat comes either directly or indirectly from bees," she said. She warned that the disappearance of bees would result in the loss of the Earth's food supply. Thankfully, there are societies of people dedicated to protecting and populating these little pollinators ... people like Weiss who is obviously passionate about bees and has been beekeeping for 20 years.

When asked if he gets attached to his bees like someone



would to a beloved pet, he replied, "There are so many bees ... you get attached to the hive," adding, "If you lose your bees, you're like, 'I need my fix. I need my bees.'" So yes, he is attached – he needs his bees. And whether we know it or not ... so do we.

Photos by Lynn SHER

TOP: Jay Weiss and Mary Landau with La Crescenta Elementary Garden Club students and an observation hive he brought.

ABOVE: Mary Landau, using a giant bee she created for the demonstration, gave detailed descriptions about the different classifications of bees and their physical structures.

BELOW: Jay Weiss gave an exciting talk focused on how bees communicate with each other.

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» GETTING TO KNOW THE STNC

# Plenty of Opportunities to Serve the Community



Photo provided by Katie O'BRIEN  
The 10-year anniversary of the Welcome Garden at Fenwick Street and Sunland Boulevard was attended by STNC board and committee members and State Senator Anthony Portantino.

By Katie O'BRIEN

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) opened its doors to public for in-person meetings after three years of Zoom meetings due to the pandemic. The main purpose of neighborhood councils is to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

Public participation on the STNC and its committees is encouraged for anyone who has an interest in any committee area. Check the STNC.org website calendar for meeting dates, times and locations; this information is found by clicking on the committee of interest.

The STNC is made up of various committees: beautification; traffic and safety; arts, recreation

and culture; land use; outreach; community improvement and government affairs; youth and education; budget; and executive. Over the next few weeks, CVW will outline each of the committees not discussed below, when they meet and their purpose.

The Beautification Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Sunland Tujunga Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd. The mission of the Beautification Committee is to improve the visual quality and enhance the beauty of Sunland Tujunga. The committee may plant trees, organize public art projects, establish gardens, conduct clean-up activities and educate and engage residents and businesses in beautification projects that benefit and give back to the community.

Present projects include the mural at Pinewood Avenue Elementary School that is nearing completion. It shows the history of Tujunga from the time before people to present, and is painted on the walls of the Pinewood Elementary School's play field between Valmont and Day streets. The creator of this mural is committee member Gerardo Barrientos. A Welcome Garden with native plants was created to celebrate the committee's 10th year and is located by Fenwick Street and Sunland Boulevard and created by committee member Roger Klemm. The artwork on the Dept. of Transportation utility boxes seen throughout Foothill and Sunland boulevards is created by various artists. The Beautification Committee is also in the process of cleaning and weeding the area by the Sunland Welcome sign on Foothill Boulevard and Wentworth Street.

Sunland Tujunga Arts Recreation and Culture Committee (STARC) nurtures and promotes artistic endeavors and cultural events within the community; provides a resource for and expands the awareness of the growing diversity of local neighborhoods and works to provide local artists and cultural

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# Suspected Fentanyl Dealer Arrested for Death of Local Teen

The Glendale Police Dept. has arrested a male suspected in the 2021 death of a Glendale/La Crescenta teenager.

Twenty-three-year-old Heriberto Galvan of North Hollywood was arrested Friday, May 5 in association with the death of Tevan Gevorkian.

In December 2021, Gevorkian died after he and a friend unknowingly ingested fentanyl in Glendale.

The friend also suffered a medical emergency but was transported to the hospital and recovered. Medical personnel were unable to save Gevorkian.

Tevan Gevorkian was 19 years old at the time of his death. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office ruled the death an overdose of fentanyl.

"Our deepest condolences to the family of Tevan Gevorkian. I had the

pleasure of meeting Tevan's father. I learned of a life cherished by his family and numerous members of the Glendale community. Thank you to our Glendale Police detectives who were unwavering in their pursuit of justice. Additionally, we appreciate the partnership with the DEA in bringing Galvan to justice," stated Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid.

Immediately upon Gevorkian's

death, Glendale robbery/homicide detectives began an investigation. The cause of Gevorkian's death was known but not the source. Through a comprehensive 16-month investigation, detectives were able to trace the fentanyl back to Galvan. The Glendale Police Dept. made the arrest and worked with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to indict Galvan.

Galvan was indicted on several charges, including distribution of fentanyl resulting in death, possession with intent to distribute cocaine and multiple weapons charges. Galvan is currently in federal custody.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4911. To remain anonymous, call (800) 222-8477.

# Mental Health Awareness Month is for Everyone

By Lynn SHER

May is Mental Health Awareness Month in the United States. Mental Health America began this tradition in 1949 (though initially it started as Mental Health Week) to educate Americans about mental illness and mental health treatments.

For the National Alliance on

Mental Illness (NAMI) this year's theme is "More Than Enough." The focus is that no matter a person's history, heritage, socio-economic class, ability or diagnosis, s/he matters, is important and deserves to exist – as s/he is.

Many suffering from mental illness often feel just the opposite, often feeling ostracized from family and society.

Anne Gold of NAMI said, "Although low self-esteem is not categorized as a mental health condition in itself, there are clear links between the way we feel about ourselves and our overall mental and emotional well-being."

Glendale Police Dept. is partnering with NAMI to host some local events.

"We are partnering up with NAMI to help raise funds for their organization," said GPD Community Service Officer Amy Tate.

NAMI helps not just the one struggling with mental health issues but the families of those affected by mental illness.

"It's such a wonderful non-profit that we refer a lot of people to once their loved one has been placed on an evaluation hold," said Tate. "Often the family is left heartbroken and they don't know where to turn – NAMI is there to offer support."

According to The National Library of Medicine, "46% of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life." Some examples of these diagnoses are: depression, anxiety,

substance abuse disorder, ADHD [Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder] and ADD [Attention Deficit Disorder], borderline personality disorder, bipolar disorder and body dysmorphia disorder. A complete list can be found at <https://mhanational.org/conditions/view-all>.

While those in the grips of mental illness often experience intense waves of hopelessness, highly effect treatments are available. NAMI California stated, "Between 70% and 90% of individuals have a significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with a combination of pharmacological and psychosocial treatments." Self-care is also emphasized as essential in the recovery process.

The National Institute of Mental Health defines self-care as "taking the time to do things that help you live well and improve both your physical health and mental health." This can include activities such as prioritizing sleep, eating healthful foods, staying hydrated, staying connected to friends and family, getting enough exercise and wellness practices like meditation.

There is help available. Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services

provides free mental health, suicide prevention and substance abuse treatment. It has multiple locations in the Los Angeles area. The website for NAMI has a plethora of information about things like warning signs and symptoms of mental illness and where to find support groups. NAMI also has its own helpline that people can call or email. Visit [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS) for a list of these resources.

In his Proclamation on National Mental Health Awareness Month 2023, President Joe Biden emphasized, "We all have a role to play in ending the stigma around mental health issues. It starts by showing compassion, so everyone feels free to ask for help." Reminding all that it's okay to not be okay and for those who aren't okay there are resources. Treating mental health should carry no more weight than attending to one's physical health.

President Biden continued, "I call upon citizens, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations and other groups to join in activities and take action to strengthen the mental health of our communities and our nation."

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**Glen Alan Turner**



1957-2023

Glen Alan Turner (65) of Glendale suffered a heart attack and peacefully passed away at Glendale Adventist Hospital on April 30 with family by his side.

Glen was born Oct. 29, 1957 in Chelsea, Massachusetts to Jesse Lee Turner and Eleanor Frances (Roccia) Turner. After graduating from Whitman-Hanson Regional High School, always looking for adventure, Glen hitchhiked cross-country to California. There he enrolled and attended Los Angeles City College (LACC) joining the football team as an offensive lineman. Syracuse University took notice and recruited Glen to join the "Orangemen" in 1978. Glen eventually transferred to the University of Rhode Island where he finished his studies in 1981.

He returned to California and began his writing career with a focus on screenplays. In that time, and with the help of his agent, Glen optioned two of them, "Shoplift" and "Hercules Down and Out," to major film companies. Although neither went to production, that didn't stop the Los Angeles Times from featuring Glen on the front page of its Sunday edition about up-and-coming writers in Los Angeles. He then moved on to co-write two plays, "Chickenscratch" and "Down and Out in Sioux Falls."

In addition to writing, Glen not only loved watching Boston professional sports teams, but he also had a passion for coaching. In Massachusetts he volunteered and coached the North Quincy Apaches, a youth football league. After moving to California, Glen volunteered his time and talent, over the course of many years, coaching the La Cañada Gladiators Jr. All American Football League and St. Francis Golden Knights. In 1996, he led the La Cañada Pee Wee Division to an Arroyo League championship. Later he was hired as an assistant coach for the West Los Angeles Oilers.

Glen will be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor. He was a big personality with the biggest heart. He loved comedy and improv, dancing in grocery store aisles and singing karaoke. A hard-working man who loved his family and movies... "Or my name ain't Nathan Arizona!"

Glen is survived by his three children and one grandchild of whom he was so proud: Jason, Leanna, Rachel and grandson Wyatt.

Glen is also survived by his former wife Barbie Turner and two sisters Sharon Turner and Leslie Clauson.

Glen is preceded in death by his parents Jesse Lee Turner and Eleanor Frances (Roccia) Turner.

Please help honor the life of Glen Turner at one of his favorite spots: The Barkley, 1400 E. Huntington Drive, South Pasadena on Saturday, May 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. People are invited to join in sharing a funny story, a favorite memory and a few light snacks.

In lieu of flowers, for those who choose to, donations can be made to the American Heart Association in Glen's memory.



# State Senator Portantino Honored

State Senator Anthony J. Portantino was presented with the Pontifical Encyclical of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians and honored with the prestigious St. Nerses Shnorhali Medal in recognition of his years of support of the Armenian American community. The Senator received the honor on April 27 during a reception held at the headquarters of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church in Burbank. His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian bestowed the medal, with public officials, friends, and representatives of Armenian organizations in attendance. Senator Portantino is the first non-Armenian in the Western Diocese to receive St. Nerses Shnorhali Medal.

“I am humbled to receive this special honor and grateful to have the privilege and opportunity to be part of the spiritual center of the Armenian community,” said Senator Portantino. “I have always been proud to represent this vibrant constituency in our state’s capitol and I cherish the deep connection I have with my Armenian neighbors and friends.”

