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## To Have Citywide or District Elections – That Was the Question

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council meeting was canceled this week but last week's marathon meeting, lasting more than seven hours, provided enough information for residents to digest.

The issue of moving from citywide elections to district elections of councilmembers was discussed at the July 11 meeting. At present there are five members of the Glendale City Council who are elected by all eligible Glendale resident voters. The mayor's position is on a rotating basis in which every councilmember gets a turn.

The proposed change suggested by the council would see Glendale divided into six districts. Residents in each district would vote for their own representation on the council, much like district voting that already occurs within Glendale Unified School District and the Glendale Community College board of trustees. Proponents state this would give voice to those who live in areas of the City they feel are not represented on council. Those who opposed the change stated that citywide elections have worked well so far and there is no need for change. The proposed change would be placed on the ballot during the March 2024 election.

The real impetus of this proposal though comes from the numerous cities across the state that are being challenged in court for holding citywide elections. The City of Santa Monica, which has been in a legal battle for years concerning citywide election, is often referenced. The first of this month saw the California Supreme Court almost ready to come forward with a decision for the case of Pico Neighborhood Association vs. City of Santa Monica where the Association claims the city's at-large, or citywide, election system dilutes the voting power of Latino voters. It alleges the citywide election is in violation of the California Voting

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## National Night Out Events Planned Throughout the Area

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Since 1970 National Night Out events have given safety personnel and residents a chance to interact in a relaxed, social manner.*

In 2019 the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) asked crime victims whether they reported their crime to police. They found that 40.9% of violent crimes and 32.5% of household property crimes were reported to authorities. The BJS found there were a variety of reasons why crime may not have been reported including fear of reprisal or "getting the offender in trouble" – a feeling that police "would not or could not do anything to help." Another reason given was a belief that the crime was a "personal issue or too trivial to report," according to Pew Research Center.

As the research found, there are people who for a variety of reasons are worried about reporting crime; however, perhaps if people knew their local law enforcement and felt comfortable talking to them, there would not be any hesitation in



The park rangers at Little Landers Park in Sunland-Tujunga had an information booth at a previous NNO. File photo

reporting a crime. That is the thought behind National Night Out (NNO).

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, NNO will be held across the nation. Events will include those

hosted directly by law enforcement as well as several neighborhoods hosting get-togethers and residents holding events in their driveways.

"NNO is very important," said Capt. Marco Lonzano, area

commander Los Angeles Police Dept. (LAPD) – Foothill Division. "It [provides] a sense of community, [a chance for us] to come out and talk to community members."

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## Changes Coming to CVHS

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) will be going through some changes to the campus that will affect parents, students and community members. Many people use the track at CVHS after school hours to exercise but the track and field will soon be closed as construction begins on new stadium seating.

"It will be closed to the public," confirmed CVHS Principal Christine Benitez.

The construction is scheduled to take nine months to complete so hopefully the area will reopen before graduation in 2024. For most of the school year the school should be able to hold regular sport and physical education programs when school representatives are present.

The construction base of operations will be the coaches' parking lot, which is the most southern parking lot on Ramsdell Avenue south of the gym.

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Construction has already started at CV High School with the installation of new fencing. Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

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# The Sound of Music

Like many others in the valley, I'm looking forward to seeing "The Sound of Music" at Highlands Church (formerly La Crescenta Baptist Church) at 4441 La Crescenta Ave. from Aug. 4-12. (For more information see the ad in this week's paper or visit [www.highlandsla.com](http://www.highlandsla.com).) However, on Monday Steve and I headed to Highland (is there a theme here?), California to the theatre in Yaamava' Casino (formerly San Manuel Casino) to see Train in concert.

I had never been to Yaamava' Casino before so let me start with an overview of the venue.

It was super. The seats were comfortable and plush. The venue itself isn't too big so wherever people sit they're pretty much guaranteed a good seat. Also, ticket prices weren't exorbitant (remember I've seen Foo Fighters in concert before and those tickets are pricey).

The theatre is inside the casino, too. That's nice because unlike the theatre at Fantasy Springs Casino, which is located in a building outside of the casino, you don't cook if waiting in line to gain access to the theatre. Of course, the flip side of that is ticketholders have to hunt their way through the casino to find the theatre.

More than once Steve commented on the high quality of the sound we heard, too.

For those unfamiliar, Train is a pop band that is fun to listen to. Songs that may ring a bell include "Hey, Soul Sister," "Drops of Jupiter" and "Meet Virginia," among many others. Its first hit was in 1998, so they've been

around a while. But they're still active; in fact, their latest soon-to-be hit "I Know" was released this year.

We stayed at the new Home2 Suites in San Bernardino. The cost of a room at Yaamava was, for us, cost prohibitive. However, Home2 Suites was super. It was about a 15-minute drive to Yaamava' and the hotel was beautifully appointed. Our room was large; it had a microwave, a large refrigerator and coffee maker along with a flat screen TV. It obviously was outfitted for long-term guests as there were glass cups and plates as well as steel flatware near a sink. Breakfast was provided downstairs, too (I had a waffle that I made myself). The pool is still under construction, but that didn't bother us because we were only staying overnight. I would definitely go back.

Just a quick shout-out to the City of Glendale and C and B Law Group that presented Cruise Night along Brand Boulevard on Saturday night. There were hundreds of cars and other vehicles and thousands of people on the boulevard on Saturday night. Believe it or not, Sonya Marquez (one of our sales divas) and I actually were a little cold in our booth after the sun went down due to the breeze that was channeled between the tall buildings.

I'll include some photos in next week's paper.

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## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

There are very few times the majority of the world's population can agree on anything and lately that point of agreement is "It is hot."

In our area we are looking at highs that are about 10 degrees over normal for this time of year.

"In Burbank [one of the NOAA weather stations] a normal high temperature is 87 degrees [Fahrenheit] and low of 65," said Robbie Munroe, NOAA meteorologist in Oxnard.

Our temperatures will be, for the foreseeable future, a high in the mid-to-upper 90s and lows in the low-to-mid 70s. We are not alone in experiencing the heat – most of Italy is facing temperatures in the low 100s. There have been high temperatures in areas in Greece that have been accompanied by winds that have fueled fires. In China and the Middle East, the heat index, or "feels like" temperature, is life-threatening.

China recently set a record of about 126 degrees. The Middle East heat index reached 152 degrees.

Back in the states, our own Death Valley had a high of 128 degrees and, in typical American style, the event was celebrated by many with a trip to the Furnace Creek Visitors' Center to take a selfie next to the temperature gauge reading "128." Furnace Creek has recorded the hottest temperature on Earth; the official record was 130 degrees set in July 2021, according to the National Weather Service. But the actual record may have been set, according to some reports, on July 10, 1913 when the area record was 134 degrees.

Our neighboring state of Arizona is breaking records as well. In Phoenix the low on Monday was 95 degrees – yep, that was the low – that broke the record of the low of 93 degrees set in 2003. By Tuesday, with a temp of 117 degrees, another Phoenix record was set as being the 19th day in a row at or over 110 degrees.

All of this reminds me once again of

Twilight Zone and the episode "The Midnight Sun," which I have mentioned in an earlier article but I think is important to revisit.

The story, written by Rod Serling, deals with an Earth that is moving closer to the Sun causing temperatures to rise. In addition there is never a break in the rising temperatures, never a time of cooling. This affects everything including accessibility of electricity and when people do get some power back they find that fans no longer work because they just blow hot air onto sweltering bodies. The episode makes it clear that heat does not discriminate but affects everyone. What I find interesting with this episode is the lack of any optimism. Even in the Twilight Zone episode "Two," which dealt with only two humans surviving an apocalyptic battle, there was a feeling that Earth and humans would survive; however, in "The Midnight Sun" there is no such optimism. As always I advise anyone who have not seen this, or those who may not have seen "The Midnight Sun" in a while, to revisit it. In just 26 minutes the actors, directors, writers and crew brought so much reality to the audience that I had to turn on a fan. There was the constant sweat glistening on the shoulders and faces of the actors that helped us relate to the uncomfortable heat. The weight of all those high temperatures comes straight through the small screen.

Now Serling didn't specifically write this about climate change but he did capture what the Earth is facing now: this is not a passing weather pattern, this is our life. The Earth is warming. June was the warmest on record and meteorologists have said the first two weeks of July have been the hottest since the 1940s. The water temperatures are rising as well with ocean temperatures near Florida and the Caribbean reaching the 90s last week. This poses a threat to coral reefs and marine life.

And although it is hot and climate change is a real thing, unlike "The Midnight Sun" there is cause for some optimism. People seem to

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## IN BRIEF

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT PLANNED

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station will be hosting a disaster preparedness event today, Thursday, 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 Community Emergency Response 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.

### CVCA TO MEET JULY 27

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

### LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE TO UNDERGO SUMMER FIELD CLOSURES

The City of La Cañada Flintridge began its annual summer field closures on July 15. Each summer, the City of LCF closes its athletic fields for regular maintenance and recovery from extensive use. The annual closure coincides with the La Cañada Unified School District's summer break.

The fields of Foothill Intermediate School (FIS) upper and lower, Palm Crest Elementary, Paradise Canyon Elementary, La Cañada Elementary and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be closed through Aug. 5. Cornishon field will be closed from July 24 to Aug. 15. The La Cañada High School junior varsity and varsity fields will be closed to Aug. 14. Additionally, the La Cañada High School Oakgrove field will be closed from July 22 to Aug. 10.

Because these fields are frequently used by students and residents throughout the year scheduling these closures during school breaks allow for the City to revitalize and equip them for the upcoming school year.

Note that during the closures, the fields are not available to any user without a permit issued by the City given in extraordinary circumstances. Any person or group using the facilities without a permit will be cited by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. for the violation of the municipal code 5.024.055.

For more information on the field closures, visit: <https://cityoflcf.org/parks-and-recreation/recreation-facilities/>.

### HELP SHAPE GLENDALE'S ENERGY FUTURE

Join Glendale Water and Power in shaping Glendale's energy future by attending the second Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) town hall meeting on Monday,

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# SAG-AFTRA Members Strike

By Lynn SHER

**“They changed the business model and left us behind!” – SAG-AFTRA**

Members of the Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) went on strike after talks with the studios stalled.

