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Council Votes to Ban Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council voted to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers at its meeting of July 25; the Aug. 1 meeting was canceled so councilmembers could visit the various National Night Out events. This ban will be in place but the punitive citations will be rolled out slowly providing an educational process.

According to the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, gas-powered leaf blowers generate large volumes of carbon dioxide and non-methane hydrocarbons, along with nitrous oxide. All contribute to climate change and harm public health.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the impact of one pound of nitrous oxide on warming the atmosphere is almost 300 times that of an equivalent pound of carbon dioxide.

The ordinance will include citations whose payment will be the responsibility of the property owner, not the gardening maintenance worker and/or landscapers.

The council members voiced concerns about the ordinance citations and getting the word out of the new ruling to the public. There was a discussion as to how long to provide education outreach.

Mayor Dan Broman asked for Dan Mabe of American Green Zone Alliance to come to the podium to share his expertise on this subject.

"I come from the gas industry," Mabe said. He added that he had converted years ago to electric/battery-operated leaf blowers.

"We understand the workload production rates of gas [blowers]," he said.

A speaker prior to Mabe spoke against the move to ban gas blowers stating that the battery-operated equipment uses a high number of batteries.

"We have specific case studies," Mabe said. Those studies, according to Mabe, included following numerous landscapers and comparing workers who use gas to those who use electric/battery blowers. The study found that a day of work can be done with just two or

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'Bleat and Greet' Held in Glendale



By Ruth SOWBY

Hundreds of goats tasked with clearing local brush to prevent fires.

Many people might not know it takes at least 300 goats more than three hours to chomp 10 acres of vegetation and brush. The reason people need to care about such a detail? Goats are being used to clear brush in Glendale's Brand Park in order to spare nearby

homes from fires.

On Saturday, Glendale Fire Chief Tim Ernst oversaw the chomping goats with only several yards of a low voltage electrified fence to keep the goats in and curious onlookers out. The fences also protected the goats from predators, like coyotes, that roam the hillsides.

Once a year the GFD brings in the goats to clear the land in fire prone areas and an Australian shepherd dog to do the goat herding. The Glendale Fire Dept.

(GFD) contracts with Fire Grazers to truck in the dog and goats.

"As they graze on hazardous vegetation and brush, the goats provide a fuel break or buffer to save homes from fire on Mountain Street and Idlewood Road," said Chief Ernst. "The buffer will reduce the intensity of fire. But we still want residents to create and maintain defensible space around their homes."

The three-year-old program to use the goats was initially sparked by Glendale residents, according

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: Glendale residents Zoe Hacopian, 8, and her sister Mila Hacopian, 7, enjoy getting up close and personal with a young goat in Brand Park.

RIGHT: A goat used for brush clearance in Brand Park found a tasty morsel.

to Patricia Munro, GFD Fire Prevention inspector.

"It's good for the environment, too," said Munro.

The hungry goats eat brush but leave the roots intact, keeping hillsides safe from erosion. The goats even eat poison oak, which has prevented human workers

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National Night Out Events Held Throughout the Area

By Mary O'KEEFE, Melody SCOTT, Ruth SOWBY and Mikaela STONE

On Tuesday, communities greeted and met with members of safety personnel in a fun and casual manner.

Throughout the nation, neighborhood residents gathered to meet their local law enforcement and safety personnel as part of National Night Out (NNO). Held since the 1970s, NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

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Glendale residents Mauricio Busquets and son Tristan, 18 months old, is all eyes looking at the hook-and-ladder fire truck at Nibley Park during NNO festivities on Tuesday night.



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Being ... Barbie

I was among those who plunked down (in my case) \$18 to see the Barbie movie. My measly dollars were added to the over \$770 million already collected by movie goers who either were curious as to what the hoopla is all about or wanted to drift down Memory Lane, visiting those times when they played with the classic doll.

I was actually part of a group of people (12 in all, a mix of men and women) who went to the theater in the Americana to see the movie. I love being with these people and was eager to take part in the outing though I had few expectations of the movie.

I chose to wear a sparkly black top (the proper attire was a must) and after parking on the fourth floor traveled down to the first in an elevator. On my way down, I looked at the two women next to me: one was decked out in flared jeans, was wearing a bright pink top and had long blond hair. I looked at her and asked, "Are you a Barbie?"

She replied, "Yes!" with a big smile on her face. This was the second time she was going to see the movie and was so excited.

Her outfit was just one of the many Barbie fun ones I saw. Ladies of all ages, including some in our group of 12, were dressed in Barbie attire. While bright pink was the color of the day, there were several other eye-catching outfits. And we all had

fun taking photos in the Barbie box that was set up in the theater's lobby.

Now, when I was little girl I had a Barbie that I played with. My nana had made all of her clothes (of course I wanted the store-bought ones) and I was sad when our boat sank with her and her case on board. So I have fond memories of Barbie though I wasn't nuts over her.

So I had few expectations of the movie. I thought that most of the beginning was really fluffy. Yes, I understood the angst that Barbie and Ken went through in trying to figure out who they were and what they were supposed to do with their lives. And there were parts that made me cringe (I won't spoil it for you if you haven't yet seen it). But a couple of scenes turned a somewhat mediocre movie into a great one. One was when America Ferrera made a rallying speech and the second was the conversation between the creator of Barbie and Barbie.

Words like "empowering," "enchanting" and "compassionate" have been used to describe the movie as well as "fun" and "joy." All of them are accurate, making "Barbie" a must-see movie.

Maybe I'll don my sparkly top and go again...

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I start each week with a clear idea of what I will write and more often than not that will change in a minute as I see something that starts my mind wandering. And that happened Tuesday morning.

I was walking my dog in the park around 6:30 a.m. It was wonderful. The birds were singing – including the wild parrots – the temperature was cool and the air had that early morning fresh smell. As I walked everyone I passed was friendly and smiling. We all greeted each other with a "hello" and continued our walk. My dog stopped to sniff every single rock, which in "Rock Crescenta" is quite a lot of stopping, but none of that mattered because I was in these beautiful natural surroundings and life was good.

As we made our way to the park I saw so many people enjoying the morning. There was a woman sitting on a blanket reading Scripture out loud to no one but the trees, two people were playing badminton, friends were walking with each other, young kids and older adults were running and friends laughing as they slowed down from running to walking. As I looked out over this tranquil scene my mind immediately went to the scene just before the nuclear explosion in "Terminator 2 – Judgment Day."

"Why?" I thought. Why can't I simply enjoy this view of people enjoying themselves?

Well, the reason is because I was a child of science fiction and, as I have grown from young adult to old lady, the one constant has been sci-fi. It is actually a state of being. Those of us who love science fiction love not just the story but the story behind the story behind the story. We sci-fi groupies knew how to go down that rabbit hole long before the arrival of the Internet. We are always waiting for the other shoe to drop. So this idyllic park scene was reminiscent of the one in "T-2" where Sarah Conner (Linda Hamilton) dreams of children playing on a playground in LA. She begins to scream but no one hears; she then sees herself as a waitress (her other life)

with her son without a care in the world. Then a bright light and a nuclear bomb destroy it all. She wakes and realizes this was not just a dream, it was a premonition. As I walked through the park, and the temperature rose, I realized the "bomb" I was worried about is not one that will go off and destroy everything immediately. Instead I was worried about the somewhat slow rise in temperatures, the extreme rain and extreme dry conditions and all the weather woes we will see as human-caused climate change affects us all.

At the end of our walk, my dog was panting as it was considerably hotter than when we began. I tried to turn my mind to happier thoughts. So I thought of Barbie.

This weekend we had a family trip to see the movie "Barbie." I sat next to my daughter-in-law and we had this wonderful bonding cry as we related to this amazing film not just as females but also as moms.