“State Senator Anthony Portantino has been a close friend of the Armenian community whose support and dedication has been

immensely appreciated by the members of the Armenian community of North America,” stated Archbishop Derderian. “Additionally, being an advocate of the Armenian cause he has earned the respect and love of our brothers and sisters in Armenia and Artsakh. I personally have witnessed his genuine respect for our faith, history and culture, which should be regarded as a gift to our community. Since my arrival to the West Coast, I have witnessed his active engagement on many levels to bring to the Angelenos his steadfast services and utmost regard for all people. The one and perhaps the most important characteristic [that] should be underlined is his humility which has inspired us all. What has also empowered us tremendously is his dedication to his family, which I certainly believe is the greatest gift he shares with us all.”

Senator Portantino has been a steadfast supporter of the Armenian American community and the Armenian cause for decades. He has visited Armenia and Artsakh on a number of occasions. In 2021, Senator Portantino became the first state or federal official to visit Artsakh after the 44-day war. The Senator has also authored countless legislation and resolutions recognizing the Armenian Genocide and



Senator Portantino with His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian

has been a strong proponent of including the Armenian Genocide as part of the state’s curriculum.

Senator Portantino continues to chair the Senate Select Committee on California, Armenia and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art and Cultural Exchange, which was first established in 2017 at the request of Senator Portantino to expand business opportunities through trade, economic development, cultural awareness and education between California,

Armenia, and Artsakh. In 2019, he helped negotiate the historic memorandum of understanding between California and Armenia, which established the California Armenian Trade & Services Desk in Yerevan. Senator Portantino has also been instrumental in securing state financial support for the Armenian American Museum in Glendale.

California has the largest population of Armenian Americans in the country, with the 25th Senate District having the largest concentration.

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## City Reacts to Rockhaven Lawsuit

By Mary O’KEEFE

For 15 years the buildings on the former Rockhaven property have languished in the “Twilight Zone”-type realm of reality. While the site evokes praise from everyone from City of Glendale officials to

local residents, unfortunately maintenance on the bungalows that make up this formerly woman-owned and operated sanitarium has been neglected. CVW has written several articles concerning Rockhaven Sanitarium, including a recent one that highlighted its 100th

anniversary. Initially the property was on the developer’s chopping block but then in 2008, with the support of a grassroots effort that later became known as Friends of Rockhaven, the City purchased the property. The idea at the

see ROCKHAVEN on page 11

## CRIME BLOTTER

MAY 6

1300 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a vendor reported that as she was working her jewelry booth at the Harvest Market she witnessed a male and female walk up to her booth and look at various jewelry pieces. They asked what her most expensive item was; she pointed to a plastic and glass-encased jewelry display that was on the table that contained about 40 pieces of jewelry. The male and female looked at the case, spoke to each other, and then walked away from the booth. The vendor continued helping various customers for about 40 minutes. During this time she noticed the male and female walk past her booth several times, including walking to a jewelry box they had inquired about earlier. While the vendor was helping a customer she noticed the jewelry display case was missing.

The male was described as about 30 years old, 5’1” tall and weighing 200 lbs. He has short dark hair and at the time was wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans. The female was described as being about 30 years old, 5’1” tall and weighing about 180 lbs. She had long dark hair and at the time was wearing a gray T-shirt. Both male and female suspects were described as speaking with an accent.

The theft occurred between 12 p.m. and 12:40 p.m.

MAY 5

3800 block of Ocean View Boulevard, a woman reported that she had placed her purse containing her wallet in a small waiting room in the back of the salon where she was. While she was working she noticed a man wearing black pants, a black jacket and a black baseball cap walk through the back door

entrance of the hair salon. He sat in the little waiting room in the rear of the store for about 30 minutes. The victim thought this man was a friend of a customer so she wasn’t alarmed at him being there. Then the man left. Not long after she received a notification that a credit card was used at a computer store to make a purchase that she did not authorize. She immediately checked her purse and found that her wallet had been stolen.

The theft occurred between 3 p.m. and 5:19 p.m.

MAY 4

4000 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a truck between midnight and 1 a.m.

3000 block of Stevens Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

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# Kids & Kritters Gather in Montrose

By Ruth SOWBY

“Kritters” almost outnumbered people at the Montrose Harvest Market on Sunday. Family dogs, therapy dogs, rescue dogs, a petting zoo and “exotic” animal shows took center stage at this 11th annual event sponsored by the merchants of the Montrose Shopping Park Assn. If animals weren’t your thing, there was plenty of produce, food and flowers to shop for. Besides petting their furry friends, the kids also enjoyed a Kids Fun Zone of inflatable slides, a bungee jump and lots of gooey food like ice cream, shakes and melty chocolate.

The 2200 and 2300 blocks of Honolulu Avenue were abuzz with shoppers, amblers and the merely curious. A popular booth was Dulce Cielo that sold yummy gourmet butter cookies. Carly Von’s booth, Seedbar, featured handmade, energy snack bars.

When asked, “How’s business?” Von answered, “We’re not making a killing, but we like being part of the community.”

In the First Responders Arena, local police, California Highway Patrol and fire and rescue personnel were available to chat with shoppers and show off their vehicles. Kids could get behind the wheel and pretend they were the good guys.

Activities ran from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

*Additional photos by GG Photography*

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP LEFT: Part of the exotic animal show was a colorful iguana.

TOP RIGHT: Families attracted to the Harvest Market on Sunday included the Contestabile family consisting of, from left, dad Alec, Cal, 2, and mom Dagmarette. They’re standing in front of a California Highway Patrol vehicle, lights blazing.

ABOVE LEFT: At Sunday’s Kids & Kritters Day, Fiona Petz, 3, of La Crescenta needs some practice keeping her eyes on the road.

ABOVE RIGHT: Kids could try on equipment from safety personnel.

RIGHT: Golden Retrievers Harrison, 10, and Rigby, 1, are therapy dogs that work in the La Cañada School District. When not showing up at Harvest Markets, they provide students with individual attention in classrooms.

FAR RIGHT: Michelle, a 2-year-old French Bulldog, was one of the “kритters” found on Honolulu Avenue on Sunday. Owner Henry Minasyan looks forward to the Harvest Market every week.



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# Calling All Dads

Registration is open for LCPC Parent Education’s popular “The Art of Fatherhood: Series 7.” This four-week Parent Express class started on May 10 and will meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. through May 31. Led by father of two Ron Chiu, this series will feature a weekly panel of seasoned fathers reflecting on the question: “Looking back, what would I do again and what would I have done differently?”

The class will meet in Pastor Chuck Osburn’s backyard in La Cañada with the option to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for social time and dinner.

A previous participant noted, “The Art of Fatherhood’ is

a great place to come hang out with other dads who are experiencing the same things you are.”

Dads will receive validation, camaraderie, insightful tips on marriage and family, and also a copy of the book “How We Love Our Kids” by Milan & Kay Yerkovich.

The class is open to all dads regardless of their children’s ages. Previous attendance is not required. Registration is \$100 with scholarships available on the LCPC website. Register online at [www.lacanadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacanadapc.org/parented).

*Submitted by Amanda BAUGHMAN*





CEREAL BOXES from Cover

takes off, ending in the gym. The domino is an example of cause and effect – not just of one box falling into another but as the cause and effect of how donating food helps others.

When Tate worked traffic with GPD, Jefferson Elementary (located at 1540 5th St. in Glendale) was part of the area she patrolled. She had always wanted to do something at the school and the Cereal Box Drive seemed to work perfectly. The school has a very active PTA that has been very supportive of the event.

“I called other schools around the nation that had done this and asked [everything from] how they stored the boxes before the event and how to keep track of all of them,” she said. There were a variety of ideas. “Everyone had their own version of having kids do this.”

Tate reached out for help to Target, Trader Joe’s, Glendale car dealerships and local stores. There is even a bit of a competition among the non-sworn staff at GPD as to how many boxes they can collect. Tate also reached out to Glendale Neighborhood Watch programs, churches and banks. All were very eager to support the event.

Local organizations, like American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars 1614 and Glendale Moose Lodge 641, donated 200 boxes of cereal.

Some in other states that have done this event have collected huge numbers of boxes – into the thousands – and lined the hallways of schools. GPD is still looking of more donations. After the domino-type display the cereal will be distributed to benefit families at local schools as well as seniors.

“I am also the senior liaison for the [Glendale] Parks Dept. and we [gather] non-perishable food for Thanksgiving,” she said.

Tate has wanted to support the senior program throughout the year, not just during holidays, and this cereal donation works well with that program.

Although the response has been good more cereal boxes are needed. Tate added they do not need extra large boxes but just regular sized cereal boxes.

Unopened boxes of cereal can be dropped off at the Glendale Police Dept., 131 N. Isabel Street, Glendale 91206 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Prom Plus Club will be collecting cereal boxes at the Fire House youth center, 2563 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta from 10 a.m. to noon on May 20. Boxes can also be dropped off at the CV Weekly office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 (please call when arriving and someone will come to the parking lot to get the donation).

GPD has many other community outreach events planned including its gun buyback program on June 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guns can be turned in anonymously, either working or not. The unloaded guns can be brought to the Civic Center Parking Garage, 650 E. Wilson Ave. Guns turned into GPD will be exchanged for a Target gift card.

Then in September the Touch-A-Truck event will be returning to the Elks Lodge at 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. The event will start with a breakfast sponsored by the Elks with the proceeds going to support the American Cancer Society. This event was first held last year when Tate was researching fun outreach events. Kids, and adults, filled the parking lot at the Glendale Elks Lodge to get an up close look at a variety of vehicles including garbage trucks, fire engines, Montrose Search and Rescue truck and much more. The event is in the planning stages at present; check back with CVW for more details as they become available.

For more information, contact Amy Tate at (818) 548-4015.

STNC from page 4

organizers with the nexus of public space, venues and available support to aid in the achievement of relevant projects. The committee also encourages the use and preservation of existing recreation space and advocates for future funding and expansion as a necessary means for the growth of social interaction among the local community.

STARC meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga. The location can change so check the website calendar for location, which is determined each month in advance.

STARC works with the Beautification Committee for projects like the Pinewood Avenue Elementary School mural. An example of such a project is removing the moisture on the wall that would be used to paint an extension of the mural. STARC supports the community by compiling and propagating information on behalf of the artists and organizations that seek support. One of the organizations seeking support is ST Forward, which STARC helped by clearing 200 feet of invasive plants along the median at Pali Avenue and Foothill for Earth Day. STARC is also helping with the Pride Festival at Sunland Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd., on June 3, which is being held from noon to 4 p.m. and features musicians and drag dancers. Rainbow colors are the order of the day.

