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## Beeline Contract Approved for One Year

By Mary O'KEEFE

There were many important issues discussed at the Tuesday night meeting of the Glendale City Council, including an anti-Semitic resolution denouncing antisemitism and all forms of hatred and prejudice, and the proposal to move from citywide elections to district elections, including having a citywide election for mayor, and also the Beeline contract. CVW will focus on one issue this week, the Beeline contract, and continue with the other issues in future editions.

This contract is important not only to the thousands of people who ride the Beeline in the City but also for the future of the environment.

At the June 20 Glendale City Council meeting a proposal was brought to the council to award MV Transportation, Inc. (MVT) a six-year contract, with the possibility of extensions, for the Beeline fixed-route and Dial-A-Ride Transit Services. MVT was one of two companies that completed the request for proposals (RFP). The concerns voiced by several of the councilmembers centered on the lack of time for councilmembers to review such a large contract, which would not exceed \$76 million, that they were given less than 30 days before the end of the present contract, and that there were not more companies that participated in the RFP.

The council at that time moved and approved for staff to negotiate a one-year extension with MVT, the current service provider, as opposed to approving a six-year contract, therefore giving the council and staff members more time to review the process.

That is what staff did; however, there were still some issues with the process. On Tuesday night, Councilmember Elen Asatryan once again questioned the process of RFPs and wanted to know if a motion were made to pass the one-year extension it would also include a review of the RFP process. Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian also voiced his concern about the

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# Thousands Expected at Cruise Night

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

*All types of cars, food, music and fireworks planned for a big night in Glendale.*

Californians love their cars and at the 28th annual Cruise Night in Glendale on Saturday night, July 15, enthusiasts will get their fill. Whether they love muscle cars, classics or vintage, cars, trucks or motorcycles, all will be on display at the annual event presented by the City of Glendale and C&B Law Group. This is also the first year that modified imports and exotics will be on display.

"This year we have all kinds of cars including classic cars dating all the way back to 1901 plus muscle cars, VW bugs of all kinds, electric bikes and even a club of newer Shelbys," said Brian Beirne who has been involved as emcee and entertainment producer for Cruise Night for over 20 years.

The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. just as the day begins to cool down. Brand Boulevard in the heart of Glendale will be packed with all kinds of vehicles. Car lovers will get a chance

to check out the expected 400 vehicles, deciding whether or not they agree with the judges when trophies are handed out (categories at judges' discretion).

"This is a great family-friendly event that attracts upwards of 40,000 spectators," said Beirne. "It is a great evening that brings together the entire community and is capped off with a dazzling fireworks display."

Plenty of food will be available for purchase and information booths will dot the boulevard. Cruise Night is free to attend ensuring that people will make sure to add the evening's fun to their Saturday night plans.

Live music will be heard all night, too.

"We begin the night with Ticket to Ride, a tribute to The Beatles, followed by Gregory Wolfe who has been performing around the world for decades as Rod Stewart," said Beirne. "Having toured with the real Rolling Stones, I can attest to the fact that

headliner Jumping Jack Flash – the tribute to the Rolling Stones – is spot on."

The familiar voice of radio legend "Mr. Rock N' Roll" Brian Beirne will round out the evening's entertainment.

The night sky will light up with a fantastic fireworks show signaling the end of the evening's fun.

For more information, visit the City of Glendale website at <https://www.glendaleca.gov>.



File photo You never know what you'll see at Cruise Night on Brand Boulevard that takes place on Saturday night, July 15, in Glendale.

## Speeding on Local Streets: Enough is Enough

By Mary O'KEEFE

There has been a lot of talk about keeping kids safe in schools but safely getting them there is also very important. That was the subject focused on by Assemblymember Laura Friedman and stakeholders during a press conference on Monday held at Toll Middle School in Glendale.

Speeding accounts for nearly a third of all traffic fatalities. Over 42,000 Americans lost their lives to traffic violence in 2021 – a 10.5% increase from 2020. Speeding is a factor in 31% of all traffic fatalities, according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

The braking distance – the distance a vehicle will travel from the point when its brakes are fully applied to when it comes to a complete stop – increases four times each time the starting speed doubles. So from 30 mph to 60 mph the braking distance does not become twice as long but four times as long. When drivers triple their speed from 20 mph to 60 mph, the braking distance is nine times greater.

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman, standing in front of GUSD board president Jennifer Freeman, GPD chief Manuel Cid, Assemblymember Laura Friedman and GUSD board member Shant Sahakian, speaks on the sad reality that "speed kills."



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# Old Lady Injuries

I am a dancer – or maybe the better term is was a dancer. Over a year ago I apparently tore the meniscus of my right knee while dancing at a fundraiser. Thankfully it didn't create immediate pain (unlike when my son Matthew who tore his ACL when he was a kid – he was in immediate pain) and, in fact, I was at another fundraiser the following night walking the grounds of a beautiful house in Glendale.

I did go see a doctor – Dr. William Stetson, a brilliant orthopaedic surgeon in Burbank who actually did surgery on Matt's knee so many years ago.

After an MRI, X-rays and other diagnostic tests, it was decided that I'd have surgery in October to fix the tear. But that was when Matt's daughter was due to arrive (he now lives in North Carolina). So I postponed the surgery and flew to North Carolina to be with Matt and Khalilah.

Surgery was actually performed in December and since then I was in physical therapy at DSC in La Cañada (also where Matthew went so many years ago) until April of this year. I have been vigilant in doing my knee exercises at home as I know that it is essential for my recovery to do those.

But ... I am a dancer at heart and on July 1 was the wedding of a family friend in San Clemente. And (you probably guessed) the music was fantastic. It was so fantastic that I was lured (more than once) to the dance floor to show off my moves.

But I paid the price. My knee swelled up to the size of a softball and it wasn't until this week that the swelling went down. I thank the liberal use of ice to help with that reduction.

I have to admit, though, that I'm pretty ticked off at the whole scenario. I mean, I grew up dancing. In fact, back in the day (way back) my boyfriend and I owned a mobile disco (yes, I'm dating myself) and he would spin the records and I would dance. I would show people how to do the Time Warp, for example, and other popular dances. I used to go to the Sugar Shack, an under 21 club, most weekends and dance away the night. Unfortunately, my body is very familiar with the fact that I am no longer under 21 years old (or even close to it) and is ready to punish me if I attempt to do those things (like dance) that I used to do regularly.

I chide myself that I now seem to get old lady injuries doing young lady activities. I guess I'd better be a bit more careful.

A quick correction: in last week's column I applauded the wrong Kugler for playing at the July 4th festivities at CV High School. It was Jasper Kugler who played in the CV Brass band. Congratulations are extended to the (correct) Kugler.

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

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

"Out there is a perfect engine, an eating machine, that is a miracle of evolution – it swims and eats and makes little baby sharks, that's all," Hooper (Richard Dreyfuss) in the movie "Jaws," 1975.

There has been a lot of talk lately about sharks, specifically shark attacks and sightings along the East Coast. On the Fourth of July, officials delayed opening one New York beach due to drones spotting over 50 sharks in the water near the shore. There have also been videos and photos of great white sharks off the coast of Cape Cod and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

"Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries biologist Greg Skomal argued the attacks could have been the result of shark bites, but could also have been caused by other marine animals, such as gray seals – local police reports indicate multiple swimmers were bitten by 'a shark of unknown species' or a 'large marine animal,'" according to an article in Forbes on July 10.

The article stated that sharks off the shores of the East Coast is not uncommon during this time of year; however, sharks could be expanding their range as ocean temperatures heat up. Even though it appears shark attacks are up, the fact is the number of sharks in our oceans is going down.

There have been five mass extinctions in Earth's history. Scientists describe a mass extinction as when about 50% of all plants and animals alive at the same time die out. The one that most of us are aware of, thanks to "Jurassic Park," was 65 million years ago when dinosaurs, specifically non-avian dinosaurs, were wiped out at the end of the Cretaceous period and the beginning of the Tertiary period. And throughout these five mass extinctions sharks continued to thrive. They have been in our oceans for about

420 million years; however, now many shark species are facing one of their biggest challenges – surviving humans.