For those who have not seen the film, as always go see it, but *spoiler alert* – don't read this section:

America Ferrera gives a monologue that is heart stopping. It starts out as, "It is literally impossible to be a woman" and then continues to say why. It is so on the mark it first made me angry that this is still the case and then made me sad because this is still the case. It made me think of my grandmother who fought to be heard as a woman, my mom who struggled in a man's world, myself dealing with artificial barriers in my many careers and now my daughters and daughter-in-law, who may have to deal with a fewer barriers to get into a career, but every day they have to continue to fight to be taken seriously as they walk that literally man-made fine line between being too smart and being called a b**ch.

This film actually walked a line of its own from being a very funny comedy to bringing a serious subject to light, and it was done in a masterful way. And I liked that is honored moms. It made being a mom not a sacrifice but a choice and that was just perfect.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT THIS SATURDAY

Boy Scout David Green from Troop 319 is hosting his Eagle Scout project, a food distribution event, at the Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Anyone who would like to receive food can do so by arriving at the school between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. The food will be distributed in a first come, first serve method. Drive-ups and walk-ups are invited.

A GoFundMe page has been established at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/FeedLaCrescenta>.

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 through 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 through 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/>.

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

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Getting to Know Glendale's New Police Chief

By Mary O'KEEFE

Chief Manuel Cid is going into his seventh month as the City of Glendale's chief of police, and he has settled into an area where he has a bit of family history.

"My uncle, my dad's brother, was a Glendale police officer in the '80s," he said in a recent interview with CVW.

Several of his family members settled in Glendale during that time and he knew the City pretty well prior to his move to the position of chief.

Before becoming Glendale Police Dept.'s (GPD) chief of police Cid had spent about 20 years as a Culver City police officer and the last two and half years as its chief. He said when the position in Glendale became available he knew it was something he wanted.

"I have always respected and admired the organization," he said. "[Glendale] is a great community, and [GPD] has a professional reputation."

He added the community support he found in the city was very intriguing and part of the reason he moved to Glendale.

"What really resonated [with] me was the community support of public safety," he said.

That support was something that was even more important after some calls came in 2020 to "defund the police." While that attitude has overall waned in recent years there are still echoes of the movement.

Cid said through that time Glendale continued to support public safety and holds the agency to a high standard.

The chief has several priorities for the department including traffic safety, a topic that is always on the minds of those he meets at various community meetings.

In July Consumer Affairs reported on cities that have the "safest drivers" and Glendale took seventh place. Consumer Affairs looked at the total number of car crash fatalities per 100,000 people, the number of fatal crashes due to bad driving, the number of fatalities due to positive blood alcohol content and the number of fatalities to speed. But despite what Consumer Affairs found, traffic is still an issue in Glendale.

At a recent community meeting at the Crescenta Valley Meher & Satig Der



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Chief Manuel Cid in the Glendale Police Dept. lobby at the recent unveiling of a Boy Scout project with Scout Jacob Kautzky.

Ohanessian Youth Center, discussion turned to traffic and specifically timing of traffic lights.

Those issues are primarily the job of the City's public works department but Cid said the police work closely with the City to share what they see on the streets.

"There are the three Es of traffic: Enforcement, Education and Engineering," he said.

For GPD, education and engineering are two parts that the department has the most control over.

Traffic issues are not isolated to Glendale; there are many cities that were established years ago that are now dealing with growing populations and speeding vehicles.

For his part, since he has been chief Cid has increased the number of officers on the street.

"We have a traffic bureau which is really, in the simplest of terms, our motor officers who go out every day and focus on enforcement and education. We have grown that unit since I have been here, which is tough at a time when

our department is really lean," he said.

GPD, like most law enforcement agencies, is dealing with recruitment and retention of staff; however, Cid has been able to move officers around so there can be more on the road. In addition he continues to look for partnerships with others to help in traffic safety. Cid was part of the announcement by Assemblymember Laura Friedman of a pilot program in which cameras would be placed at schools.

Cid also has his department working closely with schools and the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) administrators on traffic safety. Through sharing information they are able to have officers at "hot spots" around schools but Cid added he could have many officers in one spot issuing citations but that won't end the problem. Education is the best way to make a lasting change and that happens when he collaborates with the schools.

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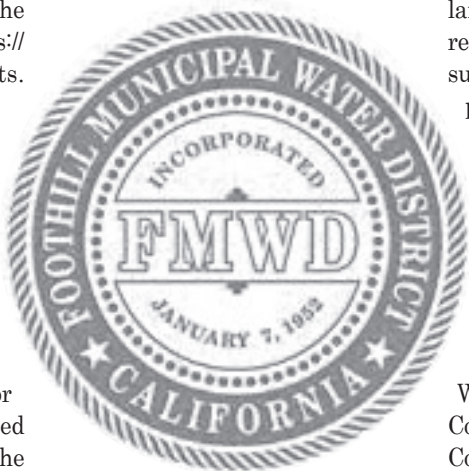
Water Efficient Landscaping Website

Foothill Municipal Water District has officially launched a dedicated landscaping website specifically catered to the Mediterranean-like climate for the communities in Altadena, La Cañada Flintridge and La Crescenta. The link to the landscape website is below: <https://www.foothill.watersavingplants.com/>.

The landscape website is a one-stop landscaping shop with an abundance of resources for residences that are planning or thinking about converting lawns to a beautiful drought-tolerant garden. While using the search function to find favorite plants or trees, people can save all selected landscape materials by using the "Add" function in the "My List" tab.

Having a hard time finding demonstration gardens for inspiration? Visualizing a dream garden without examples can also be frustrating. The

website's "Gardens" tab features completed landscape projects and demonstration gardens from local communities. People can view different designs for Bungalow



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Wildfires in Southern California can be stressful. Take a peek at the fire-resistant California friendly

plants in the "Plants" tab. Protect property by planting natives and be part of protecting local water supplies with water efficient landscaping.

For questions about the landscaping website or information regarding potential rebates to subsidize landscaping project, please contact Michael Le at mle@fmwd.com or (818) 790-4036 ext. 104.

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4000 block of Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident said he heard a loud noise coming from his driveway. He looked out the window and saw two male adults running from his vehicle into a waiting vehicle. The suspects entered the vehicle and drove off. The resident then discovered his vehicle's catalytic converter was stolen.
 The theft occurred at 5:15 a.m.

5600 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find a concrete cinderblock on the ground placed behind the rear driver's side tire of his vehicle. He also noticed a metal spring next to the tire and then noticed the catalytic converter had been stolen.
 The incident occurred at 3 p.m.

July 21
 Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a person parked his vehicle near Colby Canyon Trail and went for a hike. When he returned he found the locking mechanism of the driver's door and the interior glove compartment locks had been punched and damaged. He reported that several personal items were stolen including credit cards. He soon received an alert from his credit card company of suspicious transactions on his card at a store in Hollywood.
 The vehicle burglary occurred between 8 a.m. and noon.

CRIME BLOTTER

July 23
 600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, after reviewing surveillance footage an employee reported seeing a man, described as White, 5'10" tall, weighing 200 lbs. with a ponytail hairstyle and wearing a black shirt, black jeans and black shoes, walking through the store. He was removing clothes from the clothes racks and placing the items in a black backpack. Once the backpack was filled he walked towards the stock room. He was confronted by another employee who told him to stop. The man dropped the backpack and ran out of the store through an emergency exit door. The suspect still had clothing items in his hand when he left the store. He rode away on a scooter.
 The theft occurred at 5:09 p.m.

July 22
 3000 block of Santa Carlotta Street in La Crescenta, a resident reported that he heard a noise of what sounded like a power tool just outside his home. He opened his front door and saw a man wearing a black sweater, black pants and a black mask standing by his car, which was jacked up off the ground. There was a white Honda Civic parked behind his vehicle with a second man wearing the same type of clothing. The first man immediately lowered the resident's vehicle, grabbed the jack, got into the white Honda and left the area. The resident discovered his catalytic converter was stolen.
 The theft occurred at 5 a.m.