In the blazing afternoon heat of a typical Los Angeles summer, the streets surrounding Netflix headquarters in Hollywood uncharacteristically teemed with people. Members of SAG-AFTRA officially went on strike on Friday, July 14 when contract negotiations with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) reached an impasse and members of both SAG-AFTRA and the Writers Guild of America (WGA) took to the streets, joining forces to voice many items of contention. (See a review of the negotiations at <https://www.sagaftra.org>.)

This is a revolutionary time for the entertainment industry. It's the first time since 1960 that both unions have gone on strike at the same time; the last actors' strike was in 1980. Both Guilds are dealing with similar issues and are receiving equal pushback from the AMPTP. Streaming platforms have significantly lessened the actors' and writers' income in a myriad of ways, particularly in residual payments, while it is claimed that the salaries of CEOs have grown astronomically and studios want to use AI (artificial intelligence) in ways that undermine the integrity of the members in both unions.

Frances Fisher, veteran actor and SAG-AFTRA member since 1976, has been on the SAG-AFTRA board locally and nationally for 23 years and is a member of the negotiating committee. She believes the AMPTP systematically stymied the negotiations in order to buy time so it could have proper releases for the summer blockbusters before the imminent strike.

She said, “[The AMPTP] stalled with getting back proposals in a very untimely fashion ... we basically spent six out of the 12 days waiting.”

Now that a significant amount of acting work is in the streaming realm, SAG-AFTRA argues that an entire overhaul of the form of contracts used in the past is needed. Fran Drescher, SAG's current president, believes



Photo by Lynn SHER

Chaley Rose, who has 29 episodes on streaming and has worked consistently for 20 years, says she still can't afford health insurance and is still on the “struggle bus.”

increased wages must come from the money producers and CEOs are making from subscription profits.

“The business model has changed and the old contract no longer can be negotiated in a way that will give ... the performers their due,” Drescher said adding, “[Streaming] has disemboweled the old business model.”

Fisher agreed, saying, “They have to be aware that they changed the business model and left us behind.”

In deliberations, Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, the negotiating board's chief negotiator and the chief operating officer and general counsel of SAG-AFTRA, found some hidden legal vernacular that could be detrimental specifically to background actors – something that could eventually make them obsolete.

Fisher explained, “[On] condition of employment, a background actor has to sign away their right and their likeness ... for a half a day's wages. [The studios] can use that likeness, that digital replica ... anytime they want, throughout the universe, in perpetuity.”

Actors said they are worried about this and want clear regulations and protections for themselves with their new contract; however, the AMPTP would not concede. The AMPTP represents entertainment conglomerates like Amazon/MGM, Apple, Disney/ABC/ Fox, NBCUniversal, Netflix, Paramount/CBS, Sony, Warner Bros. Discovery (HBO), among others. AMPTP members have responded to the strike saying, “The AMPTP's goal from day one has been to come to a mutually beneficial agreement with SAG-AFTRA. A strike is not the outcome we wanted. For SAG-AFTRA to assert that we have not been responsive to the needs of its membership is disingenuous at best.”

Bob Iger, CEO of Disney, said, “There's a level of expectation that they have that's just not realistic.”

Drescher responded to his statement by pointing out that he makes \$78,000 a day and receives a \$20,000,000 bonus each year.

“He's the last person [who should be talking] about what's realistic,” she said. “Wake up and smell the coffee. The jig is up.”

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CVHS from Cover

Neighbors might also be hearing some alarms coming from the school while exterior doors are being fitted with alarms. A flyer has been distributed to nearby neighbors to let them know of the construction at the track and field and notifying them of the door alarms.

"In an effort to enhance security measures, we will be installing localized alarms on exterior doors throughout the school. These alarms will sound whenever one of these doors is opened. Please be aware that you may hear these alarms during the installation process this summer. Starting in August, there may be instances where a student or staff member unintentionally triggers the alarm, leading to its activation," the flyer stated.

And there will be changes to the open lunch program beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Since CVHS opened its doors as a high school in the mid 1950s and before when it was a middle school – Clark Jr. High School – the campus

had an open lunch policy. This allowed students to leave campus for the about 40-minute lunch break. There was an effort in 2011 to close the campus for lunch but students, and parents, objected citing limited number of food kiosks and limited seating; however, times have changed and closing the campus for lunch has been revisited and gained more local support.

The decision, at present, allows junior and senior students to leave campus for lunch while freshmen and sophomores stay on the grounds. Leaving campus is a privilege that is subject to students who are in "good standing," said Benitez. Anticipating the increased number of students on the campus during lunch, the school purchased more tables and increased its covered seating and has added more kiosks for food to be purchased. In addition food tastings have been held with district kitchens and a pizza oven was purchased. Four times a year

districts are allowed to bring in food from other areas, like from food trucks, so Benitez is also looking into that possibility.

"I am also looking at a Barbecue with the Principal Day when I flip hamburgers," she said.

Due to the limited open campus policy only two doors will be active as exits – one at the band room off Ramsdell Avenue and one just east of the school's front door, near the library. All student identification cards will be scanned as students enter and exit the school.

All of this is to make the campus safer in a changing world. Last school year at least two at first unidentified people were able to walk onto campus. Neither people had legitimate reasons to be there. Fortunately neither incident led to threats to students; however, parents voiced their concern for the school's security leading to the recent decisions.



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In the conclusion of the document our Founding Fathers asserted their "divine providence" to be a free and sovereign nation.

The foundational principles of our nation today were laid out in the preamble of the Declaration. Here are those familiar words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, – That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such

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Ben Franklin put it this way: "Every man ... is of common right, and by the laws of God, a freeman, and entitled to the true enjoyment of liberty."

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# Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is Actively Recruiting for the Next Explorer Academy

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Academy is a 15-week program where young adults learn more about the sheriff's department. Once started attendance to the academy is every Saturday. The next academy will be held at STARS Center in Whittier beginning on Saturday, Aug. 26. Completion in the academy is scheduled by Dec. 16. Once the recruit graduates, the recruit will be assigned to the CV station.

In order to participate in the academy, the recruit must be between the ages of 14 and 19; have a GPA of 2.0 or higher; have no serious criminal record/probation; must pass drug screening; must submit to a background check.

The Explorers will be trained in laws, searching/handcuffing, writing reports, handling calls for service (domestic violence, family disturbance, felony traffic stops, active shooters, assaults, etc.).

When trained, they can go on "ride-a-longs" with full time deputies on patrol in La Cañada Flintridge or La Crescenta. As the Explorer gains experience, they have

the opportunity to go on ride-a-longs at other stations throughout the county.

The Crescenta Valley Station Explorers also assist with numerous community events such as the La Cañada Fiesta Days Parade, La Cañada Turkey Trot, National Night Out and the Haunted Jail at the CV Station.

Meetings are usually held every second and fourth Monday of each month excluding holidays, school commitments, family obligations, etc.

Over the years the Explorers have gone onto the Naval Academy, Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Several local Explorers have graduated from the sheriff's academy and become Los Angeles County deputy sheriff's, San Diego County deputy sheriff's, Glendale Police officers, and Los Angeles Police officers.

Those between the ages of 14 and 19 and have an interest in law enforcement, please contact Explorer Coordinator Deputy Marcelo Ruiz at (818) 236-4026.

# Glendale Outreach Held for a Proposed Dog Park

By Mary O'KEEFE

The City of Glendale is looking for feedback from the public on the location of its proposed dog park. The City Council approved a design consultant, RJM Design Group, to evaluate the feasibility of developing a dog park.

Three potential locations are being looked at including Brand Park south of the Tea House, Palmer Park near the community garden, and Glendale Community College on the Garfield Campus.

The consultants began studying the areas in May. Now community

input is being sought. There are two community workshops when the public can learn more about the dog park and share their opinions. Both meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first meeting will be on July 31 at Pacific Park in the Sycamore Room, 501 S. Pacific Ave. The second workshop will on Aug. 2 at Brand Library's Recital Hall, 1601 W. Mountain St.

The consultants are also reaching out to the public in the form of online surveys. The first survey asks if the responder has attended the workshop and has

other questions about the park. Visit <https://arcg.is/1L4fmX> to see the survey. The other online survey is titled "Forum Feedback" and can be found at <https://arcg.is/1rbeL50>.

People can also join a project contact list to keep up on all of the latest updates. The consultants advise people to check the online page for regular updates and follow the City on social media at @MYGlendaleParks.

For any questions and for more information email Joseph Gonzalez, park planner, at [jogonzalez@glendaleca.gov](mailto:jogonzalez@glendaleca.gov).

a mayor. Salaries, including possible increases for councilmembers, were examined as was the salary of a mayor.

Staff looked at about 35 cities that have similar councilmembers and mayor positions and shared those findings with the Council.

"This is a lot for us to consider," Kassakhian said.

But it is not just a lot of information that the Council has to review; it is also being taken to the public for its opinion. There have been several workshops (with more scheduled) that encourage Glendale residents to share their opinions on where they would like to see districts drawn.

Glendale residents are encouraged to attend these workshops to not only share their opinions but to also get their questions answered.

However there were some issues brought up by a resident during public comment about the community meetings/workshops. The speaker shared his opinion on how the workshop was conducted including the way the meeting began with demographic maps and how districts could be drawn. The speaker suggested the leaders of the workshops should instead explain why the City is looking into this change in the first place, to start with the reason why and then move on to how it can be done.

July 11 was the second public hearing for this proposed council election change. The next public

hearing will be on Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Glendale City Council chambers, 613 E. Broadway. For those who have questions or comments they can email [MAPGlendale@glendaleca.org](mailto:MAPGlendale@glendaleca.org) or call (818) 548-4811 ext. 1.

On Aug. 17 a meeting via Zoom will be conducted at 6:30 p.m.; visit [MAPGlendale.org](https://arcg.is/1L4fmX) to get more information.