The Land Use Committee covers new development planned in the area or improvements planned that require a decision by the LA City Planning Dept. Most improvements are “by-right.” According to LA City Planning, “a by-right or ministerial project is one that does not require discretionary review by Los Angeles City Planning. These types of projects can proceed directly to the Dept. of Building and Safety to request a building permit(s) because they meet the existing standards and zoning regulations outlined in the Los Angeles Municipal Code and their scope does not trigger discretionary entitlement review.

“Note: A building permit may require sign-off from other departments at the public counter, even if the project does not require planning review or approval.

“The by-right/ministerial permitting process may also involve administrative approvals to verify compliance with regulations or guidelines, most commonly those of an overlay. Sign-off for these approvals is non-discretionary and can be conducted at the public counter or by a planner assigned to a specific geography before the applicant receives a building permit.”

Most people who come before the Land Use Committee are contemplating work that extends beyond the by-right permit process. The Land Use Committee meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15.

Next week, CVW will present information on the Safe Traffic and Transportation Committee.

BURRTEC from Cover

members in attendance spoke highly of the company’s service. They even expressed their willingness to pay more for the service should that be necessary to keep Burrtec in the area.

However, the contract with Burrtec expires in 2024 and community members had two requests for the county officials present. First, they wanted the status quo to be maintained with minimal increases in fees and no reduction in service and for Burrtec to be retained as the waste management company for unincorporated portions of La Crescenta/Montrose. One audience member even described Burrtec as “The best service in the last 50 years.”

Second, the community members expressed a strong desire to have the ability to vote on matters such as the trash collection services contract rather than just provide feedback and have the decision made by officials. They argued that they should have the power to decide which company’s bill they pay, rather than being told.

The community’s desire for

the ability to vote on matters like these is similar to other communities where residents want a greater say in decisions that affect their daily lives. This desire for increased democracy and community involvement is particularly evident in matters related to public services, such as waste management, where the quality of service can have a significant impact on the well-being of the community. The event at the La Crescenta Library highlighted the importance of engaging with community members and listening to their feedback when making decisions. The support for a Burrtec contract renewal and the desire for increased community involvement in decision-making demonstrate the need for greater transparency and accountability in public services. As the contract expiration date approaches, the CV Town Council will also be hearing a presentation from Burrtec officials. Those affected will keep an eye on how county officials respond to the community’s feedback and whether their wishes are considered.

WEATHER from page 2

humans in Irontown and San will never forgive humans for their destruction but will try to work with them to bring some harmony.

“FernGully: The Last Rainforest” (1992) was one of my kids’ favorite movies. The screenplay is by Jim Cox from an original story by Diana Young and directed by Bill Kroyer. It deals with the fairy world of FernGully whose residents live in a protected area of the rainforest. For years they lived in harmony after Magi Lune was able to contain the evil spirit named Hexxus in a dark tree in the rainforest.

“Our closest friends were human, then the balance of nature shifted,” Magi said.

A young fairy, Crysta, was curious about the world beyond FernGully. She ventured toward a mountain of black smoke where she saw the forest being stripped. She met a young intern lumberjack, Zak, who was marking trees for slaughter. Crysta accidentally shrinks Zak to fairy size and, thinking he is an innocent human, introduces him to her magical FernGully. But as we learn there is no such thing as an innocent human. She realizes that not only did he mark the trees to be destroyed, he also marked the tree where Hexxus had been captured thereby releasing the evil spirit. Hexxus easily persuaded the lumberjacks to go along with a plan to destroy FernGully.

The end of the film is a battle where nature decides to stay and fight and a lone human, who now not only sees the destruction but can also

feel the tree’s pain, helps to stop Hexxus. The great thing about this film is that Magi continually reminds Crysta to remember the past and talks about how they have taken nature for granted.

“We have been guardians and the healers of the forest. We have forgotten the magic healing powers of nature,” Magi said. “Remember all magic of creation exist within a single tiny seed.”

It is this seed that stops Hexxus and saves the forest ... for now.

This film also sees the power in reminding humans of their place within nature, and the importance of being guardians of the forests. They also show that by working together the forest/planet can be saved.

So maybe if enough kids see these films, and understand them, they will grow up to be more respectful of the planet. I know it worked with my kids.

And just another reminder: These films were made possible because of writers who took the stories from imagination to paper to film ... just saying.

“May Gray” and “June Gloom” are in full force with a very deep marine layer that makes its way inland causing our gray conditions. The sun may sneak a peek throughout the week but that marine layer will be around as well. Friday through next Tuesday is expected to see highs in the low 80s and sunny; however, a “sizable” marine layer will still be going on, according to NOAA.

There may be a slight potential for rain next week with reports of rain on Tuesday.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Memories of the Montrose Bob's Big Boy – Part 1

The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley has a wonderful Facebook page. On it are featured old photos and interesting tidbits of info on the Valley's past. I recently posted some photos of the Bob's Big Boy restaurant and asked commenters to write some of their memories. I also asked readers of this column to offer their memories. I'll offer those up in the next few columns.

First a brief history of that particular Bob's that was at 3212 La Crescenta Ave., near the intersection with Verdugo Road. First on that site was Stan's in 1940. It was a little box of a place with three picture windows facing La Crescenta Avenue and a view of the Oakmont Golf Course and the Verdugo Mountains beyond. Bob Wian, founder of Bob's Big Boy, acquired the property in 1946. It was the third restaurant in his chain. It remained the small box it had been until 1953. Wian

hired the firm of Armet and Davis to expand the restaurant and give it a "space age" makeover that was becoming popular in that era. (Today we call that style "Googie Architecture," named for the modernistic John Lautner-designed Googie's Coffee Shop in Hollywood.) It actually incorporated the original three window box structure built in 1940 but added wild zigzags for the roofline. It remained a family favorite throughout the baby boom years and right up until about 1988 when it closed as Bob's. It was a couple of other short-lived restaurants after that. Today it is the Bright Start day care center. It retains the Googie-style architecture.

Let's dive into the past with a few (anonymous) memories of Bob's: "In 1946 I was 10 and my dad would walk over to Bob's on La Crescenta just beyond where it split with Verdugo Road and buy the family take-out dinner.

A Bob's Big Boy with salad and fries was 60 cents. I went to school with Bob Wian's son and during high school the Bob's Drive-in in Glendale was the hangout for the area.

"After high school, I worked for Clarence Nash for a year. He'd retired from Disney and bought Anderson Feed and Seed. He would quack like Donald Duck and whinny like horses plus [voice] other animals, and kids in the store would be looking around for the real animals. The Nashes lived a few blocks north of Bob's Montrose, on Sierra Vista I believe. My buddy Sid Gordon at one time had a whole bedroom devoted to Bob's memorabilia. He sold it before passing. I wonder who has it now?"

"Your recent article on the Montrose Bob's Big Boy restaurant hit home. I was struck by Cindy Redden's tenure at the restaurant, 1977-1984. That was exactly the period

I, with my friends from the Montrose Cycle Club, frequented the restaurant. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings when the days were long we would participate in a training ride at the Rose Bowl, doing 10 laps on the roads circling the Brookside Golf Course. We worked up a good appetite for a hamburger and fries. After a quick shower at home we would be at Bob's Big Boy by 8:00. I'm sure Cindy served us many of those burgers and fries."

"Me and my friends would spend many a Sunday evening at Bob's Big Boy Montrose after attending the evening service at Montrose Community Church. We usually had a hilarious time as teenage guys do. My favorite memory was when my friend Dennis Bone ordered a salad with a side of pancakes! I just laughed but he didn't think it was unusual. I later worked at the Bob's in Sunland when it first

opened and made an impressive \$1.57 per hour! I was rich!"

This one came in verbally: A gentleman told me that recently he ate at the Burbank Bob's. He brought a very old Bob's menu with him and showed it to the manager. The manager was so impressed he let him order off it and pay the old prices! Forty-nine cents for a burger!

Next week, more memories.



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

NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » PRESIDENT CHRIS KILPATRICK

## CV Boasts Positive Crime Stats

As summer approaches, Crescenta Valley Town Council is hard at work representing the community.

In the unincorporated area of La Crescenta and Montrose, law enforcement services are provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. The Crescenta Valley has some of the lowest crime rates in the area. Despite the overall trend of rising crime, there has been an overall decrease in crime in our community. Burglaries and thefts are down. In addition, traffic enforcement is a major priority in response to safety concerns and citations are up about 10% compared to last year. We are very thankful for their hard work in protecting the

community.

The Land Use Committee (LUC) is following several very important issues that impact the community. The La Crescenta Motel property has been sitting vacant with an uncertain future for some time. On April 10, the LUC was notified by Los Angeles Regional Planning that the developer has indicated that s/he intend to submit plans for a new project on the property. There are no further details as nothing has been submitted. The LUC will be kept informed and the CVTC will continue to represent the community to every degree possible as details become apparent.

Every several decades the County updates its general plan.

This reflects broad priorities and objectives that serve to guide future decisions and policy. Part of this update includes community engagement as planners determine the priorities of each community (in our case, the Crescenta Valley). All those interested in taking part can email [chris@thecvcouncil.com](mailto:chris@thecvcouncil.com) and you will be notified when there is the opportunity to take part in the process.

The LUC is also reviewing new proposed residential design standards proposed by Regional Planning. Planners are preparing feedback and a recommendation to Council related to this.

Trash collection and hauling is provided by a third-party vendor

in our community. This contract is awarded by the County every few years. The County is preparing to put this contract to bid very soon. Town Council will be hearing a presentation and report on this matter at the upcoming meeting and will offer feedback to ensure (to the degree possible) that the contract trash hauler meets the needs of our community.

Town Council interviewed several dozen applicants last month for our annual scholarship. From conducting these interviews, it's clear that our community has so many talented, smart, motivated and community-minded young people. We will be announcing five winners in the next few weeks. Our scholarship

program is a great example of how our community supports our youth as they move beyond high school onto the next chapter of their life.

Traffic safety continues to be a major ongoing concern in the community. As always, I would like to remind the community that safe driving starts with you. Please allow extra time, slow down, obey traffic laws and be courteous. The life you save may be your own or that of your neighbor.

Our next general meeting will be on May 18 at 7 p.m. and will be held at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Chris Kilpatrick, President  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Status Quo' Must Change

Customers of Crescenta Valley Water District are being misled with the newest strategy to squeeze more revenue to keep the CVWD at a "status quo" operation.