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Being Prepared When Disaster Strikes

By Mary O'KEEFE

"Do you have a plan when disaster strikes?" That was the main question posed by Los Angeles County Sheriff personnel at an informative event on July 20. The public event was held at La Cañada High School and speakers included LASD Sheriff Robert Luna.

"Please remember when something significant occurs you have to depend on each other, you have to depend on the steps you take to prepare yourself," Luna said.

He praised his fellow LASD deputies and volunteers and said that when a disaster hits they are "tripping over themselves" to get to their station to help regardless of being on vacation or off duty; however, if a major disaster occurs emergency responders may not be able to get immediately to neighborhoods that are in need.

He added that at the minimum people should have at least seven days of supplies on hand, including medicine, water and food.

"When disaster strikes it is not just me or my family," he said to those in attendance. "You [need] to think about your neighbors, especially your elderly neighbors."

Lt. Ryan Vienna, the master of ceremonies for the event, read the definition of a disaster by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): "An occurrence of a natural catastrophe, technological accident or human-caused event that has resulted in severe property damage, deaths, and/or multiple injuries."

Luna reminded the audience that LA County could face a number of disasters ranging from fire, earthquakes, mudslides and tornadoes.

"We learned last winter when [someone] mentions a tornado and you thought that happened somewhere else ... well, not necessarily. It happens here as well," he said.

In late February a tornado struck



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Sheriff Robert Luna addressed the audience, with safety personnel seated behind him, at the July 20 event.

areas in southeast LA near La Mirada; however, since 1950 about 46 tornadoes were reported in the LA area, according to the LA Almanac.

Also on hand at the event were Montrose Search and Rescue members who had traveled to Turkey to help with the recovery efforts after the 7.8 magnitude earthquake in February 2023. Mike Leum, one of the members who responded to Turkey, spoke about the devastation of the earthquake. MSAR members reminded people that what happened in Turkey could happen in LA County and that everyone should be prepared.

The idea for the disaster preparedness event came from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinator and trainer Paul Dutton.

"I approached Mike Leum after his visit to Turkey and asked him to speak to our CERT program," Dutton said. "Then I thought we should put a video of an interview with Mike on my YouTube channel 'The Emergency Preparedness Network.'"

That video showed the devastation in Turkey as well as

how MSAR members responded. It was shown at the event.

Dutton said he thought this information was important to share with the public and contacted Lt. Vienna and others at LASD-CV Station.

For years Dutton rang the disaster warning bell. He and CERT members have been a constant voice at local events, have held classes to train others to be prepared and are always at the ready to help residents be proactive for emergency events.

"My biggest fear is that 90% of the people out there don't think [a disaster] will happen, or that it won't happen to them," he said. He added that the majority of people think that being prepared is "not their problem."

"The average person is not ready and these people will be overwhelmed looking for help when it may not come for days or weeks," he added.

Dutton worries about gas-related fires that will burn out of control all over LA.

"When we have broken water lines with no pressure to put out fires - that's a problem.

And what's worst is the entire Southern California [area] has gas lines running under every house, apartment and building," he said.

Dutton hopes that as described at the La Cañada event, and more events like that one, people will realize a disaster like an earthquake or fire can affect them.

"Despite having probably the best resources in LA County, if not the world, we will be overwhelmed," Dutton said.

In 2021, FEMA reported after surveying over 3,000 counties in the nation, that LA County has the highest ranking in the National Risk index.

"I want people to get ready now," he said. "You know the difference between a Florida hurricane and a California earthquake? In Florida you have days to prepare for that hurricane. You go to the store and stock up, go to the hardware store and get supplies to board up your home and you get provisions for days. In California it will happen without warning, [possibly] on a windy day in October with hot days and cold nights. And of course it will happen when you are the most tired and worn out from your day."

A Glimpse into the Silent Past

By Lori BODNAR

Over a hundred people of all ages attended the free 10th Annual Silent Movies in the Park event at Two Strike Park on Saturday, July 29. It was hosted by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and Friends of Rockhaven. Attendees could snack on popcorn while watching the silent movies, projected using a hand-cranked projector and accompanied by keyboard music. The Pathé comedy films shown at the event included the 1918 movie "Why Pick on Me?" "The Fourth Alarm" from 1926, "Super-Hooper-Dyne Lizzies" from 1925, and Charley Chase films. Pathé is the second-oldest operating film company in the world, founded by the Pathé brothers in France in 1896, over 125 years ago.

The film "The Fourth Alarm" was produced by Hal Roach who

wanted to show the American people playing together. "The Fourth Alarm" was one of the few films of its time that included both White and Black actors.

The film "Super-Hooper-Dyne Lizzies" was based on the invention of the first driverless car by Houdina Radio Control. The car was radio controlled and traveled through traffic in New York City in 1925.

In the era of silent movies, films entertained people in small towns whether it was a side-of-the-barn showing or films screened in a church. The projector used power and the voltage differed depending in what place the films were shown, so projectors were hand-cranked rather than powered through a motor. The person hand-cranking the projector could speed up the film or slow it down, creating an immersive experience for the attendees.

Joe Rinaudo brought his 100-year old hand-cranked projector to play silent films for the community.

"I work with the Academy [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences], [and] Library of Congress, so I have first generation printing negatives which is not normally what you see on television," said Rinaudo. "The projector is a 1909 Model 6 and really great on film. I am tied into collectors, which is how I came across the projector. Photo Cam printed all this film; they are absolutely wonderful people who know what they are doing."

"My favorite silent movies include actors Buster Keaton and Larry Sermon. Sermon did stunt comedy with cars flying in the air. When I was a kid, about 10 years old, my dad would show silent movies, especially the Buster Keaton films."

Many people within the

community enjoyed watching the silent films. "My husband went to the Silent Movies event last year," said attendee Wendy Anderson. "I'm looking forward to watching the silent movie with him and hearing the piano."

"Being in the community, the Silent Movies event is like our Hollywood Bowl and the weather is beautiful tonight," said local resident Danette Erickson. "We come almost every year to the event, and it is a lovely evening. It is nice to support Rockhaven and meet all my neighbors and friends. I'm happy to be here."

"I enjoy the movies, the crowd, the kids, and the popcorn. I'm here for the food," said Liz Nelson, another attendee at the event. "I have watched Sunday Silent films on television. The weather is nice today, so it was a good day for the event. I've been

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with the CV Historical Society since they started in 2008. I appreciate how stories are made and crafted, going back to early black and white films. One of my favorite silent films is 'Moving Day.' Silent animation steps off paper and preceded Mickey Mouse, which used to be Mortimer Mouse. My favorite silent actor is Charlie Chaplin."

Added Mike Powers, "I attended the event because I'm interested in the history of film, and I have been

with the CV Historical Society since 2017. American films started in New York. Edison monopolized the industry and moved to Hollywood, California since the weather here is good."

The silent movies brought nostalgia to those who viewed them when they were kids while allowing others the chance to learn more about the past and enjoy a fun night out with friends watching silent flicks in the park.

GCC from Cover

three batteries.

Mabe and his company are in talks with the City to provide its outreach educational program. He added that the initial costs of an electric/battery operated leaf blower is significant but felt the benefits outweighed gas operated blowers. There are entities that can help with the purchase of the new equipment through programs like those offered by

California Core, South Coast Air Quality Management District and California Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher.

The ordinance will be in effect on Sept. 8 and the Council voted to conduct a year of outreach and education before issuing citations. If at the end of a year it still appears the outreach was not as successful as anticipated, the Council can then extend that program.

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creating an attractive environment. This year's theme is "Celebrating Inclusion." Artists are 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. 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.