There are about one thousand species of sharks and rays but, due to climate change and overfishing, 11 species of shark are extinct. A recent study looked at small, coral reef species of sharks and rays and found a steep decline in shark species. Five of the most common reef shark species have experienced a decline of up to 73%, according to science.org.

The study found that overfishing was driving resident shark species toward extinction. The analysis found global declines of 60% to 73% for five common resident reef shark species and that individual shark species were not detected at 34% to 47% of surveyed reefs.

There is concern the entire ocean ecosystem could fall out of balance because sharks not only maintain the species below them in the food chain but also indirectly maintain sea grass and coral reef habitats.

Sharks are caught in directed fisheries where the aim is to catch them for their meat, fins, liver oil, skin (for leather), cartilage (for medicine) and teeth and jaws (for curios). They are also caught by accident in nets, according to saveourseas.com.

"Finning – the practice of removing a shark's fins and throwing the rest of the fish back into the ocean – contributes to the problem of overfishing and is now illegal in most countries," according to saveourseas.com.

But sharks are just not targets of commercial fishing, they also are targets of sport fishing. According to mongabay.com, researchers found that catches of cartilaginous fish, like sharks and rays, have increased steadily over the past six decades and now comprise about 6% of the annual catch for recreational purposes.

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, July 16. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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 the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

### COMMENTS SOUGHT REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. DEPUTIES IN SCHOOLS

The LA County Civilian Oversight Commission is studying the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. School Resource Deputy program.

School Resource Deputies are sworn law enforcement officers whose duty it is to protect students and faculty and to secure the campus. Their purpose is to improve school safety. In recent years, high profile use of force incidents and several reports indicating racial profiling of students raises concerns about the presence of deputies in schools.

The Commission is seeking community feedback from all Los Angeles County residents to evaluate the issue from various perspectives.

The deadline to submit comments is Aug. 7.

To submit comments, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2nhpxa69>.

### OPT OUT OPTION PRESENTED

At the June 27 board of directors meeting of the Crescenta Valley Water District it was voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 786. This resolution allows the District to place a charge on customers' property tax bills to support the District's pipeline replacement program. The typical charge for a single-family home is \$194. Those who do not want this charge placed on their property tax bill can sign an opt out form to have the charge added to their water bill instead. The charge would be split between the property owners' November/December 2023 and March/April 2024 water bills depending on their billing cycle.

The form is available on the District website at [cvwd.com/updated-property-tax-roll-information](http://cvwd.com/updated-property-tax-roll-information) or at the District's main office.

This notice applies only to those properties that receive water service from the Crescenta Valley Water District.

### NATIONAL FOREST WEEK™

Each year during the second full week of July, the NFF hosts National Forest Week™ to raise awareness of

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# Eagle Scout Project Completed by a Falcon



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE  
A ribbon cutting was recently held for the installation of three new bike racks at Crescenta Valley High School. The bike racks were part of a Eagle Scout project by Cian Covington (holding scissors).

By Mary O'KEEFE

Communities, including Crescenta Valley and Glendale, have benefited for years from Boy Scout Eagle projects.

Cian Covington is proud to be a Crescenta Valley High School Falcon; so much so that he focused his Eagle Scout project on his high school by designing and creating three bike racks ... Falcon Racks ... using the school logo of a falcon and painting the racks the school's colors of light and dark blue.

Covington was honored in a ceremony earlier this year by his Boy Scout Troop – Troop 319 – for his Eagle project. Many spoke of his ability to bring people together and his determination to learn.

The official ribbon cutting at the school was on June 1 and the road to the ribbon cutting was long and filled with a lot of work from idea to design

to implementation to (finally) the ribbon cutting. He began his project in 2022.

Covington said he first had to decide on what to do for his project. There are often many ideas suggested by Scout leaders for Eagle projects but Covington really wanted to do something that would not only last but also would benefit his school.

He spoke to the school administrators and came up with a plan to create two bike racks that would be located near the school's MacDonald Auditorium. Once the project was decided upon it was time to get to work. Funds had to be raised, outreach done to the community and fellow Boy Scouts and organization members and Covington had to learn a new skill ... welding.

He had the Falcon symbol made at a shop and followed every detail of how to do the project until the racks were finally bolted into place at the school.

CVHS Principal Christine Benitez praised Covington and the creation of his bike racks. In addition to the racks there is a plaque placed near the racks that reads, “These three bike racks were made in 2022 by Cian Covington (class of 2023) for his Eagle Scout project, and are a gift to the students of Crescenta Valley High School. BSA Troop 319, La Crescenta.”

Choosing the Eagle project checked all the boxes. Covington found a project that would benefit his community; he gathered fellow scouts to help; he worked with outside resources to finish the project and raised funds to complete it. A bonus for Covington was learning a life-changing skill.

“I love to weld and am going to [Glendale Community College] for welding,” said the recent CVHS graduate.

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# NOTES & NODS

## LCIF News

A day of fun at Knott's Berry Farm is in the works for youth who attend Lutheran Church in the Foothills. The Youth Group, for children in grades five through high school, will head to Knott's Berry Farm on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Attendees are asked to please RSVP by contacting the church office.

LCIF is also gearing up for a special ceremony: the service of installation for Pastor Rick Hall. Hall joined LCIF in June as the church's new full time pastor. The ceremony will take place during worship on Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. and will include special guest Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

LCIF is launching a four-week long program this summer for anyone interested in learning more about the Bible. No prior knowledge is necessary. The Bible study, led by Pastor Hall, will be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., starting July 24.

LCIF's Book Club returns on Aug. 21. The club will meet every third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in the church's conference room. The club will be reading "The Cooking Gene" by Michael W. Twitty. All are welcome.

Summer worship at LCIF continues to include programming for young children. Children's church

is offered during 10 a.m. worship. Families should meet in the church's sanctuary. After a message for the children from Pastor Hall, the kids head to the Youth Room for games, crafts and study.

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

## Class on Creation and Climate Care at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to attend a series of discussions on creation theology and environmental stewardship, held on three Wednesday evenings this summer.

Hear about our role in Creation, its care and what's happening with the climate on July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2 beginning at 6:15 p.m. in Koopmans Hall on the church campus. Each session will include time for Q&A.

Presenters will include the Rev. Dr. Rick Lyon, minister and psychotherapist; Dr. Kevin Bowman, JPL climate scientist; Dr. Mark Richardson, JPL climate scientist; and Dr. Tommy Given, Fuller Seminary professor of New Testament.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

## Summer Adult Christian Education

Confirmation class (aka catechism class) is an educational ministry of the Church for baptized Christians to equip them with the essential principles of Christianity for the purpose of helping them personally affirm the baptismal covenant God made with them, personally confirm their faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, personally identify more deeply with the Christian community, and personally commit to participate more fully in Christian life and mission.

This week's topic, on July 19, is "Can it be proven that God exists?"

## Walk and Word

In July, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 16, 23 & 30. 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



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# New Senior Pastor at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church



On July 2, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church (LCPC) welcomed its new senior pastor and head of staff Reverend Dr. Mouris A. Yousef to his first worship service. Dr. Yousef brings almost 30 years of full-time ministry work to his new role.

Dr. Yousef has traveled an interesting path to get to LCPC, which actually began several generations ago in Egypt when his great-grandfather converted to the Reformed faith after meeting with several Presbyterian missionaries from the United States. As a result, he grew up attending a Presbyterian church in central

Egypt with his family.

Dr. Yousef said being a follower of Jesus in a largely Islamic country like Egypt was never easy but he felt called to enter full-time ministry, graduating from Evangelical Seminary in Cairo in 1993 with a Master of Divinity. In 1994 he was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Synod of the Nile where he served for seven years as pastor and head of staff at a 900-member Presbyterian congregation in central Egypt. In 2002, he immigrated to the United States, completed advanced degree programs and thrived with multiple

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# Fire Damages Local Restaurant

By Mary O'KEEFE

At 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, personnel from LA

County Fire and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station responded to a fire at the restaurant Byblos Mediterranean

Bakery at 2948 Foothill Blvd. at Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta. At the time, according to LA County Fire spokesperson Maria

Grycan, the roof of the restaurant collapsed from the fire. She added that a second alarm was issued and more resources were headed to the site.