Additional workshops will be held today, Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Brand Library, 1601 W Mountain St.; July 22 at 10 a.m. at Griffith Manor Park, 1551 Flower St.; July 22 at 2 p.m. at Maple Park, 802 E. Maple St.; July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Drive. On Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. a pop-up booth will be part of National Night Out at Pacific Park, 501 S. Pacific Ave.; Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. at Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Drive; Aug. 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado St.; Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Griffith Manor Park, 1551 Flower St.; Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St.;

Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way;

Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Drive; Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Griffith Manor Park, 1551 Flower St. On Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. a pop-up booth will be set up at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. as part of the Touch a Truck event.

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Rights Act. The state's Supreme Court heard oral arguments at the end of June. An opinion is expected in September.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian and Mayor Dan Brotman cite this and other cases as reasons to convert to district voting. They said they want to avoid the legal fees that the City will incur not if but when it is sued for having a citywide election system, and if a lawsuit is brought and lost then a judge will be responsible for setting up districts.

Kassakhian has stated he wants to keep the power of that decision in the hands of Glendale and not a judge.

The suggested proposal would have a council made up of six councilmembers from six separate districts from throughout the City, voted on by that district's eligible Glendale resident voters. The mayor would be directly elected by all Glendale voters. But to do this, or make any changes, will not be easy and at the July 11 council meeting Council members heard what they would have to decide on when amending the City's charter.

This, according to City Attorney Michael Garcia, includes questions like how long will the mayor's term be – two or four years – and will the mayor have veto privileges and what exact role will the mayor play?

For example, at present the city manager is the director of emergency services but the question was raised if that responsibility would move to


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be agreeing there is a problem, that human-caused climate change does actually exist and that we need to do something about it.

In a recent Pew Research Center survey, about seven-in-10 Americans (69%) favor the U.S. taking steps to become carbon neutral by 2050. That same percentage, 69%, says that the U.S. should prioritize developing renewable energy sources over expanding the production of oil, coal

and natural gas. (Carbon neutrality means releasing no more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than is removed.)

“Overall, a majority of U.S. adults [54%] describe climate change as a major threat to the country’s well-being. This share is down slightly from 2020 but remains higher than in the early 2010s,” according to Pew Research.

But back to the Twilight Zone

– spoiler alert – in the end of “The Midnight Sun” Norma, portrayed by Lois Nettleton, was suffering from a high fever. It is then revealed that the Earth is really not suffering from excessive heat but excessive cold as it moves farther from the Sun.

In his brilliance Mr. Serling showed us over six decades ago the extreme weather that the world is now facing.

This week (and models show

for the next three to four weeks) we will be facing above normal temperatures. This is due to climate change and an El Niño off our coast, which in the winter can bring more rains and in the summer more heat. Although there does not seem to be any rain in the future, there is a slight possibility of monsoonal conditions bringing some rain to the mountain and desert areas.

# Cooling Stations Throughout the Area

With this heat Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest drinking plenty of fluids even for those who don't feel thirsty. Schedule outdoor activities carefully. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen. People should pace themselves.

There are cooling centers open throughout the area including:

*The unincorporated area of Los Angeles County – La Crescenta/Montrose.* The Crescenta Valley Park Community Room at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. is open Monday - Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Sundays. This cooling center site is pet friendly:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Pet owners must be present with their pets at all times.
- It is recommended that if pet owners can have confined pet carriers, they

should bring these with them to the site *Tujunga.* The Sunland-Tujunga Branch Library, 7771 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga is open Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Closed

Glendale. Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado St., (818) 548-3775 is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave. (818) 548-4098 is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Maple Park Community Center, 820 E. Maple St. (818) 548-3694 is only open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way (818) 548-2187 is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on ways to beat the heat in Glendale visit <https://tinyurl.com/2n7asn3y>.

Burbank. Libraries and malls are a good place to beat the heat.

Burbank Central Library, 110 N. Glenoaks Blvd. (818) 238-5600 is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

Buena Vista Branch Library, 300 N. Buena Vista St. (818) 238-5620 is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwest Branch Library, 3323 W. Victory Blvd. (818) 238-5640 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Friday and Saturday.

# Update on Byblos Fire

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Fire Dept. responded to a fire at Byblos Mediterranean Bakery at 2948 Foothill Blvd. on Wednesday afternoon, July 12.

The call came in of a fire that at first was said to have been contained to the roof; however, it soon spread throughout the restaurant.

People who were working in the basement smelled smoke in the area of the roof and called 9-1-1, which firefighters responded to immediately.

The fire was knocked down about 5 p.m. and crews stayed the night on “fire watch,” according LACoFD spokesperson Maria Grycan.

One firefighter was reported as having minor injuries and was transported to the hospital and

released that same day. No other injuries were reported.

The fire was contained to the restaurant and did not spread to the building directly next door, Grycan said.

The containment to one building is in part due to 9-1-1 being called so early in the fire's development. The restaurant at the time was not open to the public; the workers in the basement were there at

the right time and quickly called emergency responders.

“That helped that somebody was there, [smelled] smoke and called right away,” Grycan said. “If it had gotten past the point of smelling smoke and flames were seen [on the roof] it could have been a lot worse.”

Mutual aid was provided by personnel from the Glendale Fire Dept.

# CRIME BLOTTER

**July 16**

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the interior was ransacked and items were stolen from a vehicle at 5:26 p.m.

**July 15**

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported when she went to pay for items she wanted to purchase at the store at the location she realized her wallet was missing from her purse. She contacted her bank immediately to cancel her credit cards and was told someone had made a purchase with her card. She had not given anyone

permission to use her card.

The theft occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

**July 13**

400 block of Starlight Crest Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, while reviewing his home surveillance footage the resident witnessed three unknown male suspects walk to his two vehicles parked in the driveway. The suspects opened the doors and rummaged through the vehicles. The resident checked and found several personal items stolen.

The theft occurred between 2:28 a.m. and 2:30 a.m.

**July 11**

Oakwood Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported parking her car on the street and going into a nearby building. Later in the day she received a phone call from her bank alerting her to unusual transactions made on her debit card. The woman had left her backpack with her credit cards in her vehicle; she was not certain if she had locked her car when she parked. There were no signs of forced entry into her vehicle and her backpack and personal items were missing.

The theft occurred between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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# After a Five-Year Break, the Party Returns to the Colorado Street Bridge



Music and more were found at the Colorado Street Bridge Party on Saturday, July 15.

Pasadena Heritage, the city's historic preservation organization, hosted its signature event, the Colorado Street Bridge Party, on Saturday, July 15. It was the first time the gathering has been held in five years. The historic bridge was the site of the event – closed to traffic for the evening – which included live music, food and spirits from nearby restaurants, plus a classic car show and kids' activities such as face painting,

giant games, a drum circle and rock-climbing wall.

Top-notch entertainment included the Upstream (featuring Haile Blackman from Trinidad), which performed a popular reggae and Caribbean set to a dance stage full of party-goers, as well as the high-energy, rockin' soul sounds of Pasadena locals Mercy and the Merkettes, another crowd favorite. Pristine classic cars on view included a 1936 MG, 1948 Olds

Woody Wagon and 1969 Pontiac GTO Judge.

The Colorado Street Bridge Party dates back to 1978 and all funds raised go to support Pasadena Heritage's historic preservation programs and advocacy throughout the city.

For more information and the date of the next Bridge Party, visit [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

Submitted by Jon K.

## NNO from Cover

He added that NNO builds community policing and partnership and opens the lines of communications not just when there is a crime but any time.

Below are nearby areas where NNO events will be held:

*Unincorporated area of LA County/La Crescenta Montrose and La Cañada Flintridge*

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. – Crescenta Valley Station will be hosting its annual NNO event in the south parking lot at the station at 4554 Briggs Ave. from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. According to Sgt. Taylor, the event was extended because it was so popular last year. "Last year 1500 people attended and we're hoping to increase that number by extending the event time by one hour." An inflatable Smokey Bear will be on-site as well as lots of activities for kids. The event is designed to give visitors an opportunity to speak directly with deputies and detectives who protect the area of La Cañada Flintridge and the unincorporated areas of LA County – La Crescenta/Montrose. People will be able to also visit with first responders like personnel from Montrose Search and Rescue and LA County Fire.

Those interested can learn about the station's Explorer Program for teens, how to become a reserve deputy and volunteer opportunities.

It is a family-friendly event with public vehicles on display and free hot dogs served. This event is hosted by the CV Sheriff's Station and supported by LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the

City of La Cañada Flintridge, Crescenta Valley Town Council and Kagel Canyon Civic Association.

### Glendale

Glendale police personnel will be on hand at several of the events being held by local organizations and neighborhoods. As of press time there are 18 different locations hosting events in a variety of areas throughout Glendale. Glendale police officers will be sending representatives to all of them. Most of the events will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

GPD is not hosting one specific event; however, the nearest thing to a department or City event will be held at Pacific Community Center and Park at 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale 91204.

In Crescenta Valley the Sparr Heights neighborhood is hosting its third Annual NNO Block Party. With the support of about 20 volunteer "ambassadors" the event will have four food trucks, a DJ, games and activities for kids. People will be able to meet and greet first responders.

"Our NNO event is specifically designed to help neighbors meet neighbors and provide them with vital information for neighborhood safety and security," said Ron Smith, one of the event organizers.

The neighborhood event's tagline is "We are safer together."

### Sunland-Tujunga

Los Angeles Police Dept. officers will be at three parks and a neighborhood for NNO events from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*Little Landers Park, 10110*

*Commerce in Tujunga.* The park is adjacent to the historic Bolton Hall Museum, which will be open during the event. This is a family-friendly gathering that will include art projects and face painting for kids, in addition to a barbecue serving free food.

Other places where LAPD will be attending similar events include: Sunland Park at 8651 Foothill Blvd., Stonehurst Park at 9901 Dronfield Ave. and a neighborhood in the 12000 block of Peoria Street.

### Burbank

The Burbank Police Dept. will once again host NNO at Johnny Carson Park, 400 Bob Hope Drive in Burbank from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Over 30 vendors will be at the event that offers fun games, prizes and giveaways for all. Burbank Police emergency vehicles and equipment will be on-site while folks converse with Burbank officers.