At the last rate increase it was clearly outlined a three-year annual 8% increase supported ongoing infrastructure pipeline replacement: "This plan needs funding, and the board elected to present a three-year rate increase to support a commitment to long-term planning and infrastructure reliability.

"Following considerable discussion, the board elected to present a long-term PAYGO plan with the ramp-up option for infrastructure replacement and minimize the long-term costs to the district, and the proposed multi-year rate increase supports this long-term plan."

Now CVWD and its board of directors want additional revenue to fund pipeline

replacement. Something serious has gone wrong from a supported long-term plan to now requesting additional revenue. Several reasons are given such as increased costs (the usual) and a wet winter; customers haven't been using enough water. Using this historic weather anomaly for a new tax into perpetuity is not being realistic.

Is CVWD singling out homeowners? In the CVWD Pipeline Replacement Draft Report dated April 13, I quote, "The mechanism promotes equity because the financial impact on the property owner who, on average, property owners have more ability to pay than tenants." I don't understand this statement and surmise that CVWD has a bias against homeowners over tenants for collecting revenue.

Can CVWD share with its customers what changed since we were told the previous rate increase would cover PAYGO infrastructures upgrades? Now

we are being asked to pay a new tax into perpetuity buried into to our property taxes. If this tax is approved, it will be the fourth individual tax associated with water on our property tax bill.

The mindset that you want to maintain "status quo" must change. Your customer base can no longer afford business as usual.

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The roof at East End Studios collapsed, sending six workers to the hospital.

be transported to the hospital. Cid joined a press conference with law enforcement agencies that included Dept. of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and several local agencies regarding National Fentanyl Awareness Day on May 9 and the announcement of a dozen new federal cases targeting fentanyl dealers who, in all but one case, allegedly sold fentanyl and fake pills containing fentanyl that directly resulted in the death of at least one victim.

See page 6 in this edition of CVW to learn more about the GPD arrest of the suspect who allegedly sold fentanyl to two local men, one who died due to the drug.

GFD Chief Timothy Ernst then shared information on last week's collapse of a roof at a local studio.

On May 3, GFD was called to the East End Studios that is located next to GFD Station 22. One of the fire command staff was at the station when the studios' roof collapsed.

"He felt and heard the thunderous sounds," Ernst said of the collapse. "It shook the ground that much."

He added firefighters responded to the massive steel web truss spanning the building, about 100 feet by 300 feet,

which all at once failed. Agencies assisting Glendale included Pasadena, Burbank, San Marino and two helicopters from Los Angeles Fire Dept. In all, 75 firefighters responded.

There were 75 construction workers at the location; six were injured with five transported to the hospital and then released.

"It was truly a lucky day for the construction workers on scene," Ernst added.

Councilmember Ara Najarian asked what was being done regarding the construction company and an investigation in the aftermath of the collapse.

Bradley Calvert, AICP, director of Community Development for the City of Glendale, said that building inspectors arrived immediately and red tagged the location. After an inspection, the building was deemed safe to enter. Upon further investigation it was then yellow tagged, allowing workers to clean up the site.

Najarian said he was very concerned and that no additional work should be done at the studios until there was a safety review.

"Let's not clean up the mess and say, 'Go at it guys.' I think that would be a mistake," he said.

ROCKHAVEN on from page 7

time was to move the Montrose Library onto the property, which is east on Honolulu Avenue, as well as developing a park at the location. Then the economy took a downturn and development fees for cities were cut. From that time on Friends of Rockhaven has continued to fight to protect Rockhaven, including getting several of the bungalows listed on the national and state historical registry.

In 2020 CVW published an article regarding the apparent practice by the City of demolition by neglect and how Rockhaven appeared to have fallen victim to this practice.

"Demolition by Neglect means the process in which the owner of a building or structure allows its ongoing

deterioration over a period of time as a result of lack of maintenance, failure to secure it from pests or vandals, and/or failure to take reasonable measures to prevent ingress of water or wind through the roof, walls, or apertures, leading to deterioration and/or structural failure constituting a threat to public health and safety," according to the City of Glendale's Municipal Code 15.20.020.


In that 2020 article it was pointed out that several bungalows on the property had roofs in such disrepair that water had seeped in to the interior causing some buildings to become "not safe" to enter.

The Glendale Municipal Code specifically references the conditions

see ROCKHAVEN on page 27

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# YOUTH/SPORTS

## Chamlian Athletes Perform Well at Games



Vahan & Anoush Chamlian Armenian School, located in Glendale/La Crescenta, participated in the 37th Annual Homenetmen KAHAM tournament. The program includes all the surrounding local Armenian schools competing in athletic scholar sports games in various sports such as basketball, chess, soccer, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. A total of 38 basketball teams, seven soccer teams, six volleyball teams and more than 400 student athletes participated in this year's Homenetmen KAHAM games held at Birmingham High School.

Vahan & Anoush Chamlian Armenian School officials said that the athletes that were sent demonstrated "great sportsmanship and teamwork" throughout the tournament. The sports teams were victorious in many sports categories and were recognized during the closing ceremonies. The

school won 37 trophies in all and best overall in basketball (first place), table tennis (first place), soccer (second place), track and field (second place), and volleyball (second place). Chamlian was also awarded the Overall Achievement Award.

Appreciation was extended to the coaches and athletes and parents of the athletes.

Chamlian also recognized its Athletic Director Tomik Iranosian and Coach Arpi Babakhyan. The administration is grateful to its talented coaches, comprised of many Chamlian alumni and parent volunteers, who coached the various teams with enthusiasm and dedication. As part of the mission of Chamlian Armenian School to thrive as productive citizens and demonstrate respect for others, strong teamwork skills are developed and moments of high integrity are modeled.



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## Field Trip Fun



Lincoln Elementary School first grade students in Nicolas James' class got an unexpected treat while touring the LA Zoo to learn about animal habitats. Lincoln mom Brenda Ramirez, Senior Parks Services attendant at the LA Zoo, was on hand to assist with the tour. She invited the first graders to take a turn feeding a leaf of lettuce to the giraffes. It was part of the LA Zoo's effort to acclimate the giraffes to the larger crowds returning to the Zoo after the pandemic.

*Photos and story submitted by Nicolas JAMES*

ABOVE: Brenda Ramirez (right) with the Lincoln first graders.

RIGHT: Lincoln Elementary School first grader Violet Leiva fed the giraffes.



## Rosemont Flag Football Team Goes Undefeated



The Rosemont Middle School flag football team finished another amazing season. Under the guidance of head coach Dennis Gossard, assistant coach Josh Silverman and CVHS student coaches Jose Cisneros Jr., Jared Monougian and Zander Barseghyan, the Rosemont flag football team was able to excel throughout all of its games against Toll, Wilson and Roosevelt middle schools and, once again, go undefeated.

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# YWCA Glendale and Pasadena Announces Winners of Cami's Courage Scholarship

YWCA Glendale and Pasadena is proud to announce it has chosen two \$1,000 scholarship winners, Anna Heur of La Cañada High School and Mary Tovbekhakyian of Anderson W. Clark Magnet High School.

Scholarships will be presented at YWCA Glendale and Pasadena's 26th Annual Heart & Excellence Persimmon Donor Circle Luncheon on May 17 at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club.

Anna Heur and Mary

Tovbekhakyian were recognized, in part, for their community volunteer service.

Heur is an aspiring doctor and founded a program called Step to Specs, which in partnership with the Keck School of Medicine has provided over 1,000 free eyeglasses to uninsured patients at Los Angeles County Hospital.

Tovbekhakyian is a student leader who works to enhance school culture and promote inclusivity on campus. She founded U.S. Against

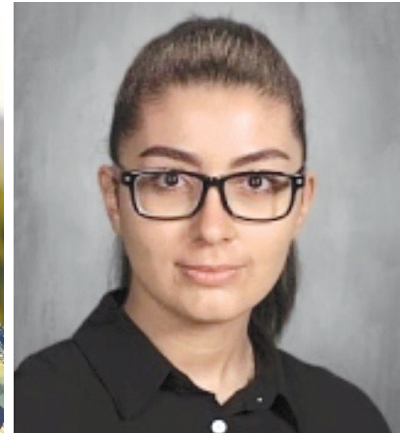
Bullying Club and spearheaded a toy drive that collected over 500 toys that were donated to Children's Hospital - Los Angeles.

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor of this year's Heart & Excellence Luncheon, visit <https://heartandexcellence.swell.gives/>.

The Cami's Courage Scholarship was created in honor of Cami Burton, the daughter of former YWCA board member Carol Ann Burton.



Anna Heur



Mary Tovbekhakyian

# Falcon Lacrosse Celebrates Senior Game Day



The Crescenta Valley High School boys' lacrosse team celebrated its graduating seniors in April with a win over Village Christian giving them a League record of 9-2. Nine seniors will

be moving on, including one of the two sets of twins on the varsity team.

CV players continue to rank near the top of players in California in assists, ground balls, take-aways,

goals against average and save percentage. Despite losing their coach this year when he left to coach Village Christian boys' lacrosse and graduating 13 seniors last year, CV

continues to thrive with new head coach Rick Starratt and enough players to field a JV team led by coach Josh Silverman.

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League have JV teams so the JV team has done a lot of traveling for games, leaving them in April with a record of 8-4-1.

*Submitted by Jaleen LUNT*

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Kiwanis Members Build Accessible, Raised Garden for The Campbell Center Residents

After four weeks of hard work every Saturday, an accessible garden is blooming in the backyard of The Campbell Center's group home for adults with intellectual disabilities. The project was completed in time to celebrate Earth Day.

The project was the idea of Glendale Kiwanis member Trevor Marca who was looking for a service project for new club members. The goal was to help new members bond while meeting new people in the community. After reviewing 10 proposals from local non-profits, Marca and his team chose to support TCC by building three raised beds for residents who love to garden.

Club members donated recycled wood boards and the club raised funds to purchase pavers, irrigation equipment, bags of soil, vegetables and flowers. Rene Karapedian donated wood for the raised beds and Angelique McNiff donated the plants. The project's funding came from the Glendale Kiwanis Club and its members.

"This has been such a heartwarming project," said Nancy Niebrugge, executive director of TCC. "Each week I could see the volunteers and our residents getting to know one another, and enjoying the whole experience together. Our residents are already talking about making fresh salads and salsa!"