A firefighter was sent to the hospital with minor injuries.

Harry Leon of Leon Plumbing had workers on site. They were working in the basement of the restaurant when they reportedly smelled smoke and investigated.

They saw flames and called the fire department. According to Leon, the restaurant is currently closed and the owners are on vacation.

Foothill Boulevard east from Ramsdell Avenue was closed to through traffic.

Firefighters remained on scene overnight for fire watch.

Glendale Fire Dept. also assisted with the fire.



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# Being Prepared is Key to a Fun and Safe Hike

By Mary O'KEEFE

The weather has cleared and people are heading to the mountains to go hiking, so once again CVW is reminding people to follow a few rules to stay safe when enjoying the great outdoors.

"The biggest problem is people not being prepared for the weather," said Sgt. John Gilbert, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station. Gilbert is the Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) coordinator.

"We are going into the hot time of year and a lot of our trails don't have coverage," he added.

It is important to remember that weather conditions in the valley are not always the weather conditions in the mountains. So being prepared is the best defense hikers have to make certain their day in the mountains does not end with an MSAR search.

According to American Hiking Society, there are some simple rules to follow when hiking:

- 1) Know your limits and listen to what your body is telling you.
- 2) When the going gets rough, know when to turn back.
- 3) Dress properly. Have a hat to protect your head and the right shoes/boots.
- 4) Bring a map and compass/GPS.
- 5) If you think you have enough water, bring more along with a way to purify water if needed.

- 6) Bring extra snacks that won't melt.
- 7) Bring matches or something to start a fire if you find yourself in an area overnight and need to keep warm.
- 8) Bring a flashlight.
- 9) Bring a whistle.
- 10) A first aid kit, even a small one, will be helpful.
- 11) Sunscreen and sunglasses are a must.
- 12) A comfortable backpack is also recommended.

This may sound like a lot of items for just a hike in the wilderness but many of them can be easily carried in and out in a backpack.

Remember that hikers never think anything will go wrong until it goes wrong so be prepared. It is also a good idea to let people know the planned area to be hiked – not just an area, like Angeles National Forest, but specific trails they will be on. Make sure to let people know a planned time of return. Remember, too, there are many areas where cellphones will not work so it is important to have someone who is not hiking with you to know the planned route.

"Keep from overheating," Gilbert added.

He also added for those who are taking dogs to remember they overheat as well.

"We get a lot of animal-related rescues," he said.

Sometimes a dog will overheat and just stop walking so hikers should know not only their own limits but also those of their hiking canine companions.

# MSAR Joins Search in San Luis Obispo

By Mary O'KEEFE

Four Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) members, along with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station Sgt. John Gilbert, spent the weekend in the San Luis Obispo County area searching for Kyle Doan, a missing 5-year-old boy.

According to reports, Doan's mother was driving him to elementary school on Jan. 9 when they were swept away by rising floodwaters in San Marcos Creek near San Miguel. Due to the floodwaters the vehicle drifted and hit a tree. The water swept the boy from his mother.

Since Jan. 9 there have been numerous searches for the boy with no results. The searches have included drones as well as boots-on-the-ground

teams.

The search was for the boy or anything identifying him, like clothing, but as of Sunday night it did not appear the crews found Kyle, according to Gilbert.

Another weekend search that MSAR joined was with Altadena Mountain Rescue in the Chaney Trail area searching for a 65-year-old missing hiker. According to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. – Altadena Mountain Rescue the hiker was last seen on July 1 at 6 a.m. in the vicinity of Brown Mountain near Chaney Trail and Alta Loma Drive in Altadena.

"Depending on his direction of travel, he likely passed through Tom Sloan Saddle and/or Ken Burton Trail Junction," according to Altadena Mountain Rescue.

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SPEED from Cover

According to the Federal Highway Administration, speed cameras can reduce by 54% crashes on urban streets and that is where bill AB 645 comes in. It is a speed safety pilot program and six cities have been proposed to participate in it including Glendale, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco. The bill was last amended in the California Senate and was re-referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

“We chose this location [because] a few years ago unfortunately and tragically a child was killed in front of these schools,” Friedman said. “We have far too many deaths happening across the roads in California – not just a few years ago but every day – and those deaths have been skyrocketing.”

She added there has also been an increase in pedestrian and cyclist deaths across the state.

“We have seen an increase in street racing and reckless driving and people driving with a wanton disregard for safety and life ... I hear about it all the time, I hear about it from my constituents. They can't believe how aggressively people

are driving. [It's] as if they are taking all their frustration out on the road around them,” she said.

“Speeding kills – we've known that for a long time,” said Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman, who was a speaker at the press conference. “According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration a person struck by a vehicle going 20 miles per hour has a 5% chance of dying. That number goes up to 40% for vehicles going 30 miles per hour, and 80% for people [driving] 40 miles per hour.”

Brotman, who is well known as a cyclist, travels the streets on his bike and knows the dangers that cyclists and pedestrians face on a daily basis. Even for the most aware cyclist a speeding car is an issue.

Damian Kevitt knows those dangers all too well; he also spoke in favor of AB 645.

“In February 2013 a few miles away from here [in Griffith Park] I was hit and pinned under a car and dragged nearly a quarter of a mile on the streets and onto and down the 5 Freeway at freeway speeds. My right leg was ripped off [as was] about 20 pounds of flesh in two minutes. So I speak from experience when I say that our roads are a public health crisis and enough is enough. We need to make our roads safer for our kids and we need to make our roads safer for our elderly, our low income individuals – for all of us,” he said.

Glendale Police Dept. Chief Manuel Cid said that this pilot program would not only help law enforcement but also would provide “invaluable insights” that could be used for future traffic engineering.

“Unfortunately we find ourselves at a critical juncture in many of our communities as we are experiencing, as the Assembly member touched on, increases in the amount of traffic and pedestrian accidents, injuries and fatalities. We

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# CRIME BLOTTER

July 8

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning two malesuspectswhoenteredthelocation and stole merchandise. The service manager reported upon review of the video surveillance that he saw two men, both described as male Black, enter the store through the main entrance. The suspects were holding hands prior to walking through the main entrance. They both grabbed an orange reusable shopping bag and one of the store's plastic baskets. They walked to the vitamin aisle and placed several bottles in the reusable bags and basket. An employee walked up and spoke to the two men who walked away from the vitamin aisle and left the store through the emergency exit door at 6:34 p.m.

July 6

2300 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, a resident reported receiving video footage from her neighbor that showed two male adults, one wearing a blue sweatshirt with dark grey jeans and the second wearing a black sweatshirt with black jeans, take items out of her vehicle. She did not see any damage to her vehicle; however, a backpack and her front window dash camera were stolen.

The theft occurred between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.

4500 block of Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta, a woman reported that she parked her vehicle in her assigned parking spot and left the area. When she returned she found several personal items were stolen from her unlocked vehicle.

The vehicle burglary occurred overnight.

4900 block of Alta Canyon Road in La Cañada Flintridge, several pieces of gardening equipment were stolen from a vehicle. Video footage revealed a dark colored SUV driving onto the driveway at the location. The vehicle parked adjacent to the victim's work vehicle. The first suspect who exited the vehicle was described as wearing a black shirt and tan pants. The second suspect was wearing a grey shirt and black pants. Both suspects exited their vehicle and ran toward the victim's vehicle. They removed items out of the unlocked work vehicle and placed the stolen items in their vehicle and drove away.

The vehicle burglary occurred at 2:55 p.m.

## Obituary

Beatrice (Bea) McAlexander Reynolds



1925 - 2023

Beatrice (Bea) McAlexander Reynolds passed away peacefully on June 27 at the age of 98. She lived a long and full life.

Born in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1925, she always had a sense of adventure. After high school, she and a friend escaped the snow and moved to sunny California. There she met her first husband, William McAlexander, and had three children. They settled in La Cañada in 1958. She worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory from 1962 to 1990. After the death of her husband in 1975, she expanded her horizons, graduating from college and enjoying dancing, bicycling and traveling. She married James Reynolds in 1989, and they continued to travel visiting every continent except Antarctica.

She was a member of the La Cañada Presbyterian Church, Seafarers Group, Chapter BA of P.E.O., the Glendale Symphony Supporters and a happy aqua aerobics member where she had many friends.