Suspects Arrested in ACH Murder

On July 22 at 3:21 a.m., 32-year-old Jesse Munoz of Los Angeles was murdered during a robbery at Mile Marker 36 on Angeles Crest Highway. Munoz was inside a vehicle with a female companion at a scenic viewpoint when the homicide occurred.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Dept.'s Robbery/Homicide Unit (RHU) responded to the homicide scene to commence an immediate follow-up investigation. RHU detectives tirelessly followed investigative leads and, using technology, quickly identified suspects.

On July 25, specialized law enforcement personnel intercepted a specific vehicle loaded with armed criminal street gang members in Panorama City. This strategic operation led to five arrests and the recovery of multiple firearms. A sixth suspect was simultaneously arrested in

South Los Angeles.

On July 28, RHU detectives met with prosecutors from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office filed two counts of Penal Code 211(robbery) with handgun allegations on Luis Ventura, a 23-year-old Los Angeles resident. He was charged with robbing Jesse Munoz and his female companion. Bail was set at \$150,000.

20-year-old Wendy Cerritos and 21-year-old Rossel Josue Hernandez, both Los Angeles residents, were charged with four counts and two counts respectively of Penal Code 211(robbery) with handgun allegations. Bail was set at \$300,000 for Cerritos and \$150,000 for Hernandez. Cerritos and Hernandez were charged for robberies that occurred on Angeles Crest Highway the week preceding Munoz's murder.

RHU detectives are confident that the evidence recovered and the facts obtained thus far in their investigation connect a specific criminal street gang to murders and other violent crimes that have occurred in Los Angeles County over the last week. RHU detectives are actively piecing together the elements and evidence related to the homicide of Jesse Munoz and working with LASD Homicide to ensure those responsible for the violence receive justice.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via a smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Obituary

Iconic Business and Man Gone La Cañada Flintridge Dave Silversparre



July 1, 2023

The Dave Silversparre Union Service Station closed at Angeles Crest Highway and Foothill Boulevard on Dec. 31, 2008, and now Dave Silversparre (89) passed away on July 1, 2023.

Dave Silversparre, who was born in the Santa Monica area,

started working at a Union 76 service station in 1945. After several years in the insurance and lighting industry, he purchased his first Eagle Rock 76 service station in 1958, a second one in La Cañada in 1960, and his third at the city's center in 1972. With over 50 years as a business owner, he raised a family and was a member of the LCF Chamber of Commerce and the LCF Kiwanis Club. He would play in the Kiwanis bowling tournament annually and win though it would be his only bowling day of the year. He loved "family," motorhome trips, cruising, his travels to Maui, the community and his customers.

Jokes and memorable moments involving Dave included:

- Take the freeway – it is cheaper;
- A successful day trip to Maui "for dinner;"
- When referring about himself to his wife he would call himself the "most recent husband" and when speaking about his wife he would call her his "favorite bride;"

- My customers are family;
- Your tire is only flat on the bottom, but your rear-view mirror is still shiny;
- Gas crisis auto lines up Angeles Crest Highway well past the freeway;
- Taking care of family and friends in need;
- Sudoku and playing cards.

Dave is survived by his wife Myra of 66 years (a blind date during her college days); two sons – Dave Silversparre (past captain of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station) and his wife Kristen; and Daryl Silversparre (Capital Investments Solution) and his wife Jodi; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; nephews, a niece, and many friends and neighbors.

Darren Silversparre, the third son who worked for the family business for decades (wife Gay), passed away in 2009 as did Dave's only sibling Carol Kapan in 2022.

A celebration of Dave Silversparre's great life will be scheduled in the future and will be private.

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School Resource Officers (SROs) play an important role in keeping the schools safe, he said. With many school districts debating on reducing or eliminating the SRO program, at GUSD board meetings many parents, students and teachers echoed support for the program to continue in the schools. Cid said instead of reducing SROs the GPD is going in the opposite direction and instead wants to

grow the program.

“We live in a day and age of random acts of violence,” he said.

Having an SRO program at schools places officers onsite who will run toward a problem to keep students, and staff, safe.

“I remember being in elementary school and seeing the SRO,” he said.

In addition to safety the SRO

program gives youth an opportunity to engage with police officers in a positive way, he said.

Working with school staff, district administration, community members and organizations is something Cid feels is crucial to building a strong department.

During the June 6 protest that turned violent at the GUSD office, there were a lot of police officers present.

“I always want to come from a place where we are over-prepared with a good plan in place, where we are prepared for a big event,” he said.

Even if that event does not turn into an issue like June 6, it is better than underestimating a situation because then there could be a real problem, he said.

Cid pointed out that for about the first three hours on June 6, people who were there to protest on both sides were “boisterous” but it didn’t grow into violence; however, when it did officers were there.

Another area GPD is focusing on is drug abuse, specifically the increased use of fentanyl.

“We have undertaken an initiative here in the City from an education standpoint,” he said.

He added that officers are not only looking at those who are selling fentanyl on a large scale but at lower levels, particularly in schools.

The GPD and City of Glendale also have a proactive approach to the unhoused. It is easy to see the difference between the unhoused population in Glendale and those in nearby cities.

“In this community we show a lot of attention, and constant attention,

to the [unhoused issue],” he said. “We have two full time police officers paired with two full time mental health clinicians. Every day we are going out, building relationships with these [unhoused individuals].”

Officers work with non-profits and with the City and Los Angeles County officials that help the unhoused.

“We try to get them the help they need but also setting clear boundaries of what is acceptable and what is not,” he said.

Cid added that in some cities homelessness is so overwhelming it is difficult to know where to start, which is why Glendale continues to be proactive in this area, including understanding those individuals who are unhoused and get to know them.

For Cid, although he was not raised in Glendale, he knows the City well and has worked to meet with non-profits and organizations that support the area and community members. He spent a lot of time in Glendale with his family, and has always felt a connection not just with the City but also with the GPD.

“It feels like full circle coming here,” he said. “I am beyond blessed that it worked out.”

NNO from Cover



According to its website, NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station/Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. took part in the annual event hosting several information booths and handing out more than 500 free hot dogs.

Held on Tuesday night, Aug. 1, the station had representatives from public safety including LASD, California Highway Patrol, U.S. Forest Service with Smokey Bear and LA County Fire Dept. Montrose Search and Rescue team members were on hand to talk to people and answer questions.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was well-represented as was the LA County Disaster Communications Service. In addition there were booths representing organizations and businesses that support the community including several non-profits and Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

It was a family event with lots of free treats and games to play, including a game of water balloon toss that partnered deputies with kids. In the end everyone got

splashed but all were happy for the cool off.

In the Sparr Heights area, several hundred residents gathered for NNO activities. This was the fifth year Sparr Heights resident Ron Scott and his committee of ambassadors organized this event, which gets bigger and better each year. Highlights included “Public Service Bingo,” a game helping kids to interact with police, police Explorers, and fire personnel on-site, a wiffle ball game, food trucks, face painting and a DJ spinning tunes. Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman stopped by for a visit as did representatives from other local organizations.

This event is only one of the events organized by “Sparr Heights Connect and Prepare,” a grassroots organization that works to help neighbors stay safe and ready in the event of a major disaster.

In Sunland-Tujunga, Bolton Hall was buzzing with volunteers from community organizations eager to support first responders and the community they serve with an emphasis in the arts. The volunteers of Art and Education Nation provided face painting and a leather bracelet making station for the children who attended. One volunteer offered her time to both the Tujunga and Sunland events in one night, while another had been

LEFT: CVTC President Chris Kilpatrick, left, took a minute to talk with CV Sheriff’s Station Captain Hahnlein.

RIGHT: At NNO activities at Bolton Hall Firefighter Evan McDevitt lets Sophia try on his turnout jacket.