In the 1970s in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania a community watch volunteer who worked with his local police department sent out a monthly newsletter concerning crime in his neighborhood. He found the information gathered for his small area was not enough and began reaching out to other local community groups. In 1981, the volunteer established the National Association of Town Watch and reached out to communities around the country to empower neighbors. That movement grew and in 1984 NNO was launched with 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states taking part, according to [natw.org](http://natw.org).

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Glendale's Gold Mines

We have a lot of old abandoned mines locally – gold mines in Big Tujunga Canyon, especially up near the top at Mill Creek, a graphite mine in the Verdugos, across the freeway from the former golf course, the myriad of water mines in each canyon of the San Gabriel Mountains above CV, and now we find an account of a couple of mines in Glendale of all places!

While exploring the History Room of the Glendale Central Library (you just have to visit it! It's fascinating!) I found a folder marked "Glendale Mines." There are quite a few articles in the folder and two stand out.

The Glendale News Press from July 1954 relates that a boy out exploring the hills above his house at the top of Kirkby Road (near Glendale College) came across a mineshaft. The shaft was 10 feet deep, but then straightened into a tunnel about 35 feet in length. In the ceiling of the tunnel was

another smaller shaft going up that may have been for ventilation or a hoist.

The reporter did some legwork and tracked down Dora Verdugo, descendant of the Verdugo clan. She claimed it was her father Theodoro's mine. Dora said, "The location was in the hills east of Verdugo Road. It was reached by going up Kirkby Road and then climbing the hill in a northeast direction. Its origin was in this fashion: a woodchopper working for my father said he had found gold there and asked permission to work the place. My father gave his permission so the woodchopper and four of his friends started a shaft and tunnel.

"I don't remember how long they worked but it was a considerable time. Some of the ore was assayed in Los Angeles and reported to contain gold, but the mine didn't advance to the stage where it paid off. I know that my mother once said, 'All the gold those men will get

is what they get out of my husband's pocket.'" Dora remembered that the mine was abandoned about 1904.

But back to the newspaper report. Candy wrappers and a candle stub were found in the mine, indicating kids had been playing in the mine. The reporter continued his legwork by following up to see if anyone had taken charge of the mine property and collapsed the mine to keep kids out. The reporter found no evidence of any safety measures taken on the abandoned mine and so surmised that it would still be there for some time.

But looking at a map today for that location it's clear that the 2 Freeway would have destroyed this mine.

Another mine was farther back in the San Rafael Hills, almost

to the Flintridge border, but still in Glendale, as reported in the Glendale News Press in March 1964. A developer clearing land for construction exposed an old mine, located about 100 yards west of Chevy Chase where it intersects with Figueroa. The tunnel was eight feet high, four feet wide, and went back about 100 yards before being blocked by debris. An accompanying photo showed the tunnel's significant size.

A longtime local resident told the paper that a very old man told her the story of the mine. The old man indicated that more than one mine was worked by "Indians" for both gold and silver. From the mine, the ore was packed by mule toward Pasadena until a wagon could take the load to downtown LA.

Another local resident told a different story to explain the mine. "Old Mrs. Flint" hired two men to work a mining claim on the "Chevy Chase trail." Supposedly the miners, besides working the mine, built a small cabin and a corral for the mules. And indeed as the developer cleared the property there was evidence of the ruins of a cabin and corral.

The article indicated that the Glendale Fire Dept. would make sure the developer closed off the mine. Looking at a map today, that area is solid houses. It's obvious these two intriguing abandoned mines are no more.

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

## Slow Down and Save Lives

We lose 1,000 Californians every year to speeding or speed-related injuries. Another 3,300 are injured, disfigured or disabled. We justifiably spend a great deal of time talking about reckless driving, road rage incidents and the danger of texting while driving when none of those things, dangerous and illegal though they may be, is the biggest threat on the road. That trophy goes to speeding drivers.

Traffic violence is a choice and not an acceptable one. Everyone who lives in our region has a story about a close call while driving on I-5, or worse, while walking their child across the crosswalk to go to school. Then, of course, there are those who didn't make it to school, work or home to their family. Nearly two years ago, street racers on Glenoaks Boulevard in Burbank crashed, killing three innocent people and hospitalizing two more. For too long, we have referred to most of these deaths as

"accidents" to sweep under the rug the uncomfortable truth: these deaths are preventable.

Our streets are not racetracks and we cannot continue to treat them as such. Grand Theft Auto may be a fun way to kill a few hours, but that sort of driving in real life kills real people. That is why three years ago I set about writing a speed camera bill that would, for the first time, bring speed cameras to five pilot cities in California: Glendale, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco. This year, the bill is AB 645 and it's currently pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

It's a technology that has shown positive results. When New York City installed its speed cameras, incidents of speeding decreased by 73%. According to the Federal Highway Administration, speed cameras can reduce fatal injuries and crashes by 54% in urban cores. These cameras are saving lives and it's time to give

California cities the opportunity to use the proven technology with the appropriate guardrails in place.

It may be inevitable that everyone's minds will go to red light cameras when hearing the words "speed camera." This bill was designed to not repeat the major problems with that program, which included hefty fines of nearly \$500, a point on the driver's license, and oversensitive cameras that gave tickets for not stopping at an exact line.

None of that is true in this bill. AB 645 has been carefully designed to ensure that it is not a revenue generator, a privacy concern or one more tool used to over-police already over-policed communities.

This ticket will never see a courthouse because speed camera tickets are not moving violations. Instead these tickets will be civil violations, like a parking ticket, and will not result in a point to your

see FRIEDMAN on page 19

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GUSD is Being Targeted

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) has become a target of extremists aiming to reshape public schools. Led by failed city council candidate Jordan Henry, these extremists have been fueling controversy since 2020, protesting mask mandates, distance learning and vaccine requirements. Henry, a newcomer to Glendale with no children in the district, has gained support from outside groups and used various platforms to promote right-wing agendas. His attacks on GUSD curricula, particularly SPLC Learning For Justice, have intensified, with a focus on opposing diversity, inclusion and LGBTQ-inclusive programs. Henry employs tactics like public records requests and encourages parents to withdraw students from public schools. Violent incidents involving his supporters have occurred at board meetings. The recent June 6 meeting attracted anti-LGBTQ activists, right-wing extremists and hate groups, resulting in arrests

and clashes. These extremist efforts aim to undermine public education, and it is crucial to reject their divisive views and support equitable education for all. More information can be found at <https://www.therealjordanhenry.com> or <https://socalextrémismwatch.com/glendale-unified/>.

*Burt Culver  
Montrose*

### Comments Offered on Traffic Survey

I recently completed the LA County's street traffic survey. The survey included good questions; however, did not provide an opportunity for comments. I'd like to comment here.

There have been at least six occasions over the past 30 years when concerns raised by residents concerning traffic safety throughout our neighborhoods, and especially around our schools, have been brought to the County's attention. The responses to these concerns have always been the placement

of speed-monitoring trailers and stepped up enforcement by Highway Patrol. While these two elements are important in helping to create a safer street environment, they have obviously been insufficient in resolving the problem. What the County should additionally consider are strategic structural modifications to our streets that can aid in calming traffic.

A holistic draft plan that includes enforcement, education and engineering should be developed by the County planners and engineers (or consultants) that include all relevant data. The benefits as well of trade-offs due to modifications should be backed up by currently accepted statistical analysis. While there are many residents with grave concerns about traffic safety around our schools, there are also members of our community who are concerned that any street modifications may negatively impact their mobility. While these concerns may be

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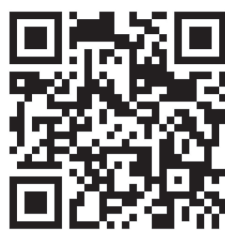


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## CVHS Students place Gold and Silver at SkillsUSA Nationals

By Lori BODNAR

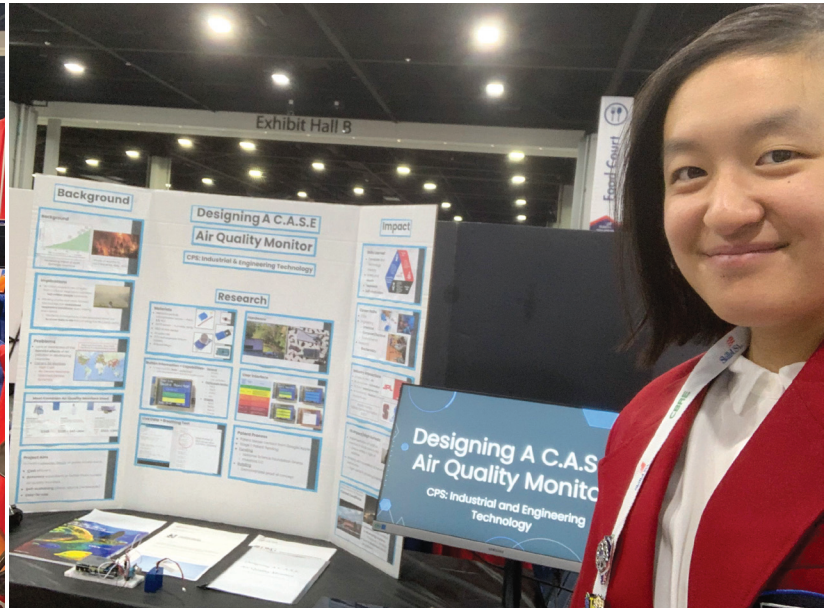
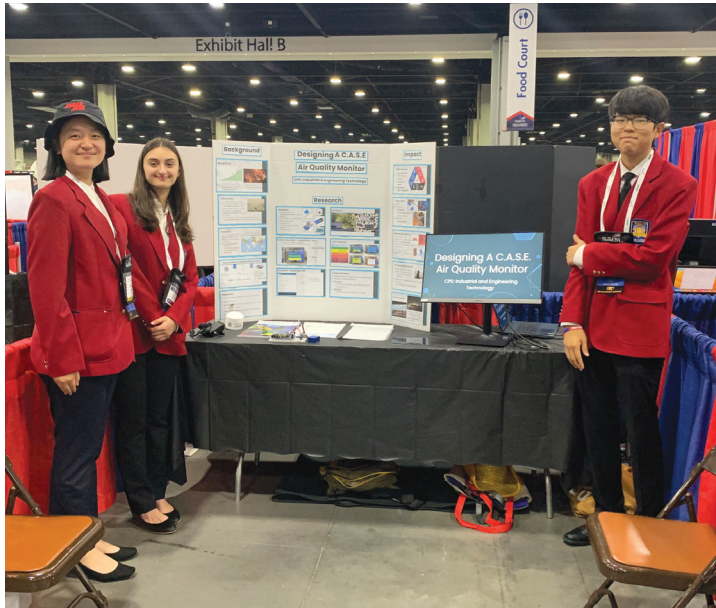
Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) Academy of Science and Medicine students took home gold and silver at the SkillsUSA nationals competition that took place from June 19-23 in Atlanta, Georgia. CVHS teacher Orenda Tuason, who leads the Academy of Science and Medicine at CVHS, helped the students throughout their project journey.