She leaves daughters Lynn and Janice and son Bill, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, stepchildren, nephews and nieces, neighbors and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at the La Cañada Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 22 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the La Cañada Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice.

## Obituary

Ruth M. Boreham (Pixler)



Jan. 10, 1938 – June 23, 2023

Ruth Pixler was born on Jan. 10, 1938 in Rockford, Illinois. She graduated from Rockford High School. After high school, she married William Boreham Sr. who also resided in Rockford. They had four children and moved to California in 1966.

Ruth graduated with an AA degree in business administration from Glendale Community College. After graduating she worked at Glendale Community College in the Administration Office. Later, Ruth worked at Security Pacific Bank then retired from Bank of America in Glendale. She resided in La Crescenta.

She was an active member of both the church and the quilting group of the First Baptist Church in La Crescenta. Her hobbies were swimming at the YMCA, reading books and quilting.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Ruth is predeceased by her husband William Sr. and stepson William Jr.

Ruth is survived by sons William III, Greg and Jeffery; daughter Mary and stepdaughter Anna; and her brother Glen of Rockford, Illinois; also 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Ruth passed on June 23 at Verdugo Hills Hospital surrounded by family.

Her celebration of life will be held on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. at Highlands Church,

4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

## Obituary

James Lumsden



June 3, 2023

James Lumsden of La Crescenta passed away on June 3 at home surrounded by his family after a hard battle with cancer. Jim worked at JPL in Pasadena for 42 years, retiring as system safety manager. Jim was engineer in Propulsion at JPL before transitioning to system safety, supporting many flight projects and launch campaigns.

Jim enjoyed his retirement years spending time on his ranch at Frazier Park and enjoying the many cruises he went on with his beloved wife and childhood sweetheart Fae.

Jim is survived by his wife; three children Michael, Shonna and Shelley; and grandchildren Kaylee and William.

He will be sorely missed.

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consistently are witnessing dangerous driving habits including vehicle racing and side show takeovers,” Cid said. (Side show takeovers are streets that are shut down, often by hundreds of spectators, as drivers perform illegal and dangerous stunts.)

Friedman has been working on AB 645 for four years. It has been amended and reviewed and amended again. She and her colleagues created the pilot program to target the most dangerous areas of traffic incidents, like in front of schools.

“Everyone hated the red light program,” she said. That was a program in which cameras were placed on signal light poles and took photos of people who drove through red lights; however, it did not always work as planned.

“We designed this bill with an eye toward fixing everything that was wrong with the red light camera program. It is not a punitive program; you have to be going more than 11 miles per hour over the speed limit. You have to be warned before you come into the area that has a camera because – again – we

want you to slow down,” she said.

The violations will be handled differently from most speeding tickets. The first time drivers are in violation they will receive a warning ticket; the second time there will be a citation of \$50 that will slightly increase with every 10 miles traveled over the speed limit. There will not be points added to people’s driving records because this program has cameras that do not make facial recognition but read license plates instead.

The funds raised through the issuance of tickets

will be designated toward implementing the program. Cities will be required to improve the areas where tickets are given or lose the cameras altogether.

With all of the talk of why it was important to do something to prevent speeding it came down to the personal testimonies of Kevitt and Cindi Enamorado.

Enamorado spoke of the impact speeding has on a person and a family. In February of this year her 27-year-old brother became the victim of a street takeover. Her brother, Raymond

Stephen Olivares, had been crossing the street to his own house with his high school sweetheart Maria when they were struck by a car traveling over 100 mph. He was killed and Maria barely survived. Raymond was a Los Angeles civil engineer, Maria an LA Unified School District teacher. They had just gotten engaged and had just purchased a home.

“If this bill would have been in place before I might still have my brother,” Enamorado said fighting back tears. “This bill will and can save lives.”

WEATHER from page 2

Some of the sport fishing is done with legitimate companies that follow the laws of the land; however, there are other people who do not follow or care about the damage they are doing. This year a new law went into effect in California that is designed to stop white shark fishing.

The use of shark bait, shark lures or shark chum to attract a white shark is prohibited, according to the California Fish and Game Code.

We who live along the foothills and in a mountainous area understand nature showing up in our backyards and, likewise, those who are often in the ocean (like surfers and divers) understand they share the sea with nature as well. We need to learn to coexist and to walk that fine line between nature and society. After all, California saw the extinction of a great predator in the 1920s.

The last California grizzly bear was reportedly seen near Yosemite in 1924. Like the shark the grizzly was the victim of persecution and

hunting bounties. California still has brown bears (for now) that help keep the wilderness in balance and at the moment brown bears do not appear to be threatened with extinction; however, as we have seen, it does not take long for that to change.

Which takes me to “Star Trek” that quite honestly if we all just study these episodes we could learn so much and maybe even prevent the planet disasters we are now facing ... but I digress.

In “Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home,” which I have referenced before, the Enterprise crew had to save the planet by finding whales in 20th century San Francisco and bring them into the future. This was needed after a probe from another galaxy arrived and was destroying the Earth because when a call was sent out to their apparent fellow space traveling whales, there received no response. It was a dramatic way to show how each species on this planet plays an important role to keep the delicate

balance in place.

In my optimistic world there is an Enterprise crew in our future but I don’t think we can really depend on them to save us from ourselves; that is something we must do.

So when we go to the beaches remember we are not the only species on the planet and in the water.

And the beach is where most people would rather be as the heat wave continues in our area. We will see temps in the 90s though on Friday and the weekend it will be closer to 97.

“We are uncertain [as to] the exact end of the heat,” said Rose Schoenfeld, NOAA meteorologist.

NOAA does think that Monday should be the end of the “real scorcher” and temperatures will begin to taper off. We will be dealing with temperatures about five to 10 degrees above normal for this time of year.

The beaches will see temperatures in the high 70s, and the water will be a little warmer than normal, in the mid-60s.

## Business Spotlight

# Best Services for Best Friends at Luxurious Pawz

I have been rescuing animals since I was 4 years old. I would always hear kittens crying from afar in bushes. I would bring them home and bottle-feed them with my mother and, of course, they would end up becoming a part of our family. By the time I was in high school, we had about 10 cats.

I’ve always had the endeavor to start my own animal rescue. When I started volunteering at the local shelters, I saw so many animals that needed to be bathed and properly groomed. Most of them were filthy, matted to the skin and unhappy. It was crucial for me to learn how to groom dogs and cats so that when I would rescue an animal, I would have the knowledge and skill on how to properly use clippers and shears so that I would not injure an animal. A happy dog that feels clean and comfortable will more likely be adopted.

I have rescued dogs with valley fever and cancer; an amputee, a near-death unable to stand up, a dog used as bait for a dog fighting ring and a dog with an extended stay at a shelter. I’ve seen how loving kindness is truly appreciated. All these animals brought so much joy

to my life because I knew that they overcame abuse, a physical condition and/or neglect. I have rescued feral cats, too, that survived life-threatening conditions. All of these animals need love, attention and the help of caring animal lovers. The reward is in both the journey and the destination.

This is when my dog grooming endeavors started. I went to dog grooming school and received my certification in 2012. Since then, I have been a groomer and worked for many reputable

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# Parade Kicks Off July 4th Festivities



Starting the Independence Day festivities was a parade down Foothill Boulevard in Sunland-Tujunga. About 7,000 people lined up to see the 60 entries that ranged from dignitaries to

local businesses and non-profits. The theme – “Sunland-Tujunga the Beautiful” reflected pride in the towns with members of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council – Beautification

Committee taking on the role of grand marshal. The annual parade was organized by the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club. “The Club is always looking

for new members who want to be involved in supporting our club and our community outreach,” said organizer Krisse Armour. “As a Club, we hold events/gatherings, fundraise

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## Critical Incident Debrief Video

The Burbank Police Dept. and California Dept. of Justice (DOJ) continue to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred on May 27 that resulted in the death of one man.

On May 27 at about 4 p.m., the Burbank Police Dept. received a phone call from a man claiming he was in a vehicle in the parking lot of Home Depot, located at 1200 S. Flower St., armed with a “25 Beretta,” saying he was going to shoot people.