After several weekends of cleaning,



weeding, leveling the ground, laying pavers, installing a drip watering system and building the beds, more than 20 of the TCC residents and Kiwanis volunteers planted the vegetables and flowers as a final step on Earth Day, Saturday, April 23. The crew then celebrated with a potluck lunch in true community fashion.

The Campbell Center was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit organization by Phyllis and Jerry Campbell, parents of a daughter with Down syndrome. No school within the Glendale school system would accept because of her disability. Over the next 69 years, The Campbell Center has evolved into an agency whose mission is to partner

with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence and attain their desired outcomes through opportunity and choice.

For more information about The Campbell Center, visit [www.TheCampbell.org](http://www.TheCampbell.org)



Principal Dr. Diana Hernandez from Cerritos Elementary with Jill Welton, Glendale Memorial Hospital President, Dr. Vivian Ekchian, GUSD superintendent and Mark Rubio, GUSD Athletics coordinator.

## Soccer Clinic Held at Cerritos Elementary

Dignity Health hosted a free soccer clinic at Cerritos Elementary School with five-time MLS Cup champions LA Galaxy. More than 400 kids from Cerritos Elementary School, ages 4-12, took part in the event. The event included instructions by LA

Galaxy youth soccer coaches, appearances by LA Galaxy alumni players and LA Galaxy mascot Cozmo, and the LA Galaxy Star Squad. Dignity also donated soccer equipment to the school.

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The Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals (CAP) is helping. CAP donated six portable cellphone chargers to the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Emergency Dept. as a free service for emergency patients. CAP is an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Flintridge.

CAP members participate in five philanthropic programs: a scholarship program for local students going to community college or another two-year program, Cappy Bears, SPROUTS and CAP Care PACs and also joins ALF on Operation School Bell. Sales from Bargain Box, ALF's thrift shop, support CAP's philanthropies.

To learn more about Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, CAP philanthropic programs, social

activities and membership, (818) 790-1328. New members visit ALFlintridge.org or call are always welcome.



Photo provided by CAP  
Pictured are Pierre Bardakjian, USC-VHH senior information technology, Shannon Barrett, USC-VHH Emergency Dept. operations manager, Gay Yee Hill, Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals volunteer, Bridget Berg, USC-VHH Patient Experience Program manager and Nellie Alvarez, USC-VHH Emergency Dept. Nursing manager.

# Seniors Find Fun at Sunland Senior Citizen Center



Photo provided by Katie O'BRIEN  
Marline Motts is dining coordinator at the Sunland Senior Citizen Center.

By Katie O'BRIEN

served daily.

Nestled among the oaks of Sunland Park is the Sunland Senior Citizen Center. It offers for a low-donation hot nutritious meals and a variety of activities.

Activities include weekly bingo games on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cards are only \$.25 each with a maximum of six cards.

According to Marline Motts, dining coordinator for three senior centers in the area, City of Los Angeles Dept. of Aging works to feed seniors.

Disabled persons are welcome to participate in the center's programs with "reasonable accommodations" made with prior arrangements.

"We are starting over after reopening after the pandemic in September 2022," Motts said.

"The Sunland Tujunga Senior Center is as close as you get to a high school reunion," said Joni Anderson, senior center member and participant. There are five seniors with my same birth year and the others are sprinkled close by like the stars. [There are] lots of opportunities to meet new friends over lunch and a variety of

Nutritious hot lunches for seniors over 60 are served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a suggested donation of only \$3.10. There is a suggested donation of \$8.10 for all others. Coffee is

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# Much to Celebrate at LCFOG



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Joan Cleven, LCFOG president, with Dee Dee Nuanes, Ways and Means.

La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG) found a new home to conduct its monthly meetings. Thanks to the generosity of the La Cañada Lutheran Church, LCFOG now meets in the church's fellowship hall. LCFOG meets once a month to discuss what projects members will undertake to support Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children (OIC), which provides medical care to children whether or not they are insured or are under-insured.

The LCFOG began when a group of women from First Congregational Church Emanuel Class began to assist Dr. Charles LeRoy Lowman at the USC Graves Memorial Clinic in his clinic for crippled children. The need for this care was growing and Dr. Lowman needed more space. The women followed him from one site to another. Eventually members converted stable stalls into clinic rooms for treatment and for plaster work. By 1926, the number of patients began to strain the available facilities. That's where fundraising went into full gear.

Fast forward to 1956: auxiliaries were

formed in outlying communities. One was La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild. Through the years the Guild contributed to a new clinic building, diagnostic and treatment centers, a surgery center and state-of-the-art diagnostic machines and much more. At an upcoming luncheon the Guild will enjoy recognition for their part in raising money to support Luskin OIC.

Members of LCFOG and guests took time for tea on April 13 at the T Room in Montrose. This was coordinated by Ways and Means Chair Dee Dee Nuanes.

Then it was back to work. Members will soon be starting to make blankets to be given to children at the annual Christmas party where Santa will be giving out books and toys at Luskin OIC in downtown LA. Members also donate school supplies for children this month.

LCFOG is an ongoing commitment and is always eager to admit new members. Anyone interested in putting a smile on a child's face are invited to join LCFOG. For more information contact Jeanne Long at (818) 640-9106.

Submitted by Arlene MASSIMINO

# Comedian Fritz Coleman Lights Up LCWC Stage

Laughter was the sound of the night at the La Crescenta Woman's Club on Saturday night, April 29, when comedian Fritz Coleman took the stage for a Club fundraiser. About 160 tickets were sold for the nightclub-type event. Those in attendance were treated to opening act Stephanie Blum.

The women supplied gourmet appetizers and desserts with 150 mini Bundt cakes donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes.

The silent auction, which added to the evening's fun, featured all types of much-sought-after items.

Besides providing funds for the Club's philanthropic causes, a donation of \$1,000 was made to Coleman's charity, The Children's Burn Foundation in Sherman Oaks associated with the Grossman Burn Center.

ABOVE: Fritz Coleman next to co chair Emma Lestina and, in front, Sharyn Bess and President Danette Erickson.

BELOW: Fritz Coleman with fellow comedian Stephanie Blum.



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activities with great staff."

The Sunland Senior Citizen Center also offers a variety of fitness programs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They include pickleball, music and movement, a walking club,

chair yoga and Aikido. There is a fee for most activities.

The Sunland Senior Citizen Center is looking for volunteers to teach a class, host an event and more. It is hoped that arts and crafts activities will be offered in the

summer. The Sunland Senior Citizen Center is located at the rear of Sunland Park at 8640 Fenwick St., Sunland. For more information, call (818) 353-9571 or visit <https://www.laparks.org/scc/sunland>.

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis! Realtor's Long Vacation

Dear Phyllis,  
I used to really look forward to your real estate question and answers. However, much of it seems repetitive. I have a new topic for you which I think your readers will find interesting.

My son has been working with a family friend with a real estate license who is also a full-time nurse. Last month, this agent/friend took off for a one-month vacation. My son understood that he was traveling and tried to be considerate. While the agent was on vacation, my son's dream home came on the market. I believe my son found this online or through another friend who knew he was looking. Unfortunately, it sold

within just a few days. He can't get over losing this home. He asked his agent to be a backup buyer, but the seller already had a backup offer. While my son wants to be loyal to the agent since he is a family friend, I believe he needs to find someone who takes their real estate career more seriously. What are your thoughts?

Jenny

Dear Jenny,

Thanks for your input and such an interesting question to shed light on another aspect of real estate. Has your son signed a Buyer Representation Agreement? This agreement establishes the relationship between homebuyers

and their real estate agent. An exclusive agreement means the buyer will work exclusively with that real estate agent. Exclusive agreements are typically in force for 30 days to one year. Of course, the agent must meet certain obligations. If your son has signed this, he needs to read it to determine which of several options he agreed to.

If your son has not signed this agreement, I agree that he should work with a full-time Realtor who takes his business more seriously. When working with a buyer, most Realtors and I often set our clients up on automatic emails of listings that meet their criteria. In this instance, the dream home

would have been emailed to your son, and he could have texted his agent to arrange a viewing. There also may have been an open house your son's agent could direct him to.

I don't understand any business owner taking off work for a month without a backup plan. Typically, when a Realtor goes out of town, they have an agreement with another colleague, manager, or broker. Your son's agent should have left a Realtor colleague in charge of his business. The only reason not to do so would be because his Realtor/friend didn't want to compensate someone while he was on vacation.

Phyllis

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## The Great Big Family Play Day Sets Records at Griffith Park



By Charly SHELTON

Last weekend, Griffith Park was home to the 8th Annual Great Big Family Play Day, a family-fun event presented by Hey, Milestone and Wonderfold Wagon. Billed as “Coachella for Families,” this was a gigantic festival that took over the lawn in front of the Autry Museum of the American West.

The event started in 2015 as a fairly small affair, but over the years has grown exponentially. In previous years, the event was

held at different locations across Los Angeles but in 2019 the event was held in Griffith Park for the first time, and it has been there ever since.

Parents and children alike enjoyed a range of activities from live music and dance performances to arts and crafts, a dinosaur walkthrough, soccer game trials, beanbag toss, bounce houses, slime-making and more. Even Curious George got in on the action, greeting guests inside the covered area of the Autry Museum.

Many businesses and organizations also participated in the event, setting up booths to showcase their products and services. All attendees, but especially children and parents, were gifted trials, samples, goodie bags and other takeaway items to promote new products and foods from Oats in Coats Instant Oatmeal to Ocho Organic Candies to Beech-Nut’s newest line of “hidden veggie” dinosaur biscuit cookies. And while many of the treats may have been intended for kids, at

least a few fathers were found scarfing down those dinosaur biscuits a handful at a time.

With such a diverse range of activities, families found no shortage of things to do and see throughout the day. Children of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to have fun and socialize in an outdoor environment while parents appreciated the chance to relax and enjoy quality family time.

Overall, the Great Big Family Play Day was a huge success and continues to be a beloved event

for families across Los Angeles. For more information and to look forward to next year’s event, visit [greatbigfamilyplayday.com/los-angeles](http://greatbigfamilyplayday.com/los-angeles).

Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: Donny Shelton, 2, practices his corn hole skills.

TOP RIGHT: The lawn outside of the Autry Museum of the American West was filled with families ready to check out the Great Big Family Play Day.

BOTTOM LEFT: Families took part in a dinosaur walkthrough.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The day included soccer game trials.

### THEN & NOW



**THEN** » This Bob’s Big Boy menu from 1949 has drawings of the various Bob’s chain on the back cover, including the Montrose Bob’s. The drawing shows that the restaurant was just a small boxy structure. In 1953, it was expanded and given the zigzag roofline many locals remember.