SkillsUSA serves more than 331,000 students and instructors as a career and technical student organization. SkillsUSA was founded in 1965 for middle and high school students. The first SkillsUSA National competition was held in 1979 as the United States Skill Olympics, which was changed to the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in 1995. The SkillsUSA NLSC is held annually with over 100 categories. Over 5,000 students compete in the SkillsUSA Nationals every year with around 2,000 judges and contest organizers.

Maryam Akelyan, a recent graduate of CVHS who will attend UC Berkeley in the fall, won gold in the Career Pathway Showcase for Engineering and Technology along with her teammates Vela Benedicto and Ethan Lee.

"We worked on developing a Cost-efficient, Accurate, Sustainable, and Easy to use (CASE) air quality monitor that could be implemented in developing countries in order to prevent unnecessary fatalities caused by smoke inhalation," said Akelyan. "Vela worked on a similar project in 2021, then during the research class from August 2022 to June 2023."

Ethan Lee, who will be a 12th grader at CVHS in the fall, said,



"The main goal of the project is to provide a more consumer friendly air quality monitor that is more accessible mainly targeting developing countries that lack similar forms of infrastructure. We began in August during the beginning of our 2022-23 school year and continuously built upon our presentation until the competition date."

The judging process included multiple people who reviewed the science projects on its technicalities, presentation, influence and possibilities.

Benedicto, a CVHS student who will be a junior in the fall, said, "The project was assessed for technical ability, presentation skills, community impact and, to some extent, mentioning the potential business and industry application moving forward."

Akelyan added, "The judging process was daunting at first – there were four judges who were experts in their respective fields so it was scary – but they were very accommodating and we got them to nod and laugh a few times so I would say it went well."

Lee said, "The judges respectfully listened to our presentation and asked questions

which showed that they were very interested in our project."

The CVHS students competed in the SkillsUSA state competition prior to the nationals competition, so they made improvements on their projects since the state event.

Benedicto said, "I always kept a spreadsheet schedule and Google calendar to plan out beforehand, and made updates to the project since I last competed in April. I was honest with myself and open to any of my teachers' feedback and critiques and sought to improve whatever I thought was lacking. I simply focused on the 'journey' i.e., I tried my best given the time I had, and would accept any result afterward regardless. To my great surprise I was able to place, and I suppose that reflects the hard work that went into preparing for it."

The students had fun meeting people from all over the country at the SkillsUSA nationals

competition.

Benedicto said, "I enjoyed getting to meet fellow students from every state! I particularly had a lot of fun trading pins and trying to collect all 50 states. Being able to compete at nationals was such an amazing opportunity that I was really grateful for."

The Academy of Science and Medicine, organized by Tuason, provides many opportunities for the CVHS students.

"I have been part of the Academy for all four years of high school," Akelyan said. "I wasn't an officer but I was very involved in it. It's the biggest activity I was involved in throughout high school. I made my closest friends from high school through being involved in it. It also helped me hone my interest in science since the very first day of freshman year with Ms. Tuason, and it gave me the opportunity to explore different fields of science

LEFT: CVHS students Vela Benedicto, Maryam Akelyan, and Ethan Lee by their project. RIGHT: Vela Benedicto by her science project.

and determine which one I was interested in pursuing in the future."

Many of the CVHS students plan on continuing science for their career plans. Lee said, "As an incoming 12th grader writing my college applications, I plan to go into the field of science and hope to pursue an occupation in that field in the future."

Maryam Akelyan who won Gold at the SkillsUSA Nationals will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall to study Molecular Biology. "I will be attending UC Berkeley. I can't imagine myself going into anything besides STEM, so I will be majoring in Molecular Biology in college, and I plan on either continuing that into graduate school or pursuing a career in medicine."

## Armenian Remembrance Day Celebration at Lincoln

Evelyn Gregorian from the Lincoln Armenian Parents Club brought in cultural events for the Armenian Remembrance Day celebration at Lincoln on April 27. Before school began, while the Lincoln students lined up and waited for their teachers, the Armenian Dancing Group performed for the students. They performed a dance called "Yerevan 2800" that was choreographed by Rubina Vartanians with by music by Ara Gevorgyan. The dance is a celebration of the 2800th anniversary of Yerevan, which is Armenia's capital.

The dancers were Ani Amarkarian, Lara Alaverdian, Arsineh Avedisian, Lara Ghalustians, Kaitlyn Baghdassarian and Emma Ghalustians.

Later in the day Armenian author Narine Minasyan was on the Lincoln campus reading her children's book to students



in grades TK through third grade. She read her Armenian-themed book "The Adventures of Andre and Noyemi Barev!" that has a theme of respecting people from different backgrounds and cultures, and how being a part of a neighborhood is more like a family and families always help each other.

Minasyan has been reading to students throughout Southern California and the nation. It was a wonderful opportunity to allow the students to connect with an author in person and a great way to encourage further reading.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Long-Standing Members Honored, Board Inducted

The Glendale Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met on June 10 to honor 50-year members and install the officers for the 2023-24 year.

Fifty-year members of AAUW Glendale Branch who were honored were Mary Pallares, Florence Chase and Sharon Ouellette; (not pictured are Eileen Givens, Donna Franklin, Janet Gault, Jerry Johnstone, Lois Scaff, Sunny Wheeler and Leni Ricardson (deceased).

AAUW Glendale Branch officers for the 2023-34 year are Beverly Van Citters, Susan Hunt, Laura Guillory and Dr. Neda Fabris.

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



The 2023-24 board members are Beverly Van Citters, Susan Hunt, Laura Guillory and Dr. Neda Fabris.

Photo provided by AAUW

## Ferdinand Pati of Glendale Chosen to Lead District of Elks - USA

Thousands of members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America and guests gathered in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 2 to July 5 for the BPO Elks National Convention. During the convention, Ferdinand Pati of Glendale was installed as district deputy for the BPO Elks for lodges in the Metropolitan District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association and will serve a one-year term.

The BPO Elks is one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America and is committed to making its communities better places to live. Each year, the Order donates more than \$350 million

in cash, goods and services to the needy, to students, people with disabilities, active-duty members of the U.S. armed forces and their families, veterans and their families, and charitable organizations. In the 155 years since the Order's founding, the BPO Elks has made charitable donations totaling approximately \$12 billion.

As part of the Elks' ongoing commitment to help students achieve their goals, the Elks National Foundation awards annual college scholarships worth a total of more than \$4.5 million each year to students across the country. To help local lodges make positive changes in their communities,

the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program provides local Elks lodges with more than \$15.7 million each year to help them build stronger communities.

Through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, Elks give generously of their time, energy, and resources. Elks provide direct service to veterans at more than 350 VA medical centers, state veterans homes, and clinics; use grants to provide veterans with food, supplies, and support; and provide beds, supplies, and emergency assistance to veterans experiencing homelessness. Elks pledge never to forget America's veterans and keep that pledge every day.

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## Hiring Help at Home

The goal for most older adults is to "age-in-place" meaning to continue to live independently in your own home for as long as possible. Over time, this may require making adjustments to one's lifestyle, including hiring in-home help. It usually is a gradual decline in function over time that older adults experience and it can be difficult to identify when the right time is to bring in help.

Many families grapple with assisting older family members respecting their wishes to remain independent and autonomous but also wanting to make sure their loved one is safe and that their needs are being met at home. Many older adults are resistant to accepting home care triggering a fear of loss of independence. A positive way to look at accepting help at home is that it prolongs one's independence.

Home care agencies are abundant and readily available to assist older adults from basic homemaking/housekeeping activities all the way to providing a caregiver to assist a person with their most intimate needs such as toileting and bathing.

There is a difference between home care and home health care that is important to distinguish. Home health care is medical care ordered by a physician for individuals who have a medical condition, usually after a hospitalization or medical procedure. It's important to know that while home health care is covered by private insurance and Medicare, it is only short-term and time limited. Unfortunately, home care is not covered by most insurances and Medicare but in

some cases is covered by long term care insurance policies.

Many home care agencies will do a complimentary home assessment to determine what type of care is needed and recommend a number of hours of care per week. The current average rate for a caregiver is between \$32-\$35 per hour and most home care agencies requires a minimum of four-hour shifts. It's important to make sure when choosing one that it is licensed through the State of California and that its caregivers are registered with the state's home care worker's registry.

There are many resources available to guide and assist older adults and their families in hiring caregivers. Check out the Family Caregiver Alliance website at <https://www.caregiver.org> for more information. Those who are considering hiring a caregiver and would like to speak with a resource specialist can contact the Community Resource Center for Aging at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital at (818) 949-4033 or send an email to [aging-resources@med.usc.edu](mailto:aging-resources@med.usc.edu).



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Community Resource Center for Aging

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### All About The Earnest Money Deposit

Dear Phyllis,

Your column is one of the first things I look for in the CV Weekly. I know real estate has changed since I purchased my home. However, I didn't realize it had changed so much. My daughter had her townhome in escrow. The buyers inspected and everything seemed fine, but the buyer canceled a week before the close. There was not a good reason given for the cancelation.

She had already started packing and now her unit is a mess. I am confused because it seems that she should be able to keep the buyer's escrow deposit. But her Realtor says it must be returned to the buyer. This doesn't make sense; it seems that this is very unfair to a seller and gives the buyer all the rights. Can you explain the purpose of the deposit?