ABOVE: Cotton candy was a hot commodity at NNO in Sparr Heights.

so impassioned for the Tujunga area that she had commuted from Woodland Hills to attend the NNO event at Bolton Hall.

The group Artists For a Better World showed their support by having an art table with crayons and pages for children to color while promoting their belief that art unites people. Community members at Bolton Hall enjoyed the music of local band Bandit that played a tribute to 9/11 first responders in honor of the assembled providers of emergency services. Groups including the Elks Riders, the American Legion and Auxiliary, and the Tujunga Neighborhood Council offered food to the people present and reminded them of their united goal – a safe and welcoming community.

“All [who assembled at National Night Out] have similar programs, so if we come together we’re all more powerful,” said American Legion and Auxiliary volunteer Rebecca

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Silver Tree Inn

I have written before about the original La Crescenta Hotel, which blew down in a terrible windstorm, taking two lives. The two-story hotel was located on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Rosemont Avenue, a little behind Foster's Donuts. It was built in 1887 and blew down in December of that same year.

Almost immediately the hotel was rebuilt in 1888, in time to host a Thanksgiving feast for 50 guests. It was bigger and grander than the first, renamed the Silver Tree Inn. Built of redwood, it was three stories tall, had columns in a Colonial architectural style and boasted 36 rooms. Entering from Foothill, one first passed a wide fishpond built of stone. Because of the sloping lot, the front porch facing Foothill was raised above the ground, and wood lattice covered the stone foundation. Continuing up the stairs to the front door, one crossed a wide porch and then entered the front door.

Entering the front hallway, the

office was to the right while to the left was a huge social room. In it was a big fireplace and a grand piano. Hallways ran from front to rear on each floor with rooms off to the sides. Each room of the first two floors had an ample balcony looking out over the landscaped grounds. The third floor featured dormer windows on a slanting portion of the roof. The dining room and kitchen were in back in a separate building. Sadly we have no photos of the interior.

The grounds were lushly planted with a variety of trees, including the "silver tree" of the inn's name. The silver tree was a sprawling Moreton Bay fig tree located on the west side of the building with a light grey, almost silver, bark. (It was probably planted at the same time as the Moreton Bay fig tree directly across Foothill in front of the New Star Realty building, although that one has been trimmed back significantly.) Rock-lined paths

wound through the gardens.

Here is how the Silver Tree Inn portrayed itself in the L.A. Times in 1904, calling itself a "health resort." "The ideal foothill resort for those seeking health, rest and recreation. Two hours carriage drive from Los Angeles through the Verdugo Canyon. Drive from Pasadena via Devil's Gate through the beautiful La Canyada Valley. Carriage will meet guests at Pasadena by appointment.

"Some of the special features are: a thoroughly equipped up-to-date medical department. Absolute quiet. Pure mountain air (elevation 1800 feet). Ocean breezes during the day and mountain breezes at night. Beautiful grounds. Mountains on all sides. View of Catalina and Mt. Lowe. In the 'heart of nature,' yet easy of access. Not a tuberculosis sanatorium or hospital."

All this for \$7 per week, a significant sum in those days. I suppose it would be the equivalent

of the "health resorts" offered today in Temecula or Ojai, remote and beautiful, yet accessible. And just like those resorts today attract the famous and wealthy, so did the Silver Tree Inn. Some of the names of guests are recognizable today but most, although famous in their time, have faded to obscurity. In the former category is Charlie Chaplin, who is said to have been a guest with his good friend, the socialist author Rob Wagner, who falls into the latter category. Also in the "was famous" list of guests was Ellen Beach Yaw, a top opera star known as the "California Lark," opera and movie star Lawrence Tibbett and Jan Paderewski, Polish pianist and politician, and Thomas Lee Woolwine, LA district attorney and gubernatorial candidate who kept a suite there for many years.

As the Crescenta Valley moved into the Great Depression, it became clear the grand hotel was not going to make it. A family bought the

rambling hotel for a pittance, lived there and operated a real estate office. It was briefly a boys' military academy and then was repurposed as a cheap boarding house. It was torn down in 1960 to make way for the shopping center.

Today nothing remains of the Silver Tree Inn but the memory of a grand resort visited by the rich and famous.



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VIEWPOINTS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

My Day, My Way

July is my birthday month. I am not one to make a big deal about it or bring attention to myself but I do admit that it is nice to have a special day that's solely mine, once a year. I have found only a couple of people who share my same birthday, including my girlfriend's daughter Kathryn and Mick Jagger. Neither are my same age nor are competing with me so it feels like the day is meant just for me.

This week, my coworkers put up balloons, bought lunch from New Moon, and presented beautifully wrapped gifts for me. My family and I headed up to Deukmejian Park for a casual dinner at sunset, bundled with Gus & Andy's takeout and simple gifts that suited me to a T. I enjoyed every minute of the daylong festivities. Honestly, I really would have been fine with no hoopla at all. Over the years, birthdays have become less and less important to me. Not because I am old but because I already have everything I

need – the love of family and friends. I am grateful to have made it this far, especially after my reckless teenage years and a bumpy adulthood. My perfect, low-key celebrations this year got me thinking about how birthdays change over a lifetime.

As a kid, birthdays were everything to me. I looked forward to every single one. I counted down the days. I dreamed about how they would be. I told people I was 7½ because I couldn't wait to be 8; I told people I was 8½ because I couldn't wait to be 9.

I have many fond memories of my summertime birthdays. I always had a party at my house and all the neighborhood kids around my age were invited. My mom made one of my favorite cakes, either angel food with whipped cream and crushed lemon drops on top or German chocolate. The activities were always centered on getting wet in some way; it was July after all. Often, it was a kiddie pool on

the front grass but sometimes it was a Slip 'N Slide, Water Wiggle, squirt guns or a major water fight with hoses and buckets. So much fun. Afterward, we would lie on our towels on the hot driveway to dry off.

Teenage birthdays usually involved going to someone's house to hang out, movies at the Hilltop/Canyon/Rainbow Theater or, when we could drive, heading up Big T. As young adults, we usually spent our birthdays at Los Amigos, our local hangout before it became Joeselito's West in Tujunga.

When we started families, children's parties became our focus and the parents we met through school became our friends, too. These parties seemed to happen a couple of times a month and were chaotic and loud with lots of kids running around. Boy, did I savor my own birthdays as a parent when I could break away and have a quiet

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farewell to Honorable Man

When I read in the Crescenta Valley Weekly that the Hon. Carl Raggio has gone beyond the veil and his funeral service would be July 21 at Holy Redeemer Church in Montrose, I said to myself, "Whoa!"

I first met Hon. Raggio when I first spoke at the Glendale City Council in January 1992. At Glendale City Council meetings he began to give advice to John Beach [on how to] better deal with city council sessions and other affairs with city hall. None in Glendale, Montrose and La Crescenta can forget Beach and his political showmanship.

Then there was the dueling at city council meetings between the Hon. Raggio and his fellow Jet Propulsion Laboratory co-worker Dr. David Wallis. Those were

interesting encounters to witness in person.

The Hon. Carl Raggio designed his marvelous house. It was very nice and most impressive with its emphasizing huge interior beams.

His was a descendant of a Spanish land grant holder covering the Montrose and La Crescenta area.

I give my sincere condolences to the Hon. Carl Raggio family. The sun will never set on the Raggio family.

Best wishes,

Emzy Veazy III
Burbank

Concerning the Tax Lien and CVWD

We need to see how much money [the water district] is paying out to employees per month. Also, how much money they are paying to

cover pensions.

[CVWD] had to pay \$500,000 to cover liability on the pension fund. As soon as CALPERS started charging interest, they pulled money from their reserve account and paid! There lies the problem: why didn't they have the money?