When the officers arrived, they located the man who was still seated in the vehicle. There was a verbal exchange. The suspect then exited his vehicle, took a shooting stance, held a dark object in his hand and pointed it at the officers, which precipitated an officer-involved shooting.

Officers immediately provided medical aid to the man and summoned paramedics. The Burbank Fire Dept. responded and transported the man to a local trauma center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The decedent has been identified as 47-year-old Ruben Ramos, a resident of Canoga Park.

In accordance with Assembly

Bill 1506, the DOJ has assumed control of this investigation and will independently review this officer-involved shooting.

In addition to the DOJ investigation, the Burbank Police Dept. will continue to conduct an extensive investigation into this incident, which includes:

- An administrative investigation of all evidence and facts by the Burbank Police Dept. – Internal Affairs Bureau
- A comprehensive analysis by the Burbank Police Dept. – Critical Incident Review Board
- An independent analysis and review by an external oversight board, the Office of Independent Review

A critical incident debrief video is intended to provide an overview of the incident along with body-worn and in-car camera footage. This video also contains information about evidence related to the case to provide a better understanding of what occurred based on the information available to investigators thus far. To view the Critical Incident Debrief video, visit the Burbank Police Department YouTube channel, or [bit.ly/44GihHc](https://bit.ly/44GihHc).

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## More on the Pickens Canyon Logging Railway

I often spend time down at the History Room at the Glendale Central Library. It has an amazing collection of historical records – not just Glendale, but our area too. Recently I found a paper written in 1987 by Marvin May, a former resident of Briggs Terrace. He wrote his memories of exploring Pickens Canyon as a kid in the late '20s and the discovery of the wreckage of the old logging railway there. Marvin gives a detailed description of what he found, although he had little background of the history behind what he was seeing.

He describes upper Pickens Canyon as being dry and growing only chaparral. He relates that it was Sutton Canyon that had the continuous water flow, which drained into lower Pickens. Sutton Canyon branches east from Pickens and in the 1920s when Marvin saw it it was lush with mature sycamores and oaks, and small pools of clear stream water. It was in Sutton that young Marvin discovered a portion of the track. A 10 foot-long piece of 2x2 ripped lumber had small crossties attached, 16-inches apart,

and another shorter board attached parallel to the 10 foot section, clearly forming train tracks. The wood was held together with square-cut spikes.

Marvin returned home excited with the news of his discovery. His dad suspected the tracks belonged to a mine. The two set out the next weekend to find the mine. But after bushwhacking up Sutton Canyon, they found no indications of a mine.

What they did find was many old stumps of big fir trees. It was obvious that intense logging had taken place and Marvin's dad suspected that perhaps the railway was associated with that as the wooden tracks were probably too weak to carry heavy ore carts. Higher up, they found the old roadbed of the tracks, about 15- to 20-feet above the canyon floor, and about two miles in length. Cuts and fills had been constructed as the railway wound its way down the canyon. Much of the track was gone, but enough remained to show what had been there. They followed it down, all the way to Pickens Canyon where they surmised that a high trestle had crossed the canyon to

land on Briggs Terrace. It was long gone of course.

After returning home, they consulted old-timers locally and found that indeed there had been a man-powered tramway into Sutton Canyon. They told Marvin and his dad that locals had used it to collect firewood. They used wheeled carts that were part of the logging operation and dragged them up the steep tracks, stepping on the crossties as they pulled. They loaded them up with firewood then walked behind coming back down while pulling hard on a braking device.

Marvin said this was borne out by the wear on the crossties. The crossties had peculiar wear marks. The upgrade side of the ties was worn away in two scallops, showing where the man pulling the cart had placed his shoes on the crossties whereas the downgrade side still had a square edge.

It was really fun to find this narrative from Marvin, describing what he had found in the canyon over 50 years before. What Marvin didn't know, but only suspected, was

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**NEWS FROM THE CVTC » PRESIDENT CHRIS KILPATRICK**

## CV Town Council Distributes Scholarships, Reports on Local Concerns

As summer is upon us, your Crescenta Valley Town Council is hard at work in the community. At our last general meeting, we awarded five scholarships to outgoing seniors from Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet high schools. These recipients were selected from a very impressive group of applicants. This year we awarded a scholarship for a student pursuing a trade. This is meaningful since there are multiple paths to success in addition to transitioning to a four-year institution. This is also the first year that the scholarships have been funded entirely through private donations. We are proud to have this partnership as we work to support our youth.

Traffic safety continues to be a major concern in the community. The Streets and Transportation Committee routinely conveys

concerns from members of the community to the appropriate agency. Since this is such a multi-dimensional issue, there are many agencies responsible including LA County Public Works, LA County Sheriff's Dept., CHP, etc.

The Council works to understand traffic safety concerns in the community. Simply knowing that "there is a problem" is not the same as knowing "specifics about the problem." We invite the community to take a brief survey regarding traffic safety in the Crescenta Valley. It is located on our website ([thecvcouncil.com](http://thecvcouncil.com)).

There is no excuse for illegal dumping of items in our community and we rely on everyone to keep our community clean. For all bulky items, no cost pickup is included in the monthly trash bill. To request pickup, visit [burrtec.com](http://burrtec.com).

The Dept. of Regional Planning is currently drafting new residential design guidelines for all new residential construction and remodeling projects. The CVTC Land Use Committee is hard at work reviewing these draft standards and is in communication with Regional Planning. During this entire process, we will do everything we can to advocate for the community and its unique and special character.

In attendance at our next meeting will be representatives from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. They will be discussing potential improvements to our parks, accessibility upgrades and the various funding sources for these projects.

Our next general meeting is at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta on July 20 at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Initiative Would Give CVWD Customers More Power Over Future CVWD Revenue Grabs**

Please read about and support the California Initiative "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," which will be on the 2024 ballot. It is endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and will, for example, give CVWD customers much more say over when and how new revenue is raised.


See <https://www.hjta.org/news-events/taxing-times-online-spring-2023/taxpayer-protection-initiative-qualifies-for-2024-ballot/>.

I believe CVWD pushed through the property fee this year (2023) so it would not have to comply with the restrictions that would be imposed on CVWD by the Taxpayer Protection Act if it passes in 2024.


If the Taxpayer Protection Act passes in 2024, I believe we can then challenge CVWD to retroactively

comply with it with respect to the property fee (i.e., "Any fee approved between January 1, 2022 and the effective date of this measure would be nullified unless it fulfills the requirements of the measure" where "the measure" refers to the Taxpayer Protection Act – (from <https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Initiative/2021-042>).

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# YOUTH

## ALFie Players to Perform 'Frozen KIDS'

The Assistance League of Flintridge (ALF) drama program invites students in grades three through six to join the ALFie Players production of "Frozen KIDS." This well-known Disney story includes a beloved cast of characters like Elsa, Anna and Olaf, magical adventures in the land of Arendelle and plenty of humor to thaw the coldest heart.

Assistance League of Flintridge offers this eight-week after-school drama workshop to students in La Cañada Flintridge and the surrounding communities.

Rehearsals will culminate in a public performance at Lanterman Auditorium. The ALF drama program is designed for beginners as well as experienced drama performers.

Katelyn Fike will direct this fun adventure, leading students in song and choreography as well as acting and stage techniques. Fike's many credits include previous ALF productions of "Annie KIDS," Disney's "The Lion King KIDS" and "Aladdin KIDS." She has worked extensively with the local elementary schools and leads the drama classes for ALF

summer school. Tristan Waldron and Nancy Abbott also return to round out this dedicated and talented staff.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 15 followed by the performance on Oct. 6 at Lanterman Auditorium, 4491 Cornishon Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge. Online registration opens Monday, July 17 at noon. The cost of \$325 includes materials, a T-shirt and cast photo. To register or for more information, visit ALFlintridge.org, email programs@alfintridge.org or call (818) 790-2211.



## All Stars Head to Roseville



For the first time the Crescenta Valley United 14U Gold All Stars softball team made it to the Western National Championship in Roseville, California. The team heads to Roseville later this month.

Contributed by Paul WEINBERG

## JROTC Takes Third in National Competition

The Crescenta Valley High School JROTC Academic Bowl team finished third in the Air Force division recently at the national competition in Washington, D.C.