Clair

Dear Clair,

Thank you for the compliment and the question. For the contract to be valid, there must be (financial) consideration. The money deposited in escrow is mostly known as the earnest money deposit or good faith deposit. It is typically 3% of the purchase price. When escrow closes, the funds will be applied to the

buyer's down payment and closing costs.

Most California purchase agreements provide multiple ways for buyers to withdraw from a sale and have their earnest money returned. The buyer must remove all contingencies in writing before their deposit is at risk. Common contingencies are:

**Financing:** A buyer gets their earnest money deposit returned if they cannot obtain a mortgage.

**Appraisal:** A buyer can have their deposit returned if the home appraises for less than the purchase price.

**Condition:** If a buyer does not approve the property's condition, their deposit is returned.

**Disclosures:** The buyer must accept all disclosures, and the title search or they can have their deposit returned.

I sympathize with how frustrating this is. Your daughter's agent may not have adequately kept her updated. Typical time frames for removing these contingencies are 17-21 days for the loan, 10 days for disclosures, and 14 for the appraisal. I typically advise my clients to hold off on major packing until all contingencies are removed in writing.

Phyllis



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Summer Fun at Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach in Oxnard

By Greg ARAGON

The only thing better than a great hotel room is a great hotel room on the beach. And this is why Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach is one of my new favorite Southern California destinations. Located steps from the beautiful sand and ocean in Oxnard, the resort has everything one could want for a waterfront vacation.

The family and I began a recent two-night stay at Zachari Dunes by experiencing two different rooms. The first night we stayed in a luxurious two-queen suite, overlooking the water, and the second night we were in a palatial presidential suite.

The 625-sq-ft, two-queen suite overlooked the ocean and stunning Mandalay Beach. It came with a large entertaining room, featured a sleeper sofa, comfy chairs, chest of drawers, huge TV and balcony looking out to the water. This main room also had a wet bar, microwave, refrigerator, table and chairs, and a bathroom with a shower. In the separate bedroom, there were two queen beds, a private bathroom with a tub and shower, big closet, another TV and access to the giant balcony overlooking the blue Pacific Ocean and the Channel Islands in the distance.

Outside of the suite, we played on

the beach or in the sparkling hotel pool. To get to the beach we walked out the back gate of the resort, crossed a walking/biking path and stepped on the fluffy white sand of Mandalay Beach. I love this beach because it's rarely crowded and it is great for sunbathing, building sand castles and playing in the water with kids.

Another favorite spot was the hotel pool where we had our own private cabana for a day. Available for rent, the cabanas offer shade, a refrigerator and a couch and chairs. They are a great way to enjoy the pool and the extra large Jacuzzi. While relaxing in the cabana we enjoyed champagne and fresh and local Oxnard strawberries.

After a day at the beach and pool, we enjoyed dinner at Ox & Ocean, the hotel's signature gourmet restaurant. Located beside the lobby, the restaurant offers an elegant and eclectic mix of surf and turf dinner options, as well as creative and tasty breakfast and lunch – all in a fun, indoor/outdoor setting.

"Tying into the unique makeup of California, Ox & Ocean serves locally sourced produce and seafood fresh from Oxnard's plains and sea, celebrating a diverse influence and distinct flavors in an elegant, yet approachable fashion," states the hotel website.

Our dinner at Ox & Ocean began

with a beet salad with roasted poblano vinaigrette, avocado puree, goat cheese amaranth and local citrus. This heavenly salad was followed by delicious Oxtail bao buns with hoisin, cilantro, kimchi and kewpie mayo.

Our savory adventure continued with a fresh and spicy ahi tuna crudo, with aji amarillo, yuzu, apple pieces, avocado and radish. One of my favorite dishes on this incredible culinary journey was the crab croquettes, with lump crabmeat, panko bread crumbs and sesame chili-garlic dip. These croquettes alone are worth a drive to Oxnard.

While dining, we sat outside, enjoying a cool ocean breeze and the beautiful Zachari Dunes resort. Featuring Spanish mission-type architecture, the white hotel buildings are highlighted by arches and red tile roofs. The grounds are covered with palm trees, lush vegetation, brooks and ponds, and winding pathways.

The hotel, which last year became part of the Hilton Curio Collection, is one of only two beachfront Hilton

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Photo by Greg ARAGON  
ABOVE: Zachari Dunes is located steps from beautiful Mandalay Beach in Oxnard.

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RIGHT: Renting a four-person surrey bike is a great way for the family to explore together.



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Park. Seats are not provided. Performances run 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. Free parking is limited; ride-share is encouraged. This Friday, July 21 Greg Hosharian & the Armenian Pops Ensemble will be performing at 7 p.m. The Brand Summer Music

Series began in 2014 and is supported by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks and the Brand Associates.

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branded properties on the Pacific Coast. Besides 250 suites, Zachari Dunes boasts a fitness center, full-service spa, a bar with a game room, tennis and basketball courts, a small convenience store and a beach gear rental shop with surf boards, paddle boards, hover boards, skate boards, DSLR cameras, GoPro cameras, binoculars, backpacks, wagons, a record player and more.

After dinner we strolled along the beach as the sun fell behind the rugged outline of the Channel Islands about 20 miles offshore. We then joined other hotel guests for s'mores at the hotel's giant fire pit.

The next morning I worked out at the fitness center and then it was back to Ox & Ocean for breakfast. And it was another delicious affair as I devoured chilaquiles with roasted red pepper salsa, tortilla chips, sunny side egg, queso fresco, pico de gallo and lime crema.

After breakfast we rented a four-person surrey bike and pedaled along the beach path. We then took advantage of a great perk at the hotel that allows all guests to check out anything in the gear shop for free for two hours. We borrowed a large beach wagon with oversized plastic wheels to pull the kids and all of our stuff across the sand to the water.

Our next adventure at Zachari Dunes was also quite memorable. We checked into a 1,600-sq-ft presidential suite that was fit for a king. The suite, which can easily sleep up to six people, came with two separate bedrooms with a king bed in one and two queens in the other. The suite also came with three bathrooms, two balconies overlooking the ocean and the pool, and a giant main living room with fireplace, office desk, wrap-around sofa, dining table and kitchenette area with microwave, refrigerator and wet bar. A highlight of the

suite was the stand-alone bathtub in the main bedroom that was perfect for bubble baths.

The presidential suite was so great that we didn't want to go outside. But with a sparkling pool below us and the blue Pacific Ocean mere steps away we had to venture out. So on my second day at the hotel, I headed to the gear shop and used my free two-hour rental on a long board skateboard. Measuring about 48 inches long, the board came with a long paddle-like oar that I used to propel myself along the walking/bike path. Not only was this fun and thrilling, but it was also a great full body workout. I think I have a new sport!

Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Bay is located at 2101 Mandalay Beach Road in Oxnard. For more information and reservations, visit [www.zacharidunes.com](http://www.zacharidunes.com) or call (805) 984-2500.

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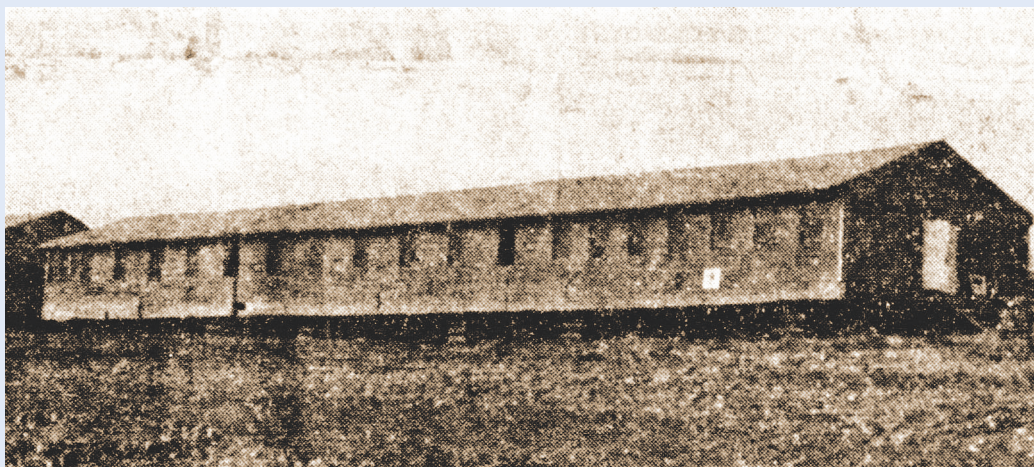
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### Dunsmore Elementary Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then:** In 1949, the nation was faced with the combination of a post-war baby boom plus a lot of military surplus. The two came together with the building of Dunsmore Elementary School. The campus was built piecemeal starting with the adaptation of old Army barracks trucked up from Santa Ana (shown here), and then further supplemented with bungalows borrowed from Lincoln Elementary, and finally new construction.



**Now:** Viewing the school from the air, the long thin shapes of the former Army barracks can be seen. Dunsmore Elementary School is located on Dunsmore Avenue a few blocks above Foothill Boulevard and directly across from Dunsmore Park and Dunsmore Canyon Channel. The relatively small school - only 300 students - still makes use of its adapted Army barracks 75 years later. All these Dunsmore names came from a Civil War vet James Dunsmoor who raised bees in Dunsmore Canyon for less than a decade in the 1870s.

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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.