### Montrose Bob’s Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**NOW** » This is the Montrose Bob’s Big Boy configuration remembered with its “Googie-style” architecture, located at 3212 La Crescenta Ave. It remained as a Bob’s until about 1988. Today it retains the distinctive architecture but is now the Bright Start Child Development Center.



# 'Favorite Cousins' at CASA 0101

CASA 0101 Theater will present the world premiere of "Favorite Cousins," written by Lindsey Haley and directed by Vilma Villela. "Favorite Cousins" is the story of two estranged cousins – upwardly mobile Frances, and Gloria, a Chicana activist, who are forced to come together after their grandmother's death.

With one of their sons dead and the other's serving a life sentence in prison, these middle-aged women must sort through a lifetime of memories in order to repair a relationship torn by gang violence. Set in Santa Monica, the play also explores the undergoing gentrification that threatens to uproot Chicano families from a place they called home for

generations.

"Favorite Cousins" has a four-week run, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., through May 21. It is the inaugural production presented in the newly dedicated Gloria Molina Auditorium at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E. First St. (at St. Louis Street) in Boyle Heights. Special guest speakers will appear after each Sunday matinee performance. For updates and to learn more visit [www.casas0101.org](http://www.casas0101.org).

Tickets are \$25 per person for general admission; \$22 per person for students and seniors 60-plus; \$20 per person for residents of Boyle Heights and \$20 per person for groups of 20-plus. This show is

recommended for all audiences. Advance reservations are highly recommended. For tickets, call the CASA 0101 Theater Box Office at (323) 263-7684, email [tickets@casa0101.org](mailto:tickets@casa0101.org), or buy online at [www.casa0101.org](http://www.casa0101.org).

Concurrently with the run of the show there will be an art exhibit in the Jean Deleage Art Gallery, located in the lobby of CASA 0101 Theater, of Paint by Suzanne Linares. This series of painting are spontaneous, energetic strokes and of drips and splashes. They lay upon the viewer's mystery with no answers. Admission is free. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and prior to performances of "Favorite Cousins."

# White to Perform for GNC

On Wednesday, May 17 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the Sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

Pianist Brendan White will perform works by Eleanor Alberga – "It's Time," Sergei Rachmaninoff – "Sonata No. 2"), and Frederic Rzewski – "War Song No. 10."

Born in Jackson, Tennessee, but now based in Los Angeles, pianist Brendan White appears frequently in solo recitals and chamber ensembles and as a soloist with orchestra. As soloist, White has performed with Musica Nova (Eastman School of Music), Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of the Verdugos, Crown City Symphony, Delta Symphony Orchestra and Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

As a recording artist, White was featured on Danaë Vlasse's Grammy Award-winning album Mythologies. White's collaborations in Southern California have included the Mühlfeld



Trio, which won the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, the Speakeasy Society, and Eighteen Squared. He is an original member of the Sunset ChamberFest in Los Angeles. White's repertoire spans many centuries and genres and he has worked with well-known composers such as Thomas Adès, Stephen Cohn and Donald Crockett.

White is also a composer of original music. Local recital appearances include: Piano Spheres Emerging Artist Series, Soundwaves in Santa Monica, Silicon Beach CO Recital Series, Glendale Noon Concerts, Pasadena Presbyterian Music at Noon, Music@Mimoda, and Mason Concerts. He attended the Eastman School of Music and the Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 15th year of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

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

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### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On May 12 Club scholarship recipients will be highlighted.

The cost to attend, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

### ANNUAL POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers are needed to assist the Salvation Army in collecting food for the postal food drive on May 13. Two shifts are available - from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. - at five locations: the main post office at Broadway and Kenwood, the Verdugo post office at Verdugo and Broadway, the Grand Central post office at San Fernando Road and Justin, the La Cañada post office on Foothill and at the Salvation Army's food pantry, the drop off location, at

801. S. Central in Glendale.

Donations are needed also of dry cereal, rice, beans, pastas, jams, cooking oils, sugar, peanut butter, canned fruits, canned veggies, canned soups and laundry detergent.

For questions and more information, contact Jason. Camacho@usw.salvationarmy.org.

### AAUW HOSTS SPEAKER SEMERDJIAN

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet for lunch on Saturday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale. By May 10 please make a reservation by emailing Marilyn\_Robinson@hotmail.com.

The cost is \$45 payable at the door by cash or check.

Speaker Elena Semerdjian will discuss careers in government. Her

undergraduate studies included a triple major in psychology, political science, and social and behavioral sciences, as well as a certificate in child development. She is currently working on a thesis on how the human brain relates to the universal laws of physics. In recognition of her public service, she was awarded commendations from the County of Los Angeles, the California State Assembly, the California State Senate and the House of Representatives. She was also granted a certificate of appreciation by the Environmental Defense Fund for her advocacy to combat pollution of California's beaches.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities and meetings, please visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

### JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, May 13 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

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

### CCLCF'S ANNUAL SPRING CERAMIC SALE

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting its Annual Spring Ceramic Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. This one-day sale presents

artists within its program and from the community. It's the largest annual ceramic sale in the region, showcasing hundreds of handmade works of art. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Ceramics Program at CCLCF, which recently celebrated 50 years in La Cañada.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

### 'ROCKITECTURE' SPEAKER FEATURED

Hear the story of the Southern California rock structures built from 1885 to 1935 at the 1 p.m. presentation on May 13 of the Little Landers Historical Society. These mostly unsung and

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### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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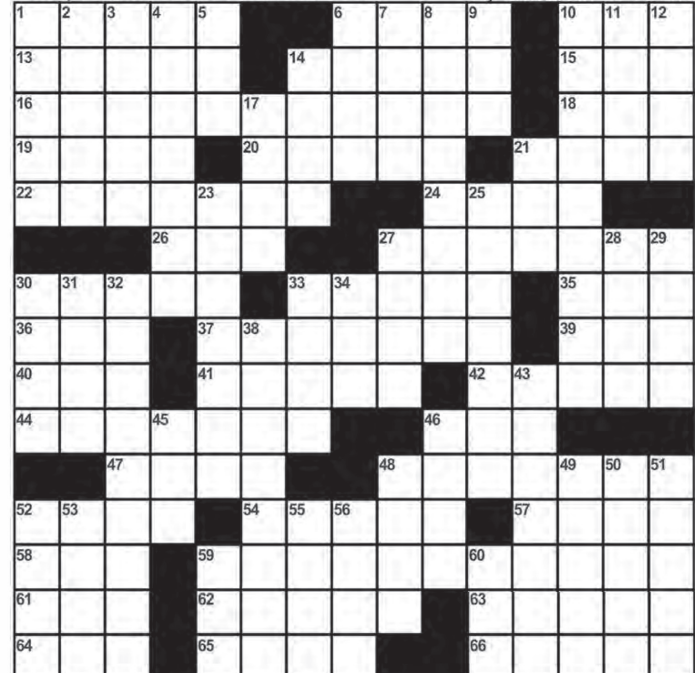
### ACROSS

- 1) Slender-waisted stingers
- 6) Screen material
- 10) Texter's "I think ..."
- 13) Philanthropist Brooke \_\_\_
- 14) IHOP supply
- 15) Young gent
- 16) Fox animated sitcom that features Moe's Tavern
- 18) Raw rock
- 19) Foldable shelter
- 20) Some jams consist of these
- 21) Times to revel
- 22) Strands via blizzard
- 24) Roll-call reply
- 26) Falcons' home (Abbr.)
- 27) "The Four Seasons" composer
- 30) Prefix with "net" or "mural"
- 33) Guitarist Eddy
- 35) Stone vessel
- 36) Fiddle stick?
- 37) NBC sitcom that featured Duke's bar
- 39) DJIA listings (Abbr.)
- 40) Gridder Manning
- 41) Like stray cats
- 42) Land of Luxor
- 44) Sudden digression
- 46) Passenger-screening gp.
- 47) Dessert wine
- 48) Drag racers
- 52) Hatchery sound
- 54) Arrive by plane
- 57) "Video" singer India. \_\_\_
- 58) Motorists' org.
- 59) AMC drama that featured the Los Pollos Hermanos restaurant
- 61) Terse reproof
- 62) "I wanna!"
- 63) River of Paris
- 64) UFO crew
- 65) Hardy lass
- 66) Fall flower

### DOWN

- 1) Naomi of "King Kong"
- 2) Pale with fright
- 3) Shorthand pro
- 4) Antebellum's opposite
- 5) \_\_\_ Lanka
- 6) Video game island
- 7) Suffix with "switch"
- 8) Natural tanner
- 9) Some printers, briefly
- 10) CBS sitcom that featured the Tropicana nightclub
- 11) Colt carrier
- 12) Works of Pindar
- 14) Made cotton candy
- 17) Pony Express load
- 21) Historic time
- 23) White House aide
- 25) Hillary's conquest
- 27) Colorado resort
- 28) Cough soother
- 29) Research org.
- 30) Skeptic's snort
- 31) The Big Easy, for short
- 32) ABC drama that featured the Bang Bang Bar
- 33) Dodge reintroduced in 2013
- 34) July 4 honoree
- 38) How squatters live
- 43) Some band rehearsal areas
- 45) Org. with an elephant mascot
- 46) Novelist Morrison
- 48) Do a nature walk
- 49) Round trip?
- 50) TV journalist Sawyer
- 51) Passover feast
- 52) Cracker spread
- 53) Toward sunrise
- 55) NASA moon landers, briefly
- 56) Candied veggies
- 59) Crunchy sandwich
- 60) Code-cracking org.