The team was 6-1 on day one of the competition and was the No. 2 seed going into the playoffs. The team won its quarterfinal game but then unfortunately

lost in the semifinals. The team was accompanied by Coach Leland Waters, Leadership Education instructor for CA-882 and Assistant Principal Dr. Adriana Pestonji. The four members of the team were cadets Captain Andrew Jean, Christine Kim, Ethan Kim and Vela Benedicto.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Celebrating 65 Years of the YMCA of the Foothills

On Saturday, June 24 the YMCA of the Foothills hosted a gala to celebrate its 65 years of Y history at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Glendale. Guests included Assemblymember Chris Holden, elected officials of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, current YMCA of the Foothills board of directors, donors, past YMCA of the Foothills leadership and many other supporters of the Y.

Cakery Bakery La Cañada was the event's dessert sponsor providing custom designed 65th anniversary cookies while Trader Joe's Montrose served as the floral sponsor. Guests celebrated to the creative talents of musical guests, including Carmen Cusack, and the Dept. of Water and Power, which were the event's entertainment sponsor, and hors d'oeuvres presented by Brie Happy Boards.

The program began as guests enjoyed cocktails and mingled as presentations and remarks were given by the YMCA of the Foothills chairman of the board Greg Grande and Chief Executive Officer Vince Iuculano.



"I want to thank our donors and supporters, both past and present, because without your investment in our Y we would have never accomplished what we have done over the past 65 years," Iuculano said.

Iuculano emphasized that the Y serves an area with a population of 200,000 people and that the YMCA of the Foothills currently stands as the 11th largest Y in the state of California. Iuculano's approach on continuing to serve others is simple.

"With hardened feet and soft hearts, let's meet people where they are and focus on the goodness of their hearts," he said.

The evening concluded with closing remarks and a video presentation that encapsulated the momentum of the Y's history.

The mission of the YMCA of the Foothills is to organize, develop, finance and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.



Photos courtesy of YMCA of the Foothills

LEFT: Pictured from left are George Sikiley, president and CEO of the YMCA of Glendale, Dr. David Viar, board chair of the YMCA of Glendale, Nora Yacobian, board member of the YMCA of Glendale, Greg Grande, board chair of the YMCA of the Foothills, Assemblymember Chris Holden, Vince Iuculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills, Annie Azizian, branch manager of the YMCA of the Foothills and Adam Franko, vice president, Operations, the YMCA of the Foothills.

RIGHT: From left are Caroline Anderson, governing board clerk of the LCUSD Board of Education, and Vince Iuculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills.

ABOVE: Pictured from left are Vince Iuculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills, George Sikiley, president CEO of the YMCA of Glendale, Ross Purdy, senior pastor at La Cañada Presbyterian Church and his wife Kathy.

## Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Montrose

Residents living in and around the Montrose can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Knights of Columbus will host this community event today, Thursday, July 13. The site

is located at 2657 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

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Reservations for lunch are required 48 hours in advance.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am - noon. Talk begins at noon.

Dr. René Sotelo is a pioneer and international leader in robotic and laparoscopic surgery, with over 20 years of experience using these techniques to treat urological and benign diseases. He is on the medical staff of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and the Keck Medical Center at the University of Southern California, a professor at the School of Medicine, and a Medical Director of the USC Department of International Medicine, from which he directs regional and international projects. Dr. Sotelo has received 34 international awards from scientific and governmental associations for his outstanding work. His passion for educating has led him to train more than 86 physicians. Dr. Sotelo's experience in laparoscopy and advanced robotics exceeds 4,000 personal cases, placing him among the most experienced surgeons in the world.

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# Glendale Memorial Hospital Earns Two SRC Center of Excellence Designations in Robotic Surgery and Colorectal Surgery

Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) was recognized as an accredited Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery and Colorectal Surgery by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). These achievements recognize Glendale Memorial Hospital's commitment to deliver the highest quality of care to patients.

"We are the first and only hospital in LA County to receive a Center of Excellence designation in colorectal surgery and the first hospital in Glendale to be designated as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery," said Jill Welton, president and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital. "This is an honor and a testament to the dedication for excellence by our surgical robotic teams and validates our commitment to high quality, minimally invasive surgery."

Health care facilities and surgeons seeking an SRC

accreditation undergo an extensive assessment and inspection process to ensure the applicant meets SRC's proven standards and requirements. These requirements include surgical volume and outcomes, facility equipment, clinical pathways and standardized operating procedures, an emphasis on patient education and continuous quality assessment.

"We're proud to recognize Glendale Memorial Hospital for its commitment to advancing and providing quality care for all patients," said Gary M. Pratt, CEO of SRC. "This accreditation signals that Glendale Memorial is among the best in these specialties and is dedicated to delivering the highest level of care possible."

The Robotic Surgery Program at Glendale Memorial is the area's leader in providing some of the most advanced surgical treatments for colorectal, urology, gynecology, bariatrics and orthopedics.



Pictured are Dr. William Wang (chief medical officer), Kora Guoyavatin (chief financial officer), Juan Garcia (robotic coordinator), Jill Welton (hospital president and CEO), Dr. Petar Vukasin (medical director of colorectal surgery), Lori Harlan (senior director of Periop Services), Laura Reyes-Everett (vice president, Strategy and Business Development) and Brad Grote (chief operating officer).

## Local Girl Makes Good at Vroman's 'Local Author Day'

By Ruth SOWBY

La Crescenta resident Robin Johnson promoted the book she contributed to, "Ennobling Business Success" during "Local Author Day" at Vroman's Bookstore on Sunday, June 25 in Pasadena. An international bestseller in nine countries, Johnson's work focuses on the human side of business for developing organizational "agility, resilience and excellence."

Following COVID's disruption

of work patterns, the book gives alternatives to past mindsets such as those who call for an eight-to-five schedule and an in-office presence for employees.

Johnson described the book as an "anthology" that provides her perspective well as 13 other authors and their sets of "golden nuggets" that can influence individuals at all levels to create workplaces "where people want to stay, instead of wanting to leave."

"Charity and forbearance has a

positive influence on the bottom line," said Johnson. Reframing questions are key and are one of the "golden nuggets." Instead of asking, "How can we prevent a 50% turnover in middle management positions?" instead ask, "How can we create a magnetic work environment?" for example.

Following Johnson's remarks was a 10-minute Question & Answer session with her audience of some 30 readers.

Johnson received a Master of Applied Positive Psychology (MAPP) degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, she has an MBA with an emphasis in organizational behavior from Brigham Young University.

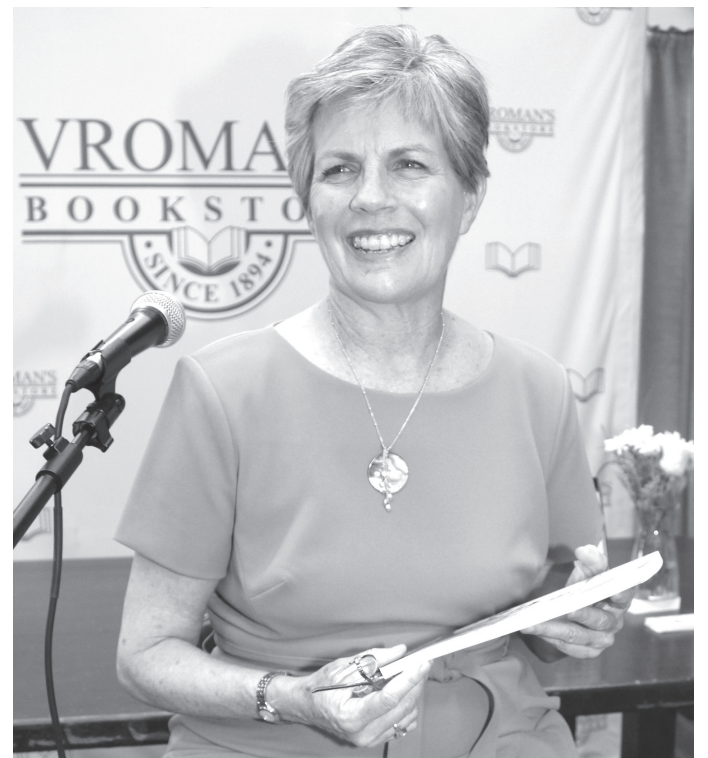


Photo by Ruth SOWBY  
La Crescenta resident Robin Johnson makes her speaking debut at Vroman's "Local Author Day." She is the co-author of the recently released "Ennobling Business Success: Inspire, Ignite, Influence."