### 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 today, Thursday, 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 see CALENDAR THIS on page 15

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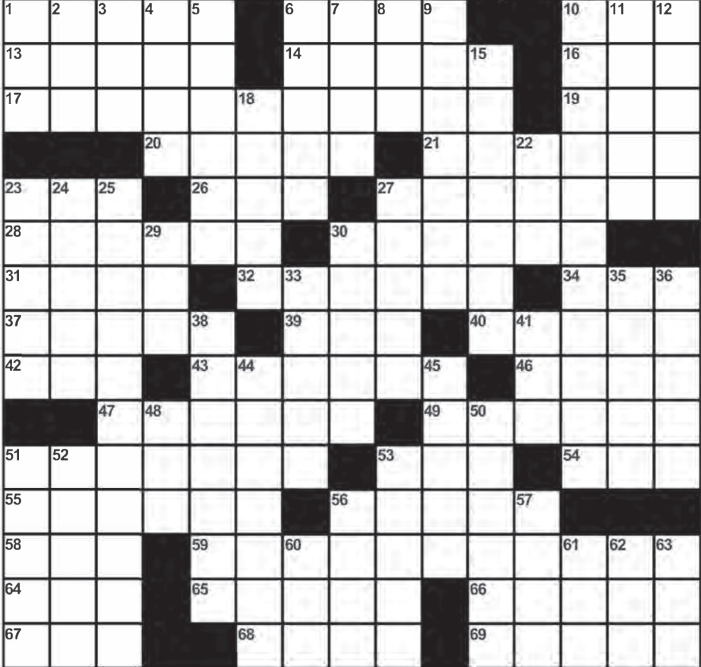
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- 65) Balloon used in atmospheric probes
- 66) Do some waiting?
- 67) 6-1, in tennis
- 68) "No news is \_\_\_ news!"
- 69) Rosemary's baby-daddy

### DOWN

- 1) More than most
- 2) Baby's first word, sometimes
- 3) Long time follower?
- 4) Hemingway's moniker
- 5) Lure into danger
- 6) Subject of dentistry
- 7) Bridge toll unit
- 8) Longtime Chinese chairman
- 9) Android's lack
- 10) Fools or simpletons
- 11) Perfection standard
- 12) Kentucky explorer Daniel
- 15) Scornful one
- 18) "Siddhartha" author
- 22) Not outgoing
- 23) Baby berths
- 24) Yankee legend Yogi
- 25) Working a ladle
- 27) Concerning bees
- 29) Cape \_\_, Mass.
- 30) Fix firmly in place
- 33) Hindu music selections
- 35) Do a salon job
- 36) "I, Robot" author Asimov
- 38) Large migratory shorebirds
- 41) "Now I see!"
- 44) Driver who's tough to pass
- 45) Show place?
- 48) Common soccer score
- 50) Be preoccupied with
- 51) Colts' moms
- 52) Japanese cartoon style
- 53) Caught, as a dogie
- 56) List type
- 57) Brain flash
- 60) Lennon's wife
- 61) Dinner table dropping
- 62) Lab eggs
- 63) John McCain is one, briefly

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By Timothy E. Parker



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### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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July 17, 2023 - July 23, 2023

#### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

For you, this week is about taking advantage of opportunities coming your way. Everything you write and say is more magnetic than usual. You're able to charm the clouds from the sky now. Meanwhile, a fortunate aspect affects the sector of your chart governing relationships. You're communicating with many great people who actually want to help you move up through the ranks. Expressing your gratitude may become a full-time job.

#### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Aspects are expanding your opportunities at work and paving the way for a raise, promotion, or both. Even on a bad day, you're pretty lucky. These days money is coming so fast and furious that you may need a new plan for saving and investing. A harmonious aspect highlights your house of cash and values. Are you sensing a theme yet? Don't forget about the little people as you make your way to the top.

#### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

With a happy aspect affecting your house of institutions, you're enjoying the fruits of your labors in your career. Though it may feel as if things are slowing down in that sector, you're being afforded a brief period so you can rest on your laurels. You may find that doing business with bigger players becomes an option for you all of a sudden. You're more than up to the task. Believe!

#### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

There are some restrictions and limitations on your ability to learn and teach as well as travel. Though you may be champing at the bit to get going, there's no use in fighting this influence. The good news is that there are favorable aspects, too. It's your friends, social contacts, acquaintances, and colleagues who will support your efforts at work and in your money life. They provide a welcome distraction until things open up.

#### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This week you may want nothing less than to think about how to pay off debt, save for retirement, and construct a feasible financial plan. But one aspect demands that you spend some time taking responsibility for this important strategizing. Put in the work now to build what you will need in the future. Meanwhile, other aspects light up your career sector. Cash in while you can.

#### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Aspects activate your house of cash and values. There's so much going on there that you may need to set some time aside to organize your finances or return calls from your many suitors. As you're sorting through new employment offers and chances to earn extra money on the side, don't forget about planning your career. Of course, you work for the paycheck. But what other rewards can you derive from your work?

#### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

For you, this week is about cultivating a larger image in the world, throwing off old concerns, and speaking up for your beliefs and needs. "Confidence" is becoming your middle name! Now, with aspects in your house of learning and teaching, you may find that you can develop creative ways to share what you know and also earn more money. Don't sell yourself short.

#### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week's aspects may throw a monkey wrench into your money plans. Get all of your shared property and investments together. Signing, sealing, and delivering these materials to where they need to be leaves you room to strategize elsewhere. At the same time, consider putting your money into tried and true institutions. Going with the new guy may be appealing, but it isn't the right move for this time in your life.

#### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This week you're reaching a much larger audience with your work, which leads to more money in time. You may be reconnecting with people from your past and getting introduced to brand new fans. No matter what you do for a living, you're being shoved onstage to deliver your unique message. Aspects give you the support and strength you need from close relationships. You can do no wrong now. Take advantage of it personally and financially.

#### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Aspects in your career house put you back in touch with people and projects from your past. You're so lucky in this area of your life that you may need to refuse some of the work that comes your way. Avoid excess stress by taking some needed downtime. A happy aspect shows your workplace is inundated with creativity and goodwill. Are you behind all these positive changes? Only you know for sure.

#### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This week your focus shifts to one of security and moneymaking. Your family, romantic partner, and kids want a better quality of life, as do you. The good news is that this can't all be bought with cash. You enjoy a strong foundation due to the important people in your life. They understand if you need to spend a bit more on your education now.

#### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This week beauty is in the air in a big way! Your home life may need a bit of sprucing up, so there's no shame in spending a bit of your hard-earned cash in that sector. Also, there's life in your house of shared investments. Getting into the market with a friend may just do the trick.

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# RELIGION

**Q**uestion: I have a very dear friend who is always late when we agree to meet for dinner. She works a full time job and I know she is always at work on time. My problem is I am a diabetic and when we schedule our dinners I have told her time and time again that I must eat by a certain time. What am I to do?

She really is a good friend and I think she just thinks I'm a forgiving soul! Is there a gentle way to let her know that she must keep our time commitment?

~ Flustered Friend

Dear Flustered Friend, I can certainly understand your frustration. I have had people in my life who have difficulty keeping time commitments.

With good friends, we tend to try to overlook and/or try to forgive their shortcomings, even when nothing seems to change. It's not only aggravating; it can also weaken the quality of the relationship over time. Even though a "forgiving soul," your forgiveness doesn't mean having to tolerate ongoing lateness or condone inappropriate, inconsiderate behavior, especially when there are

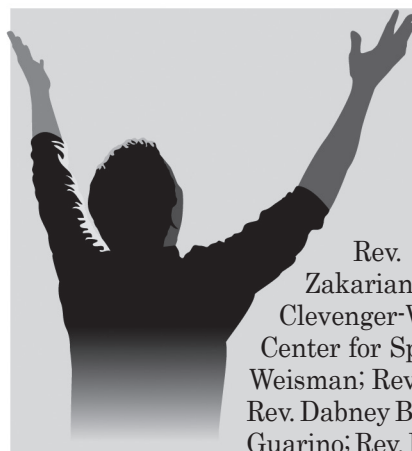
detrimental consequences to you. We all have different limits (tolerance levels) of what we will allow in our relationships. You have to decide whether you have reached that limit or will continue to endure her repeated lateness. If you feel you can't, it's time to establish personal boundaries.

Boundaries help. It's that dreaded word that can sound so harsh. Yet, boundaries need to exist in relationships for love to be true, genuine and purely motivated. Even the Bible talks about them.

Proverbs 25:17 (The Message version) states, "When you find a friend, don't wear out your welcome; show up at all hours and he'll soon get fed up."

When boundaries are clearly communicated and held, they define your limits, help people understand your expectations, guard your well-being and can garner respect for you as a person, preserving your relationship.

You have a few choices. You can do things together that don't involve food (going to movies and other events) or meet for coffee instead. If you want to continue to meet for meals, not only must you clearly communicate the time deadline, but also you need



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to let your friend know that if she isn't there before that time you are going to order and start eating your food anyway. Although tempted to "fudge" on the time, you must uphold your boundaries so that your friend will know you mean what you say. You must also be willing to tell her "no" if she asks you to stretch those boundaries.

Preserving friendship is valuable, but not at the cost of your well-being or health. Hopefully, your friend will adapt, be more prompt and value you as a person, which will enhance

your friendship.

Praying for a positive outcome,



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Dear Flustered Friend, Your friend obviously thinks that you are "forever forgiving." Even telling her that you're diabetic hasn't changed her behavior. You mention she is a dear friend; however, dear and good friends treat one another with respect especially where commitments are concerned. Trust is an important aspect of friendships and relationships. When you agree on a time to meet for dinner, you may be concerned that yet again your friend won't show up on time. Perhaps it's time to avoid making dinner plans with her. Somehow she doesn't realize that her actions are not in integrity. Doing what you say will do demonstrates integrity. Failing to do so signals you can't be trusted to keep your word. You're seen as unreliable. And still the issue is keeping and maintaining your relationship.

Given your physical condition, I suggest you give her a few minutes (as in five or 10) and if she still hasn't arrived, order your dinner. Society has conditioned us to believe that we have to wait until all have arrived to order; however, when there are those who are chronically late, self-care is the issue.

I have a sister who when she was younger always showed up late for family gatherings. My mother began telling us to arrive at 1 p.m. even though she was really planning for food to be served at 2 p.m. Even with

my mother telling everyone the earlier time, my sister did not show up until long after 2 p.m. It's almost laughable because the rest of us did and I'm from a large family!

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**Q**uestion: My husband died shortly after our 50th wedding anniversary. He was 76. Before that, because we both were retired we traveled everywhere - most of the time on cruises. Now my kids want to take me on a cruise. Frankly, I'm "traveled out" and I just want to stay home and enjoy my grandchildren, my garden and my two dogs. Every time my kids come to visit they bring travel brochures even though I've told them I'm through traveling.