How do the employees at the top get their raises? We, the public, have to see the audit. Also, how many mailers did the water district send out to cover this tax lien? A lot of the people at the [recent] meetings said they talked to their neighbors and guess what? They didn't know about [the tax lien]?

This water district is very shady. If we don't stop this, in less than five years from now [the district] will want another tax lien.

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GPD Benefits from Eagle Project

By Mary O'KEEFE

Agree or not, the First Amendment protects certain forms of symbolic speech, according to the Supreme Court. A form of symbolic speech is burning the American flag; however, for many this symbol of the United States has a very special meaning that cannot and should not be burned or just tossed away. Oftentimes that form of respect will have people saving flags for years, regardless of their appearance and even if the material is tattered.

So the question is what can be done with these flags so they are not tossed away but instead disposed of in a dignified way. On July 5 at the Glendale Police Dept. main office Boy Scout Jacob Kautzky revealed his answer to the question of what to do with old flags.

Kautzky's Eagle Scout project was to create a receptacle where people could drop off U.S. flags they want to retire.

The idea for the project began with GPD community officer Amy Tate and an event she attended while representing the GPD.

"Amy Tate was volunteering at an event where the Verdugo Hills Boy Scout Council was," said Kautzky's mom Beth.

Tate wanted a box for retired flags and, after speaking with Brandon Meijia, the director of the Verdugo Hills Boy Scout Council, it sounded like this would be an Eagle Project that members of Troop 210 would be interested in.

Her request was taken back to Kautzky's Troop 210 out of Burbank and presented to the Life Scouts who were present. Kautzky thought this would be the perfect Eagle Scout project for him to undertake.

"I felt I wanted a project that would last for many years," he said.

There are many steps to an Eagle Scout project and deciding what to do is just the first. According to the Boy Scouts of America, the purpose of the Eagle Scout project is to allow

Scouts to learn to plan, develop and give leadership to others. The project must meet specific criteria including benefiting the larger community. The Scout must not only plan and design his project but also must raise funds, gather volunteers and lead those volunteering during planned workdays. Scouts often end up reaching out to other businesses and researching their projects.

Kautzky said he first had to find a receptacle, or box, for the flags to be dropped into. He was able to purchase a damaged USPS mailbox that was located at a company in the Midwest. Then he had to have it shipped to his home. He found a welding company, Noel Welding, in California and had it shipped there to repair the dents.

After the repairs were made Kautzky then organized and led volunteers to paint and prep the box for artist Diane Smyres, who designed the logo, and put on the finishing touches.

see BOY SCOUT on page 19

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Boy Scout Jacob Kautzky stands next to his Eagle Scout project that was placed in the lobby of the Glendale Police Dept.



Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Glendale Unified School District announced its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Afterschool Snack Program. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household

receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if

they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the nutrition office at 349A W. Magnolia Blvd., Glendale, CA 91204. For a simple and secure method to apply, use the online application at Mealapp.gusd.net. Contact Melina

Keshish at (818) 552-2677 for help filling out the application. Nutrition Services will let applicants know if their application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. Those who are not eligible now, but their household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, may turn

in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking off on the application that no Social Security number has been issued is required if income is included on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as household members may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

A child's eligibility status from the last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes the new application, or the child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. After the 30 school days, the child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

Those who do not agree with the decision or results of verification may discuss it with school officials. Everyone also has the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: David Greco, 223 N. Jackson St., Glendale, CA 91206 or by calling (818) 241-3111.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Local Volunteers Celebrated at Annual Kiwanis International Division 3 Governor's Luncheon

The Community Service Award recipient is Bent Hanson, the Distinguished Service Award honoree is Caroline Anderson, and the Youth Service Award recipient is Jonathan Shade.

A highlight of the recent Kiwanis International Cal-Nev-Ha Division 3 governor's luncheon was the presentation of the 2022-23 service awards by Gov. Valarie Brown-Klingelhofer. Led by Kiwanis Lt. Governor Cathy Keen, who served as mistress of ceremonies, each Club president announced their individual award recipients. The local inductees were introduced by Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Trish McRae, who applauded Bent Hanson, Caroline Anderson, and Jonathan Shade for their exemplary service.

McRae said, "These three volunteers are constantly inspiring us and going the extra mile for our community. They give back with kindness and come through when most needed. We are grateful for all they do to enrich our foothills neighborhoods and are delighted to honor them in this way."

The Community Service Award was presented to Bent Hanson in praise of his many hours of dedicated service rendered to

the community. He is constantly at the forefront, lending his creative spirit and generous nature throughout La Cañada Flintridge and beyond.

The Distinguished Service Award was bestowed to Caroline Anderson, an honor given to a Kiwanian who goes above and beyond to serve the community and his/her club. Through her leadership, she has helped to rekindle the Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, Builders Club, and Key Club, which encourage youth to give back to the community through service projects.

The Youth Service Award was given to Jonathan Shade, faculty advisor for the Kiwanis Builder's Club 7/8. Through his dynamic advocacy, students have come up with innovative ways to help others while developing their own skills to prepare them for the future.

Sparked by their mission to serve the children of the world, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada invites interested residents to attend a meeting featuring guest speakers or go to a "K-MIX" monthly evening social for members and business members by emailing kiwaniscluboflacanada@gmail.com or calling (818) 568-6411.

Submitted by Alice PEREZ



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Pictured from left are the Kiwanis International Cal-Nev-Ha Division 3 service awardees recognized by the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada.

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Dear Phyllis,

I love your Dear Abby-like real estate advice column. Not to go on a rant but during COVID my tenants didn't pay rent for six months. They finally moved out of my La Crescenta rental. Then while I was having the home painted it became occupied by vagrants. Have you ever encountered this situation, and if so, how did you handle it?

Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for your kind words! Dealing with vagrants who occupy your rental property can be challenging. I am sorry that you are in this situation. Unfortunately, I have encountered this several times throughout my real estate career.

About ten years ago, I was

selling a Sunland foreclosure, and squatters broke in. I contacted the police, who kicked them out and had the property boarded up. The squatters came back and removed the nails in the boards. The police returned, removed the squatters, and we had the home boarded again. This time the boarding company screwed the boards in.

Another client of mine had squatters in her Pasadena home and the police removed them. The squatters returned to the home, broke in, and left all the water on in retaliation. Thus, if you have the home boarded ask the company to screw the boards in. In addition, enlist the neighbor's help. Ask them to keep a watchful eye on the home. I am confident that they don't want vagrants in

their neighborhood.

Several years ago, I had this happen again, this time in a vacant probate property in Highland Park. The administrator was a probation officer who was no-nonsense. He went to the home and, when he saw crack pipes, told the woman that he would call child services if she didn't vacate in two days. She left. I would caution you not to use this approach.

Notify the local police department about the situation. The police can guide you on the appropriate course of action. If the police don't help, you should contact an eviction attorney.

I wish you success with your situation.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

'The Sound of Music' Coming to Highlands Church/Theatre



Photo provided by Carter THOMAS Highlands Church.

Cast members of 'The Sound of Music' rehearse for their performances at the Highlands Church.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The well-known musical "The Sound of Music" will be performed at the Highlands Theatre at the Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

Local resident and longtime thespian Carter Thomas will step from the stage to direct this musical.

"I love this story. It is timeless," he said.

There is a personal connection for Thomas as well because when he was 11 years old, over a decade ago, he portrayed Kurt von Trapp, the middle of seven children of the von Trapp family.

For those who do not know the story of "The Sound of Music," the musical and movie was based on the book "The Story of the von Trapp Family Singers." Although the Broadway musical and film took a lot of creative license to create a story, the actual events set a solid foundation for the popular production.