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- Doug Mensman took the CV Weekly with him when he traveled to downtown Pittsburgh for a conference of the American Public Transportation Association.
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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Ergo Musica to Perform for GNC

On Wednesday, July 19 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church.

The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts series has returned to live performance at the Sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

Ergo Musica musicians Adriana Zoppo (right) and Justin Haynes-Pilon will perform classical works featuring the viola d'amore and cello.

The program is two pieces. The composers are anonymous. The duo for viola d'amore and violoncello in G major, No. 30, PNM A199 "Andante," "Adagio" and "Tempo di Minuetto."

The duo for viola d'amore and violoncello in A major, No. 32, PNMA199

"Tempo moderato," "Menuetto" and "Trio Allegro."

Adriana Zoppo performs on violin, viola, baroque violin, baroque viola and the unusual and rarely heard viola d'amore and appears frequently on the Glendale Noon Concerts series where she is director of its early music sub-series. In addition to performing in the string sections of symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, early music groups and numerous other ensembles in the Southern California area, she also



see GNC on page 19

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### THEN & NOW

### Logging Railway Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN** » This rare photo from the Bathy family's photo album shows the remains of the lumber railway trestle around 1900. The lumber operations had ceased and the Bathy kids rode the old lumber carts down the steep railway for a thrill ride. This two-mile-long rail system, used to haul timber down the mountain in the late 1800s, burned away in one of our many fires. The logging railway was employed by Chinese loggers to supply firewood for Los Angeles brick kilns.



**NOW** » This photo by Ken King shows modern rock climbers descending Sutton Canyon, an offshoot of Pickens Canyon. Where these climbers have the latest in ropes and climbing gear, Chinese lumber crews traversed these canyons with no gear at all, built an elaborate rail system and cut down trees from the near vertical walls of the canyon for transport down the canyon on their rather sketchy railway.

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## CALENDAR this

### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On July 14, the Club's guest speaker is Molly Shelton. She will be speaking on her journey from captain of the CVHS robotics team to her present-day job as a power systems engineer at JPL.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, 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.

### STEPHANIE'S ART GALLERY HOSTS HRAIR EXHIBIT

"The Art of Hrair - A Journey into Symbolism," a series of oil paintings, will be presented at Stephanie's Art Gallery through July 15. Through his work, Hrair has significantly contributed to the history of contemporary Lebanese Armenian art.

Stephanie's Gallery hours for the exhibition are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 466 Foothill Blvd., Unit C, La Cañada Flintridge.

### COFFEE FILTER ART

The La Crescenta Library is hosting an adult program on Saturday, July 15 from noon to 1 p.m.

Participants will design their own coffee filter art using tie-dye techniques.

All supplies will be provided. La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

### STAMP CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the LA County Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and La Crescenta Avenue). The next meeting is on July 20 and the meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m., and collectors of all levels of experience and interest are welcome to attend.

At the meetings, fellow collectors have the opportunity to buy, sell and trade a variety of postage stamps. Members of the club are always eager to display their latest finds and acquisitions and to share stories and memories behind their collections. The atmosphere is friendly, welcoming and inclusive, perfect for anyone interested in learning more about stamp collecting or who just wants to enjoy the company of like-minded individuals.

Free parking is available around the library and refreshments are served at every meeting.

### CPR TRAINING OFFERED

A free three-hour workshop on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is being offered as a public service to the community by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose on Saturday, July 22 at 9:30 a.m.

The workshop will be taught by Eric Smith, an American Heart Association (AHA) certified trainer, emergency medical technician (EMT) and nurse.

Space is limited, so please call (818) 957-1500 to reserve a spot. The

workshop is free, unless an AHA-BLS certification card is desired; then there is a required \$50 fee that goes to the AHA. Trainees are asked to please call in advance and let the AHA know.

The address is 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (enter at the back of the building). Free parking above Broadview Drive near Ocean View Boulevard. All are welcome.

www.scientology-montrose.org

### CASINO NIGHT CCLCF FUNDRAISER

The 10th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser, hosted by Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, has been rescheduled to July 29.

### GLENDALE ARTS HOSTS SUMMER SOIREE

The public is invited to celebrate Glendale Arts' 15th anniversary and new home at ace/121 Gallery at GA's Summer Soiree on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Along with getting a first look at the gallery, guests can stop by anytime between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to celebrate with complimentary drinks, bites and entertainment; meet the 2023-24 Glendale Arts board of directors and staff; kick off the upcoming 2023 Glendale International Film Festival; and sign up for GA's new membership program SCENE.

The first 50 attendees to sign up for membership will get a SCENE T-shirt and swag bag. SCENE is GA's low-cost membership program established to create community between artists and audiences. Members receive discounted pricing, pre-sale access and

more from Glendale Arts and SCENE Partners, including Antaeus Theatre, Laemmle Theatres and the Museum of Neon Art.

A donation of \$15 to attend is suggested. RSVPs are requested, but not required on Eventbrite at https://bit.ly/GASummerSoiree23.

### 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. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 10, 2023 - July 16, 2023

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

This week you'll likely find more than one venue for bringing in more cash. Like a magnet, the aspects put you in the right place at the right time to meet the right people. They're sure to like the impression you make, due to your innate decorum. But it's your past lives, karma, and dreams that are making a key contribution. Even if it's not immediately obvious, you're being led in the right financial direction.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This week you're giddy with delight. You're changing a lot. It's all about pleasure, beauty, and creativity for you now, as you consider how you put yourself into the world. Think about how to dress for the job you want rather than the one you have. Aspects affect your house of socializing and politics. It's crucial to make the right impression now so you can grow your moneymaking opportunities over time.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're facing some money decisions this week. Though you're usually pretty savvy when it comes to cash, aspects can make you confused or blinded somehow. Check and double-check figures before investing, just as you should check your own math (especially when balancing your checkbook). Something isn't adding up now, though aspects make sure you're grounded and stable at least.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 21

You have a dreamy, imaginative quality that's very attractive to others at this time. Beware of coming off as airy-fairy or overly intellectual, however. Your message may fly over some people's heads, and you need them on board, personally and financially. At the same time, a supportive aspect shows that you're a teacher by nature. Consider how you can share your knowledge with others for some extra cash, as well as the expert status that teaching confers.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This week you're battering down the hatches when it comes to paying back any money you owe. You may be striving to finally get rid of that indebted feeling and find that wonderful freedom in cutting up old credit cards. You're working toward this reality slowly but surely. In the meantime, think about how you can use your creativity and intuition in your investing life. You may find some very lucrative ideas in the strangest places, so be open to how they come.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your mind is no doubt spinning with new ideas on how to make money this week. But have you ever thought of taking your business global? This is supported in a big way this week, as is making new relationships that can facilitate your financial progress over the years. This may mean financial advisers, bosses, colleagues, and mentors. The sky's the limit, as long as you take the time to develop them.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

A harmonious aspect gives you a boost of energy in the sector of your chart governing other people's money, shared investments, and debt. This could mean that you receive a bonus or dividend, or that more attention is required to pay down what you owe. Whatever the case, you have the stamina and perseverance to earn all the money you need and more.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You're facing a time of many distractions in your money life. Aspects indicate more time spent socializing, cuddling with your special someone, and visiting with important business associates. But so much of your time and attention may be placed in these realms that it's difficult to focus on anything else. Luckily, a fortunate aspect helps you feel more grounded and steady by your family, kids, and romantic partner. Excellent!