### EAT, DRINK AND WATCH TV! By Elizabeth C. Gorski



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

May 8, 2023 - May 14, 2023

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You have a tense aspect affecting your employment sector. It's crucial to cultivate patience around communication and the technology you use to get your job done. Your opportunities will expand around teaching, learning, and spirituality, so if you need to rely on them to get through the next week or two, so be it. Money comes in, regardless.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Although you try to be responsible with your funds, the Universe is making your debt picture precarious and unstable. Communication is cloudy, so it's best to take things slowly. When paying things off or renegotiating an interest rate on a credit card, politeness achieves better results. In the short term, slow down spending to a crawl so you can catch up.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This period is about activity in your house of home and inner emotions. This may bring up old feelings around money, some of which may not be the healthiest moves for you now. Technology may also be troubling, as you struggle to not throw your computer out the window. Someone's feelings could be hurt by your actions. Conserve your funds for a brighter day.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The Universe is going to lend a hand to anyone working - or trying to work - at home now. Since the astral activity occurs in your house of home and inner emotions, you may experience tumultuous feelings or have trouble making your home a quiet space in which to work. Meanwhile, the energy is there to move a business into your home, provided you put some effort into determining how you'll structure your days.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

The aspects now could result in a power struggle if you aren't careful. The Universe is assertive and wants to get its way. The activity occurs in your house of communication, so be careful with your words. Don't assume the other person, especially a boss or co-worker, understands something in an e-mail or text. Staying on the right side of this will help others better understand you.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

A supportive aspect now affects your house of money and values. The Universe indicates that more money will be coming in, along with more opportunities to earn. There's also an indication of deeper change taking place over a longer period of time. You'll be putting new plans into place now to save money for the future. Invest it and make it grow your security. Nice work, smarty pants!

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You have a pretty powerful cocktail indeed, with the Universe giving you the energy and impetus to get all your tasks accomplished and show others that you mean business. It's a great time to be in contact with others to negotiate anything from contracts to leases. Don't shy away from confrontation, and make sure to ask for what you're worth. You don't need to shout since others will read you loud and clear.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You don't lack friends. This definitely helps when it comes to changing jobs or getting advice about a new field. A supportive Universe affects your house of past lives, karma, and institutions, so it may be new acquaintances who suddenly impact your work and money the most. You don't have to think about how you'll get close to someone influential. You'll be drawn together naturally, almost like you've known each other forever.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Since you have the Universe affecting your house of groups, politics, and ambition, the sky's the limit when it comes to what you want to achieve. That's great. Positive aspects help you meet the people you need to know in order to advance your dreams while adjusting the landscape over a longer period of time. Everything is changing now, maybe not as quickly as you'd like, but it's moving along. It will bring cash in its wake.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Aspects affect your house of romance, fun, and kids, which could make you scattered and distracted. But the Universe will also affect your house of past lives, karma, and institutions. Expect strangeness from your unconscious, working life, and relationships. This may become the norm for a while.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

As you strive to create more security in your life, the Universe will ask you to clean up a bit of a financial mess from the past. An inadvertently missed payment could turn into something more, and it may take your best diplomatic efforts to get any fees waived. Take care of business before everyone finds out.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may be tempted to fall back on old ideas or behaviors concerning money. Since the aspects affect your closest relationships, try not to let any money baggage that you (or your mate) came in with affect what you truly mean to one another. Your career is one area that could get lost in the shuffle. Clear and open communication rules the day.



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# My GE washer flooded my home. How do I get it fixed?

Justin Carrier's GE Profile washing machine breaks, flooding his house. One month later, GE hasn't repaired the appliance or paid for the damages. What's going on?

**Q** We bought a new GE Profile washing machine about seven months ago. We were awakened one night last month to a flooded laundry room, bathroom, foyer, family room and office. The water valve in the washer failed and filled the machine, and eventually our home, while it was not even on.

A technician diagnosed the faulty valve but the part is on extended backorder. I've spoken with numerous GE customer service agents about getting the valve. Most recently, a representative told me I just needed to keep waiting because there was no way to expedite the process.

She also advised the warranty was for repairs, not a replacement, and that putting in paperwork for replacement would waste her time as it would be "automatically rejected," and we needed to just keep waiting.

We're a family of four with young children and no working washer. Worse, GE's insurance company won't process a claim on our damaged home until the part can be "evaluated" in their lab, which can't happen until they repair or replace it. We are at our wits' end and need your help!

—Justin Carrier, Eustis, Florida

**A**: Justin, I feel for you. It wasn't so long ago that I was a young father living in the Orlando suburbs. I would have been far less patient if this had happened to me. One month without a washing machine is a lot of trips to the laundromat, especially when you have young children.

Your problem is surprisingly common. These parts-on-backorder cases are likely a result of the supply chain problems plaguing American businesses since the

pandemic. But GE should have a plan, especially for customers like you. Not only did its washer fail, but you also sustained damage to your kitchen. Plus you have kids and need a washing machine. Shouldn't there be some way that GE can take all of those issues into consideration and send you a replacement?

Your warranty covers two years of parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace any part that fails because of a defect in materials or workmanship. But GE does not promise a full replacement. The representative you spoke with was correct. Although GE could replace the appliance at its discretion, the system would likely reject it. Appliance manufacturers only replace their products under threat of a lawsuit or if the appliances are impossible to repair. And even then, they do it reluctantly.

A brief, polite email to a GE executive might have moved your complaint toward resolution. I publish the names, emails and phone numbers of the GE customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

I contacted GE on your behalf. A representative contacted you and arranged to expedite a new valve to your home. GE also agreed to cover all of your repair costs. Your washer is now working and GE is also working on your insurance claim.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), 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 at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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undocumented river rock homes, churches, castles and other structures will be presented along with discussion of the social, economic and technical influences of the time.

The speaker is architect and author Barry Schweiger AIA, BA, MBA, RYT. Schweiger spent years in researching these unique structures and his book "Rockitecture" will be available for purchase at the program.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. It will be held at 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 BoltonHall.org or email [llhs@boltonhall.org](mailto:llhs@boltonhall.org).

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next monthly club meeting on Thursday morning, May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 No. Avon St. in Burbank.

Luis Pineda, vice president of the Burbank African Violet Society, will present the program, "Insects and Related Pests and Diseases of African Violets and Solutions." A discussion with questions and answers will follow.

Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information please telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference our website: [www.burbakafricanviolets.weebly.com](http://www.burbakafricanviolets.weebly.com).

### METAPHYSICAL AND ARTISAN FAIR

A diverse group of healing arts practitioners, artists and vendors will gather in La Crescenta for "A Day of Healing" at the Spring 2023 Metaphysical and Artisan Fair.

The fair includes over 40 talented and diverse artists and vendors selected to showcase

their talents and crafts of handmade and metaphysical products as well as healing arts services. Attendees are invited to explore, engage in healing services, shop, enjoy delicious food, participate in a relaxing group sound bath meditation as well as energy healing and drum circle meditation.

The Fair is on Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta.

### ARMED FORCES DAY CAR SHOW

The American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 of La Crescenta are hosting and sponsoring an automobile show on May 20 at CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free admission to the Annual Armed Forces Day car show includes displays of cars and trucks, classic autos, hot rods and military vehicles.

Funds raised will benefit military and children's charities.

### EXPRESSIVE DANCE CLASS FOR ADULTS

Expressive Dance Classes for adults, taught by professional ballet dancer Mindy Krasner ([www.MindyKrasner.com](http://www.MindyKrasner.com)), will be taught at the Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta on Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon from May 15-June 19.

The cost is \$20 for a single class or \$115 for six weeks; no dance experience necessary. For more information and to register contact [info@MindyKrasner.com](mailto:info@MindyKrasner.com) or call (702) 493-6443.

### CASINO NIGHT CCLCF FUNDRAISER

The 10th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser, hosted by Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, has been postponed.

### 'LIGHT FANTASTIC' PRESENTED BY THE TOWNE SINGERS

The Towne Singers presents

"Light Fantastic," a choral concert featuring musical light selections. This 60-plus choir under the direction of Lance Merrill will bring light to the start of summer.

The Towne Singers presents this in-person concert with selections such as: "This Little Light of Mine," "Good Morning, Starshine," "Bright Morning Star" and more.

This choral performance will be complemented by an entertaining narrative that highlights the performance and some beautiful and fascinating video imagery.

The concert is on Saturday, June 10 at 5 p.m. at Arcadia Performing Arts Center, 188 Campus Drive in Arcadia. Tickets are available thru <http://TowneSingers.org> with an additional \$1 per ticket PayPal processing fee. Adults are \$25 and children (3-12) are \$10.

The Towne Singers is an organization supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

On Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. – noon, artist Claudia Hindu will host a hands-on workshop for adults at the La Crescenta Library to learn the fundamentals of working with different types of acrylic paints and different painting techniques. All supplies will be provided. Participants will be able to create a unique piece to take home.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To sign up, see library staff or register online at [Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events](http://Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events) and filter by location or event date.

La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

### GARAGISTE WINE FESTIVAL

The Garagiste Wine Festival returns to LA for the eighth time on Saturday, June 17 with over

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The festival takes place at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale. Tickets range from \$10 to \$135 and available at <https://tinyurl.com/bdv5ynu4>.

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at [clsof74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:clsof74reunion@yahoo.com). Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant

information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

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

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# RELIGION

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**Q**uestion: We have two children who are 10 and 12. For the new school season we're buying them school clothes and school supplies. Until now there wasn't a problem. They're asking for expensive brands that are just not in our budget. We think the clothes we buy them are nice and we let them choose what they want. This year has been a battle.

Is there a way to get around this? Both of us came from impoverished homes and were happy to have clean clothes to wear. Please suggest some ways to help them understand what is really important.

~ Thrifty Parents

Dear Thrifty Parents,  
I completely hear where you are coming from. The way we were raised gives us a lens with which we view life. Having grown up in poverty you view having a certain level or type of clothing as necessary, not brand names. Once our children become a certain age it is developmentally normal for them to desire to socially fit in. This is a psychological and sociological fact. I honestly do not believe I, or anyone, can help you change your children's minds on what is important. You can help them by letting them know you understand the importance of fitting in at this age (so they feel heard) and tell them the amount you have in your budget to spend. Then it is time to get creative!

Perhaps they get one pair of designer jeans and shoes and you then purchase inexpensive plain T-shirts at Target. We are in an era where so much is sold online. Look online where people sell their gently used name brand clothes and shoes. This is a very popular way of finding

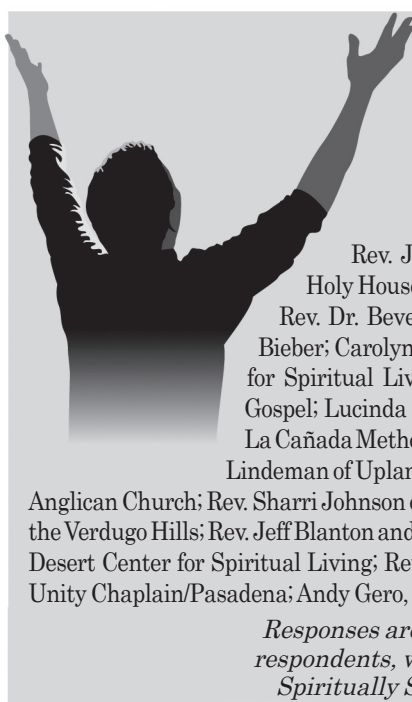
inexpensive designer items. Having worked with young people for over 25 years, teens become more reasonable when they feel heard. Invite them to work with you to look online to find items that excite them. Why buy new when something has been worn once or twice and is a fourth of the price?