Maria Augusta Kutschera grew up as an orphan and was set to enter the convent as a novitiate but then was sent to tutor one of the children of Baron Georg von Trapp. He was a highly decorated submarine commander in WWI

in Salzburg, Austria. After his wife died he retired to take care of his seven children. Like in the musical, Maria fell in love with the dashing commander and they became a family, although making the decision to marry instead of becoming a nun was not an easy one.

Though they may not have actually escaped Austria by climbing over the Alps with only the few things they could carry, according to reports by the baron's daughter Maria the family told people they were leaving to sing in America. They didn't climb "every mountain" as the song says but left by train.

However what was true was their decision to escape Austria as the Nazis were coming to power, and they did have a magical effect on their audiences. A New York Times review in 1938 stated, "There was something unusually lovable and appealing about the modest, serious singers of this little family aggregation as they formed a close semicircle about their self-effacing director for their initial offering, the handsome Mme. von Trapp in simple black, and the youthful sisters garbed in black and white Austrian folk costumes enlivened with red ribbons. It was only natural to expect

work of exceeding refinement from them, and one was not disappointed in this."

This story of family and Godly love is as important today as it was in the 1930s, and Thomas understands those moments in the live theatre when the audience becomes invested in those characters.

"I think there is nothing else like it. Where else can you go into a space and have a shared experience with other people who are enjoying the same thing?" he asked.

Thomas describes his cast as professional actors who have worked hard to get to production night. Many of the actors are those he worked with previously in the former Glendale Centre Theatre.

Performances on Aug. 4, 6 and 11 are at 7:30 p.m.; on Aug. 5 and 12, matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets range are from \$15 to \$20 and can be purchased by going to www.highlandsla.com or calling (818) 249-5832.

It seems appropriate for the performances to be at a church because, although the real Maria only made an estimated \$500,000 in royalties for the film rights, she believed that the film would help restore people's faith in God, which was her personal priority.



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Scene in LA - August 2023

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

It's been really hot lately, so a good way to beat the heat is to see one of these great live shows playing in our local theaters where they have air conditioning!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with theatres before attending shows to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theatre before definite plans are made.

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

"Pipeline" Nya is an inner-city high school teacher desperate to give her son opportunities that her students will never see. When a controversial incident at his upstate private school threatens to get him expelled, Nya must confront his rage and her own choices as a parent.

Written by Dominique Morisseau and directed by Bryan Keith, it runs through Aug. 19 at the Harold Clurman Laboratory Theater in the Art of Acting Studio in Hollywood. For tickets, call



Mr. Yunioshi

(323) 601-5310 or visit www.web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/1166054.

"Mr. Yunioshi" The title "Mr. Yunioshi" refers to the name of the character portrayed by Mickey Rooney in the 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's," directed by Blake Edwards (Rooney's former roommate). Rooney portrays Audrey Hepburn's neighbor. It is a cringe-inducing characterization in which Rooney dons yellow face and wears appliances to "play Asian." The play "Mr. Yunioshi" reverses the real-life event by casting Asian American actor J. Elijah Cho to play Mickey Rooney. Rooney is depicted here as something of a narcissist, at first believing he is being cast as the romantic lead opposite Ms. Hepburn. When

it becomes apparent that he is being tapped to play the role of Mr. Yunioshi, Rooney has to deal with the question: Should he play the Asian character? We know from the cinematic record what he ultimately did, but this play shows how he arrived there.

Written and directed by J. Elijah Cho, it runs Aug. 4 through Aug. 13 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in Sierra Madre. For tickets, call (626) 355-4318 or visit www.sierramadrepayhouse.org.

"Venus in Fur" Set in modern New York City, Thomas Novachek, a beleaguered director/playwright, has suffered through a long day of abysmal auditions for his adaptation of the German sadomasochistic novel "Venus in Fur" until Vanda, a crass

and pushy actress, stumbles into his audition room. While Vanda shares the lead character's name, she lacks her sophistication. However, when Thomas agrees to let Vanda read for the role, she displays a surprising

understanding of the material. Working through the script with Thomas playing the masochistic male lead, the role play becomes intense, erotic and less like acting.

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THEN & NOW

Silver Tree Inn
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: In 1888, a grand resort hotel was built at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Rosemont Avenue. It was three stories, had 36 rooms, and was named the Silver Tree Inn for the light-grey bark of a big Moreton Bay fig tree next to the hotel. Here we see the beautiful round fishpond that graced the entryway from Foothill Boulevard. Behind that we see the stairway leading to a wide porch and the front door.



Now: The hotel fell on hard times and finished its days as a cheap boarding house. It was torn down in 1960 for the shopping center and the big, round fish pond was replaced by a gas station and then later a donut shop, serving appropriately big, round donuts. Foster's Donuts sits atop the entryway to the Silver Tree Inn.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Aug. 4, a craft talk will be given by Kiwanian Sheldon Eskin.

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.

ALG HOLDS CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Santa's smartest elves will be shopping the bargains on Aug. 3-5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Assistance League Glendale's Annual Christmas Sale.

Savvy shoppers will be able to select from a collection of ornaments, holiday accessories, dinnerware, books, crystal, jewelry, silverware, toys, linens, craft supplies, fabric, lights, dolls,

holiday clothing, trees, baskets and pictures.

The Annual Christmas Sale will be held at Assistance League Glendale, 314-A E. Harvard St. in Glendale.

Assistance League Glendale is a non-profit philanthropic organization consisting mainly of volunteers. Proceeds from sales go to benefiting local school children, providing college scholarships to high school seniors, a literary

program and donations to local elementary school libraries. Monthly luncheons are held for senior citizens in the area.

For more information, contact President Rayma Halloran at (818) 247-4296; visit www.alglendale.org.

Club is hosting a barbecue mixer for the CV Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Aug. 10 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the courtyard of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

The cost to attend the mixer is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Anyone who would like more information regarding the Crescenta Valley Lions Club can email Lions91214@gmail.com or call (630) 788-6591.

FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, Aug. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., entertainer Vaughn Suponatime will be performing a Frank Sinatra Tribute, a fundraiser to support The Museum of the SFV programming. Show begins at 6 p.m.; more dancing and singing after the performance from DJ Eric Stuart.

Suponatime has performed on "The Tonight Show" and throughout Las Vegas, Merv Griffin's Coconut Club, The Hollywood Palladium, "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" Sinatra's Twin Palms Estate in Palm Springs and the compound in Rancho Mirage.

Event tickets are \$15/person and RSVP is required. Refreshments such as beer and wine samples, water and a paid coffee bar will be available. There will be Frank Sinatra and Rat Pack items raffled off as well as prizes for upcoming Museum and Public Art Initiative (PAI) events. To order tickets, please visit the website at www.TheMuseumSFV.org and click on link for event. RSVPs and payment can also be made over the phone or pay via PayPal or Eventbrite. Email any questions to TheMuseumSFV@gmail.com.

The Museum is located on the grounds of the historic Rancho Cordillera del Norte in Northridge at 18904 Nordhoff Street, on the SW corner of Nordhoff Street and Wilbur Avenue.