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This week you're thinking about where to put your focus. This is made even more important with aspects affecting your house of the home and inner emotions. As you're considering where to settle, you're also thinking about where you want to be in five or ten years. A favorable aspect helps your working life become more creative and fulfilling. All you need to do is put your plan in motion and the money will follow.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're caught in the midst of a big life change. In the past, you may not have cared how you addressed others as long as you were able to advance up the corporate ladder. At this time, the Universe is pushing you toward a more diplomatic yet serious form of expressing yourself. Aspects highlight your creativity as well as your family and exuberance. Cash comes when you show them what you're made of.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Aspects in your money house may have you panicking about where your money is going to come from. But instead of going into survival mode, think about where you can build or have built in the past. The Universe rewards hard work put in over a long period of time. That being said, a positive aspect this week indicates that something to do with the home, or homes in general, may give you access to money you don't realize you have.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Ideas, thoughts, and words about freedom and meaning may be foremost on your mind. But before you pen that letter to your boss and quit your job, consider how you can go out of your way to add to the beauty and creativity of your workplace. Making positive suggestions may yield surprising results and put you in charge of an exciting new project. This may not only bring in more money but also build your confidence.

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**ACROSS**

1) Lennon or Penn	40) Key grip's workplace
5) Blacksmith's workplace	41) Express feelings
10) Time machine destination	42) Turkish military title
14) "To Sir, With Love" singer-actress	43) Man-goat of myth
15) Turn aside, as one's eyes	44) Certain string player of old
16) Palo ____, Calif.	46) Ceremony site
17) "While" attachment of old	49) In progress
18) La Scala's place	51) Three front backers
19) Repair sock holes	57) Foul mood
20) Four front backers	58) Modify, as the Constitution
23) Ocean land	59) Like a moray
24) Run with a marriage license?	60) Do some lawn work
25) Medical solution	61) The 100 in a pound
28) Nursing home staff?	62) Chest rattle
30) Not invitational, in tournaments	63) Old Russian despot
31) "Two wrongs don't make a right," e.g.	64) Kicked in the pot, as chips
33) Not talking	65) Places for pampering
36) Four front backers	

**FRONT (F) OR BACK** By Timothy E. Parker

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## July 13

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**DOWN**

1) Malamute's load
2) Continental currency
3) "On top of which ..."
4) Fuel for the human body
5) Feuders on a game show
6) Like an old shepherd's charges
7) Get a new tenant for
8) Neutral shade
9) Large part of Sicilian scenery
10) Table tennis item
11) Texas battle site
12) Guitar securer
13) 1,000 kilograms
21) Certain psychedelic
22) Keep a subscription
25) Becomes inedible, in a way
26) Unsharpened sword
27) Where shots are put
28) Hospice offering
29) "Long ____ ..."
31) Author's unknown byline, briefly
32) EPA concern of the 1970s
33) Adoring Biblical trio
34) Grunts of disgust
35) Part of many entrees
37) Considers, as a judge
38) Swift Aussie bird
39) Law firm elite
43) More lucrative, as a contract
44) Bullied (with "over")
45) Thee, today
46) Item in the black
47) Generates interest?
48) Russian forest
49) Word with "press" or "free"
50) Stolen goods receiver
52) Snack of Spain
53) Word of approval
54) Tide type
55) Legendary Fitzgerald of jazz
56) Some breads

ANSWERS on next page







# LEGALS & CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN MINORS BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AT ITEM TATEVIK TINA TOROSYAN. Case number 23BBC00137, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Burbank Courthouse 300 East Olive Ave. Burbank, CA 91502. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner TATEVIK TINA TOROSYAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN to Proposed Name: AVA ARENI TOROSYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA TOROSYAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: JULY 28, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: B Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

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- 2005-2006
- 2007-2008 (1)
- 2008-2009
- 2009-2010
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the incredible 193-million-acre National Forest System and the benefits it provides.

This year's theme, Forest Mode, encourages people to think about how to make the shift between the hustle and bustle of their daily lives to being present in the moment.

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT PLANNED

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station will be hosting a disaster preparedness event on July 20 at La Cañada High School from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The goal is

to educate the public on how to prepare for a large-scale disaster. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be displays from all LASD station teams including members of the CommunityEmergencyResponse Team (CERT), Montrose Search and Rescue, volunteers, Disaster Communication Service (DCS), uniform reserve deputies, and Explorer Program. There will also be a mobile command post display from the LASD Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB).

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a town hall segment of

the evening. Sheriff Robert Luna is scheduled to attend and give opening remarks.

The event will be free to the public to attend. For those who are unable to attend, the event will be streamed on LASD social media platforms.

### BEYOND THE BOX - MURAL ART PROGRAMS APPS ACCEPTED

Applications for this year's Beyond the Box - Mural Art Program are now open. The deadline to apply is Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. PST.

Beyond the Box extends public art to new areas in an inventive way while creating an attractive environment. The theme for this year is "Celebrating Inclusion." This year's theme intends to uplift and strengthen the voices of Glendale's diverse community.

Artists are strongly encouraged to incorporate this year's theme in their design. The Arts & Culture Commission (ACC) will fund \$1,000 per utility box and anticipates selecting artwork for up to 15 utility boxes. Artists are responsible for prepping, priming and

painting the utility boxes, and are encouraged to incorporate volunteers in the painting process.

Beyond the Box is open to all local and regional artists. The ACC encourages both new and established artists to apply. Artists may apply as an individual artist or as a group at https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/beyondthebox.

Beyond the Box is supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission.



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plays for motion pictures, television shows, solo artist recordings, Broadway musicals and live shows encompassing styles from classical to jazz. Zoppo performs and records with husband Frederic Michot under their label ilymusic.com.

Justin Haynes-Pilon has performed throughout North America on both baroque cello and viola da gamba. In California, he has performed with the LA Baroque Players, Musica Angelica, the American Contemporary Ballet, Opera Animata, and Opera Neo. Haynes-Pilon also has performed with many leading Canadian early music ensembles including Tafelmusik, Opera Atelier and Les Voix Humaines, and appeared regularly as both soloist and continuo player with the Toronto Masque Theatre and the Toronto Consort. Haynes-Pilon first studied baroque cello and historical performance practice with Emily Walhout, Reinmar Seidler, Phoebe Carrai, Robert Mealy and Robert Levin while an undergraduate at Harvard. After graduating, he went on to study viola da gamba with Philippe Pierlot at the Royal Dutch Conservatory in the Hague. Haynes-Pilon is currently an assistant professor of Classics at Georgetown University.

These duos are from a collection of music for viola d'amore probably from the Classic Period (late 18th/early 19th century), housed at the Prague National Museum/Czech Museum of Music and recently made available in modern transcription by Thomas Georgi. There are no names of composers on the manuscripts and most likely they are the work of more than one person, but the musical style is consistent with that in vogue at the time in Vienna and other cities of the Austrian Empire.

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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that this was indeed a major logging enterprise. We know today that this railway was built by brick manufacturers to supply wood for the brick kilns of downtown Los Angeles in the late 1800s. Each winter Chinese crews camped in the canyon, cut down the thick pine tree forests from the near vertical slopes and trimmed them into four foot lengths. In the summer those same crews loaded the logs onto the rail carts for the trip to Briggs Terrace and then by wagon to downtown LA. Then the carts were walked back up the tracks for another load.

Of course all the wooden tracks are gone today, long ago burned in our many fires. As well, the trees never grew back probably for the same reason. But I wonder if the railroad's roadbed is still there on the side of the canyon?

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at [lawlerdad@yahoo.com](mailto:lawlerdad@yahoo.com).

NEW PASTOR from page 4

churches in New Jersey. His service, including church planting in Kuwait, caught the eye of LCPC's nine-member Pastor Nominating Committee, whose members had been searching for a new pastor. Dr. Yousef takes over LCPC leadership from Rev. Dr. Mike Harbert, who has provided interim pastor assistance and guidance for the last 14 months when long-time Pastor Andy Wilson retired from LCPC after 22 extraordinary years of service.

Dr. Yousef has been married for 22 years to his wife Margaret, a mechanical engineer, and they have two young adult children in college.

Dr. Yousef summed up this exciting time by saying, "We are looking forward to the next

chapter in our ministry ... and cannot wait to explore together what the Lord might have in store for all of us."

Dr. Yousef hopes to bring excitement and energy to LCPC by emphasizing what he calls his "Four Pillars of Ministry." If that piques your curiosity, we'd love to have you join us at either of our two Sunday services held at 10 a.m. – contemporary worship in the main sanctuary and traditional worship in the newly renovated chapel.

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