Is there a way, without disappointing them, to let them know "no more travels for me?"

~Now a Homebody

Dear Now a Homebody,

It is clear to me your children love you and are concerned for your happiness especially in light of the sad loss of your husband. They must have remembered how happy you were after a cruise and assumed that might be the best and most effective remedy to renew your spirits. However, as you pointed out, you've been there and done that, and it holds no further appeal. Convincing your children, without offending them, appears to be the issue.

There are two ways of handling this: a practical and a spiritual. We will discuss both. You can use either one exclusively or use them together. But I find the spiritual approach the most effective and it all takes place in your mind. But first the practical approach.

The practical approach is just to talk it out with them. But how this is done is the key to success. I once read the best way to approach a problem you have with another is to talk with them using four steps. The first step is to acknowledge the problem and/or issue and acknowledge their care and concern for you and use examples. Second, state

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your care, appreciation, gratitude and/or love for them as well as your appreciation and gratitude for their concern. Third, state your feelings and reasons on the matter of concern and how and why your choice makes you happy, and how their support for this would be most meaningful and appreciated. Finally, end with repeating the first two steps acknowledging your caring for and appreciation of them and their caring for you and your gratitude for that. You will be amazed how transformative these four simple conversational steps can be in bringing about a positive change.

The second approach is the spiritual. With this approach, all that is needed to resolve any problem outside of you is to resolve it inside yourself. You can do it within your own mind, using your own consciousness and your own thought. Ernest Holmes, author of the Science of Mind, once said that the outer world reflects back to us what we think, feel or imagine inside of ourselves. So the root or origin of any problem we

experience, as well as its solution, always lies within; and it is there we can most effectively deal with and change it. Dr. Holmes also said that by changing your thinking you change your life. So in reality, the only person who needs a talking to about any problem or issue you are experiencing is yourself. Other people (i.e., those outside of us) will always reflect back to you the changes you inwardly choose and accept for yourself, be they good or bad.

So it is better to choose your good. The question is how do we do this and why does it work? Well, that would require patience. But there is a simple way to begin changing your situation and that is with the use of affirmative prayer.

Affirmative prayer is not the begging prayer we are so often taught. It is a commanding prayer. As Rev. Ike (one of my favorites) once said: "You have to get definite with the Infinite." Here is a simple affirmative prayer you can use to bring about a healing in your situation. Say it at least once a day and repeat it whenever you feel

doubtful, irritated, angry, fearful or challenged over this issue. It will work miracles.

"I give thanks for the blessing of my family, for their love and for their caring. I give thanks for the peace, harmony, acceptance, goodwill and understanding that exist between us. I know that my wishes and my choices for my own happiness, whatever those may be, are always recognized, honored and supported by them with perfect ease and grace, and with perfect peace of mind for all. And so it is. Amen."



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Dear Now a Homebody,  
Travel is a funny thing. It isn't

equally attractive all the days of your life. Travel is really best when you are still able to easily walk long distances, climb endless stairs and have what is known as wanderlust. That is the desire to go and see and connect and expand.

Generally speaking, by the time our 80s have rolled around that ship has sailed. Pun intended.

At a certain point in our life's journey we want to savor "regular life" as my 86-year-old singing teacher used to say when explaining what he liked to do: the beautiful place we call home, the people and animals in our everyday lives, the familiar foods we have come to rely on to nourish our bodies in predictable ways and give comfort in their familiarity.

We are not seeking new vistas at this stage. The time has come to go deep, not far and wide.

Explain to your well-meaning children that you are not searching for new civilizations and fascinating unknown corners of the world but rather the sweet assurance of what you already

know and love.

Why don't you suggest that the kids go on their own and come back with pictures and stories and wonderful things they learned in the new places they have discovered? Keep having fun with your grandchildren, your garden and your dogs. Make every day as special as it can be. Thank them for listening to what makes sense for you while thanking them for their good intentions. If you are sincere and honest, they will finally hear you and understand that you are not looking to travel but to live the beautiful life you have engineered for yourself and full of the lovely memories you have made.



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## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF at Dodger Stadium

Lutheran Church in the Foothills will participate in the upcoming Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium on Friday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. Lutheran Night is organized by the Southwest California Synod, the local governing body of LCIF. Tickets are \$30 to see the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Atlanta Braves. Anyone interested in attending should contact the church's office no later than Sunday, July 30.

LCIF is also planning a day of fun at Knott's Berry Farm on Tuesday, Aug. 1. The event is a chance for kids to have fun together before heading back to school. Adult adventurers are welcome as well. Attendees are asked to RSVP by contacting the church office.

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

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.

The service of installation for Pastor Rick Hall 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'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.

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.

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For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at jostupakis@yahoo.com.

### 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 Wednesday evenings this summer.

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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.

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### Summer Adult Christian Education

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mission.

This week's topic, on July 26, is "What is the Church of Jesus Christ?" (Please note: This adult confirmation class can serve as a preparation for Holy Baptism for those who have a personal faith in Jesus Christ but have not yet been baptized.)

Over these Wednesdays in July and August, from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta will explore Christian life, faith, theology and spirituality, drawing upon the truth of Almighty God within the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer and various key passages of the Holy Bible.

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

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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.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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July 24. The meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Sparr Heights/Montrose 91208.

GWP's 2024 IRP outlines Glendale's energy needs and the resources that can be used to meet them for the next 20 years. The town hall meetings will educate the community about the IRP process and solicit input on the priorities that GWP customers would like to see reflected in the IRP.

All customers are encouraged to get involved and spread the word about the IRP to foster broad community participation.

### 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>.

### 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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license. Nor will they bankrupt a driver financially. Violations start at \$50 for going 11 mph over the speed limit. And, the first ticket is a warning for those who are speeding 11-15 mph over the speed limit. People under the poverty line can petition to have their tickets reduced by 80%. People up to 250% above the poverty line can petition to have their tickets reduced by 50%.

Not a single penny of the money generated by these cameras will go to a city or county's General Fund. Every penny raised must be spent on the program itself, traffic calming measures and re-engineering roads to make them safer. If a city doesn't spend the revenue within three years, it's diverted to the state's Active Transportation Program, which funds pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. But never will these funds go to boosting city coffers for non-transportation uses.

As an added privacy protection, the camera does not take an image of the driver, only the license plate. In fact, facial recognition software is prohibited and images captured are confidential. For those who are not ticketed the image of the license plate will be destroyed within five days. For those who are penalized, the image is deleted 60 days after final disposition of the case.

I know people will be concerned about what it's like to drive into a camera-controlled zone because every single one of us has driven by a speed trap at least once in our lives. There will be a sign warning drivers to reduce their speed for the camera ahead. For those who are approaching a school zone, flashing beacons will have to be on to indicate the school zone speed limit is in effect. It is only the most determined lead-footed drivers that will actually run afoul of these cameras because, to be ticketed, they have to be going 11 miles an hour over the posted speed limit.

None of us love getting a ticket, but traffic violence is a choice. We lose partners, spouses, mothers, fathers, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings, to random acts of traffic violence every single day in California. By slowing down, our streets will be safer for all.

Let's stop traffic violence. AB 645 will give our communities here, and across California, an opportunity to slow traffic down where we need it the most. It's going to save lives.

What are your thoughts on AB 645? As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions, or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or [Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov).

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warranted, their merit should be assessed based upon real data. They also need to be considered within the context of true safety in our community and on our streets.

*Paul Rabinov  
La Crescenta*

**Critical of CVWD Methods**

The unprincipled, unethical, poor values CVWD board members and general manager approved going where they have no business – to be charging us on our property tax bill!

You can opt out and pay it on your own, but only a few of us will be doing that as I know most of the community is uninformed and charges will be on their property tax bill.

It's sad to see the dominant attitude of the community, in the high 90 percentile, thinking this is wrong and having all five board members plus the general manager vote yes to approve this property tax implementation with total disregard to the sentiment of the community.

We all went away [from the June 27 meeting] feeling as though we wasted our time in the recent two long meetings – all for nothing.

We were right: they have no business touching our tax bill.

The last 30 years that I've lived in La Crescenta I've been charged for the same exact things: infrastructure, distribution system and new pipes and have always been charged on my water bill.

CVWD has violated its customers.

The best idea I heard at the meeting was CVWD should be taken over by another water agency and cut out all of the exorbitant costs paid to general manager and others (example \$22,000 a month).

I would love paying all these people good money if I felt they did a good job, but that's not the case.

*Michael Chonos  
Montrose*

**We Demand Transparency**

After attending the CVWD public meeting with CVWD and the board of directors on June 13 I feel like

cellophane. During the meeting there was no interaction between CVWD, its board of directors and many concerned customers. They [audio]taped our concerns and questions and indicated they would respond later. A week later they published an ill-prepared response that really hasn't answered customer questions.

At the board of directors meeting on June 27 the district anticipated a crowd by [providing] chairs; however CVWD conveniently forgot lights, water (except for board members) or microphones, making it impossible to hear customers or the board members' conversation. The only thing I kept hearing was a rude board president banging her gavel and warning that she would clear the crowd if they spoke out of turn.

The board did what they had previously and unanimously planned by imposing a new capital charge. Although modified, CVWD also retains the option to raise the charge to the original \$404.30 per

year without any further public input. Director Johnson was the only director providing a logical explanation of the situation while the other board members remained basically silent. I believe the board planned not to respond to the public as repeated by the board president stating it was their board meeting and not a public meeting.

In 2020/2021 CVWD had a community advisory board. It was mysteriously terminated by the CVWD board of directors. Maybe the advisory board asked some embarrassing questions about infrastructure and accountability?


During that timeframe, CVWD and the board had discussed and outlined various options including issuing bonds as interest rates were at an all-time low. They procrastinated and figured a 3-year annual 8% increase would work and, in the end, blew it.

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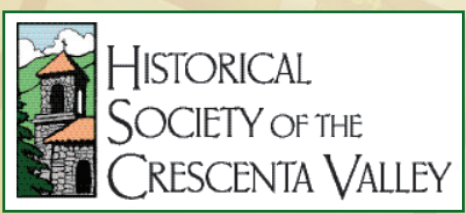
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