I hope this helps. Raising preteens and teens can be our most difficult parenting years. When I work with parents, I always suggest they meet their teen where the child is at: seeing things how their teen see it. When children feel heard they are much more willing to listen and work with their parents.



Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian  
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Dear Thrifty Parents:  
We live in a comparison culture where children are exposed through the media to all kinds of opportunity to compare your/their lifestyle with others. Hopefully, as young as your children are, they don't spend a large amount of time staring at a screen scrolling through social media. But obviously by their comments they have a pretty good idea of what other parents are buying their kids. It's important at this juncture in their life that you clearly establish that you are not in a race to keep up with others when it comes to material things, that the



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comparison trap is just that – a snare that will rob them of contentment in life.

Jesus spoke a lot about our fixation on the things of this life in the Sermon on the Mount. He said things like: "I tell you not to worry about everyday life – whether you have enough food and drink or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?" And: "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be" Matthew 6:21-25 (NLT). Let your pre-teens know that contentment begins in their heart not in their outward appearance or comparing themselves to others.

You don't indicate in your letter whether or not you give your children an allowance based on chores they do around the house like taking out the trash, cleaning their room or mowing the grass. But it is important as young as they are that they develop a sense of what things cost. If they are spending money that they have earned they are

more apt to understand the value of a dollar and what it takes to earn one. And, as they are able to spend that money, you can teach them how to weigh decisions and understand the possible outcomes. For instance, you might say, "If you buy that video game, then you won't have the money to buy that pair of shoes."

Another financial teaching tool is to show them how, even as an adult, you have to save money in order to make purchases. That also means that you need to avoid impulse buying or quickly throwing down a credit card anytime you want something. And once they start making a little money, be sure to teach them about giving. They can give to the church you attend or even someone they know who needs a little help.

Eventually they will see how giving doesn't just affect the people they give to, but the giver as well. Your children are still at a moldable but crucial age. Use this time to teach them the values that will help them make good choices for the rest of their lives.

didn't fall by the wayside and lapse into conversations we don't understand. We're even thinking of having our own dinners.

Is there a "once and for all" something we can say for them to be inclusive in their conversations?

~ We Three Wives

Dear We Three Wives,  
As I see it, there's good news and bad news in this scenario. The good news is that your group has cohesion and the ability to enjoy each other's company. The really good news is that you Three Wives enjoy spending time together, which creates a wonderful dynamic when the six of you meet.

The bad news is that sometimes work issues supersede pleasurable repartee when there is a shared interest, work experience, or goal among several, but not all, of the guests. If your husbands have significant work challenges or concerns or share successes, you may have some trouble redirecting their conversation to be more inclusive.

Scripture illuminates the power of a faithful wife: "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord" Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV). "Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord" Proverbs 19:14 (NKJV). "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies" Proverbs 31:10 (NKJV).

Scripture further indicates the responsibilities of an attentive husband: "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered" 1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV).

Scripture also summarizes the couple's covenant agreement: "Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband" 1 Corinthians 7:3 (NKJV).

One option would be to gain agreement, separately between each couple, before the gatherings, that work banter would be off-limits. These efforts could be followed by a collective agreement in which the group determines to expand the conversation base to include more generalized




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**Q**uestion: There are three of us couples who get together about once a month or every six weeks. All three husbands are engineers who work together. We wives have repeatedly asked the guys to not talk shop because we don't get to see each other that often. Our asking hasn't helped.

After the last dinner we hosted and dessert was served, the guys once again began talking about work challenges. One woman got up from the table, went into the living room and began thumbing through a magazine. That didn't stop the conversation among the guys.

We wives enjoy getting together if the conversation

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interests. Perhaps there could be a theme or agreed upon discussion topic that is determined prior to the event so preparation could be made. It might, however, be prudent to steer clear of issues that might cause discord. The themes could range from favorite travel spots or hobbies to fun stories about how you met your respective spouse or business associate.

Another idea would be to plan gatherings in places that have distinct and different elements that become a part of the dining experience. The thought of a new cuisine concept, like Ethiopian or Brazilian food, or creative venues, such as a live performance, that would change the group experience or dynamic comes to mind.

If none of these suggestions are appealing, you may need to plan for the “shop talk” and simply enjoy your time together as We Three Wives. Maybe you share the meal as a group and then the three of you

retire to another room for a game or chat, exclusive of the menfolk. Whereas that’s not the real goal, your efforts may preserve your time together. And who knows? The men may be so curious about where you ladies disappear to that they follow you to find out!

I hope you’re able to find something in here that speaks to you and that you discover an amicable resolution. Be well & be blessed!



Lucinda Guarino  
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Dear We Three Wives,  
It almost sounds like the

beginning of a Christmas carol! But seriously ...

First of all, I am sorry that your husbands won’t honor your request that they don’t talk shop during your dinners or other meals together. I had to laugh, however, when you said that all three were engineers! Part of me wanted to say, “What do you expect?” (If there are any engineers reading this, please don’t be offended. It’s simply that the three husbands are behaving in the stereotypical way that so many people think engineers behave.)

My suggestion is that the three women have lunch or dinner together one time, not necessarily to make a point but to get said to each other what you want to share – and maybe you can even suggest to the men that they have a meal together without the three wives. I don’t think there is any “once and for all” thing you can say to make them get the point.

By the way, I have been accused

on occasion by my wife for talking shop with another minister when we had some guests over to our house. When you enjoy what you do making a living it is very hard to keep from talking about what you love to do. So I would advise that you keep trying to have them not talk shop ... but also be prepared to have a “ladies night out.” If you three do that once or twice, maybe the men will get the hint. Be hopeful and optimistic ... but don’t hold your breath!



The Rev. C. L. “Skip” Lindeman  
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## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF News

Mother’s Day will be a full celebration at Lutheran Church in the Foothills on Sunday, May 14. During 10 a.m. worship, there will be special recognition to all women and prayer for all motherhood situations.

Sunday worship will be led by Rev. Charles Bunnell. LCIF has enjoyed the care of Pastor Chuck as interim pastor these past two years. On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Chuck will be joined by Rev. Richard “Rick” Hall at worship as part of discerning who will be LCIF’s next pastor.

The community is invited to hear from Pastor Rick during 10 a.m. worship on May 21 and stay for fellowship afterward. There is a congregational meeting on June 4 to consider pastoral leadership.

Pastor Chuck, in the meantime, continues to serve and is available to anyone needing help, including visitation at home or in the hospital. The congregation is especially grateful for Pastor Chuck for coming out of retirement to serve LCIF during the lengthy call process. Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to accept canned goods as well for its ongoing food drive to feed the hungry.

Visit [lcifoothills.org](http://lcifoothills.org) for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org), or call (818) 790-1951.

The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Musical Variety Show ‘Strike Up the Band’ Coming May 21

“Strike up the Band,” a musical variety show to benefit the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church Deacons Scholarship Fund, will take place Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. in the church’s sanctuary.

The concert will feature a 10-piece professional band and vocalists performing pop, rock, swing, jazz and gospel, as well as theme songs from film and television.

Suggested donation is \$15 per person or \$30 per family. The community is invited to enjoy the show and support the scholarship fund.

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

### Walk and Word

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

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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 found at Rockhaven, namely the failure to secure the site and taking measures to prevent ingress of water, leading to a threat to safety. The Code also admonishes these conditions stating in 15.20.120 Duty to Maintain Historic Resources: "Every owner of a designated historic resource shall maintain [the property in a manner that] does not constitute 'demolition by neglect' and prevents deterioration, dilapidation and decay of any portion of such resource," according to the 2020 article.  
 When asked pointedly about these conditions, which resemble "demolition by neglect," Eliza Papazian, City spokesperson at the time said, "The City is not deliberately letting the property deteriorate. The City treasures the historical significance of Rockhaven

and will continue to uphold it."  
 However, the roofs were not repaired and were not tarped properly allowing recent rains to cause more damage to the buildings.  
 According to Joanna Linkhorst, president of Friends of Rockhaven, she had been conducting tours to help raise funds to support Rockhaven. Tours were done with the City's permission; however, over the years due to the lack of maintenance the tours that once allowed walkthroughs of almost all the buildings became more and more limited. The last City sanctioned tour conducted by Friends of Rockhaven only allowed exterior walkthroughs.  
 Friends of Rockhaven saw more wet weather affecting the property and its buildings. They watched as inadequate tarps that the City

had indicated would be placed on the rooftops would once again be a "Bandaid" to the real problem of the bad roofs. The organization decided to file a lawsuit asking the City to conduct regular and permanent maintenance at Rockhaven.  
 According to Linkhorst, filing a lawsuit was the organization's last resort but, after 15 years, Friends of Rockhaven felt they had given the City enough time to take care of the buildings. The lawsuit also asks for an accounting of the funds that had been put forth for Rockhaven's maintenance.  
 There has been some work done at Rockhaven. According to Bradley Calvert, director of Community Development for the City of Glendale, "The current activity is the completion of the tarping of the roofs and completing the roofing at

the Pines Cottage building. This is anticipated to be completed in the next couple weeks."  
 During the Tuesday, May 9 Glendale City Council meeting, in speaking about the Council workplan and follow-up list, councilmember Ara Najarian suggested that Rockhaven be taken off that list.  
 "Hello – we've been sued. We've been sued by the Friends of Rockhaven. We have no idea how a judge is going to react or how a judge is going to rule. The work that we do – whether it is engineering, analyzing, actual construction – may all be to not if a judge says you save every single bungalow on that property or you can wipe everything off that property," Najarian said. "We are spinning and wasting our

time having to do anything with Rockhaven and it wasn't at our initiation – it was the Friends of Rockhaven that shot the first shot across our bow."  
 Both Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian and Mayor Dan Brotman voiced their concern for taking Rockhaven off the work list. Both were worried about the impression this action may present, that the City is not serious about the maintenance of historical Rockhaven. They also didn't see any reason to remove it from the workplan list since the City wants to continue taking care of the site.  
 City Attorney Michael Garcia also agreed there was not a reason to take Rockhaven off the work list regardless of the lawsuit.  
 Currently Rockhaven is still on the work list.



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