Free parking will be inside The Rancho grounds at 9015 Wilbur Ave., Northridge.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

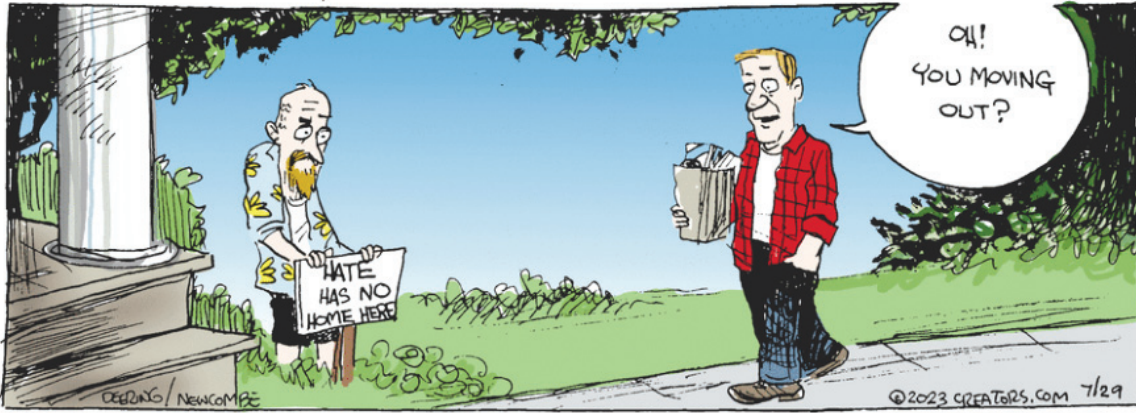
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CREATE A GARDEN WIND CHIME

On Saturday, Aug. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. community adults are invited to the La Crescenta Library to create a garden wind chime for their home. They will learn simple beading techniques while designing and painting on

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

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

The first 50 attendees to sign up for membership will get a SCENE T-shirt and swag bag. SCENE is GA's low-cost membership program established to create community between artists and audiences. Members receive discounted pricing, pre-sale access and more from Glendale Arts and SCENE Partners, including Antaeus Theatre, Laemmle Theatres and the Museum of Neon Art.

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

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

CLEAR almost made us miss our flight. I want an apology!

When Russ Higgins and his family try to use CLEAR, a security screening service, to verify their identities at the airport they find a long line and almost miss their flight. What does CLEAR owe them?

Q: My family's long-awaited spring break trip was nearly derailed at Dulles Airport because of an unexpected failure of the premium security service CLEAR.

We arrived an hour before boarding. My family was shocked to find CLEAR's security line moving slower than the TSA PreCheck line. The employees displayed a lackadaisical attitude, refusing to expedite the process despite my family's pleas and my young children's tears.

The situation escalated to the point where my family had to beg fellow travelers at the front of the line for mercy.

We narrowly made our flight, reaching the gate just two minutes before boarding closed. The employees in Dulles were not interested in helping me, so I contacted CLEAR in writing. Dishearteningly, its response was robotic and dismissive, showing a lack of empathy. This incident raises concerns about the reliability and value of CLEAR's services and highlights the importance of addressing such issues to prevent other travelers from experiencing similar frustrations.

I'd like a public apology to my

children from the CLEAR leadership team. —Russ Higgins, Falls Church, Virginia

A: CLEAR is a membership service that offers a "quicker" way to verify your identity at the airport. Rather than show your ID or passport to a TSA agent before the screening, you use CLEAR's eye or fingerprint scanner. Faster screening through CLEAR costs \$189 per year. The company's website is filled with promises that you will get through airport security faster.

Clearly, CLEAR shouldn't have kept you waiting.

But this happened during the busy spring break travel period. I always recommend that travelers give themselves at least an extra hour when flying domestically during busy times. You say you arrived at the airport an hour before your flight started to board, that might have been cutting it too close.

CLEAR should have also been prepared for an influx of air travelers during spring break. Adding extra staff might have helped move things along at the check-in area in Washington. Ultimately, CLEAR has no control over how fast the TSA screens passengers. I've seen longer lines for TSA PreCheck and CLEAR

in the past, which is disheartening for people who pay extra to get a faster screening.

None of this should be necessary. There are better ways to screen passengers than the TSA's outdated methods. It shouldn't be necessary to fingerprint, scan and prescreen airline passengers. Everyone should receive the same treatment in the airport security line and be screened quickly and efficiently.

You contacted CLEAR in writing and asked for a refund for your membership. You also shared your experience and asked that it be "taken seriously." In response, a representative refunded you \$33, which represents your prorated membership for the year.

"I will share this feedback with local leaders so they can address it right away," the representative added. You never heard from anyone at CLEAR after that.

I think a brief, polite appeal to one of the CLEAR executives that I publish on my consumer advocacy site might have gotten you a more substantive response. (After receiving your case, I published those contacts on the site.)

But I can help with that. I contacted the company on your

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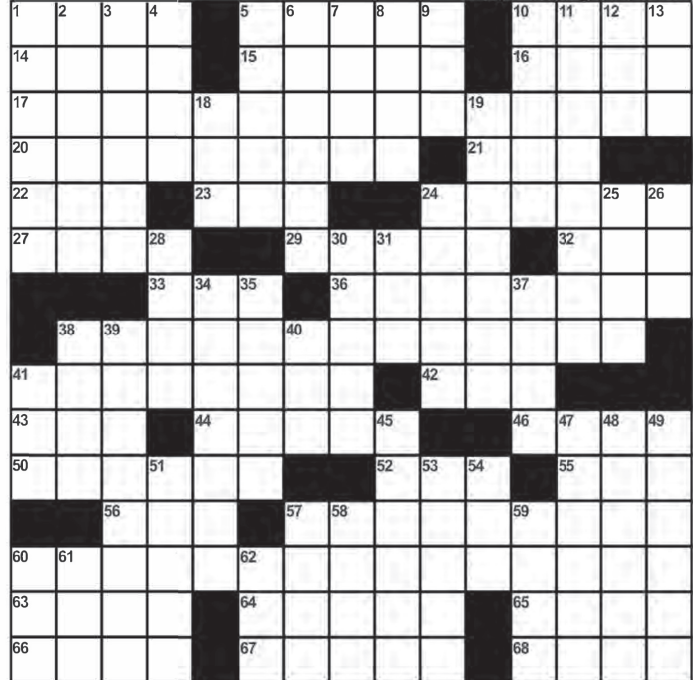
- 1) Shower alternative
- 5) Identify a caller
- 10) "Clueless" catchphrase
- 14) Largest continent
- 15) Refute with evidence
- 16) Nevada gambling mecca
- 17) Kit and caboodle
- 20) Keyboard neighbors
- 21) Jersey reply
- 22) Dada artist Jean
- 23) Had a conference
- 24) Main arteries
- 27) Fledgling's place
- 29) Make legislation
- 32) ___ Maria (coffee liqueur)
- 33) Volcanic emission
- 36) To the full extent
- 38) They may let out some steam
- 41) Became overcast
- 42) Color that makes one stop
- 43) Yodeler's perch
- 44) Slightest amount
- 46) Big event for baby
- 50) Way to be jealous or interested
- 52) Org. for attorneys
- 55) Dir. opposite WSW
- 56) ___ step further
- 57) It's blank for a bluff
- 60) Reason to watch what one eats
- 63) Hodgepodge
- 64) Not yet used, as a match
- 65) "I'd be happy to!"
- 66) Beam with pride
- 67) Lima and green
- 68) Drove 90 instead of 55

DOWN

- 1) The Caped Crusader
- 2) On terra firma
- 3) Traffic jams
- 4) Hems' partners
- 5) Overused theme
- 6) Make a meaningful connection
- 7) Slumbering
- 8) Utter a few choice words
- 9) Ordinal suffix
- 10) Shady retreat
- 11) Abalone eater
- 12) Hotel relative
- 13) Poor visibility cause
- 18) Skirt bottom
- 19) Expressive
- 24) Person in a cast
- 25) Is sick
- 26) Make a statement
- 28) Fish holder
- 30) Requirements
- 31) Nelson Mandela's org.
- 34) Thin varnish
- 35) Treat for a bear
- 37) Wines for beef
- 38) Masculine one
- 39) Pianist's challenge
- 40) Place for sheep
- 41) North or South state abbr.
- 45) Provide lodging for
- 47) Rip to shreds
- 48) Concert hall cry
- 49) Deprived of coats?
- 51) Opposite of "in every way"
- 53) Surpasses
- 54) Museum display
- 57) Type of cornbread
- 58) Highly spiced stew
- 59) Come clean (with "up")
- 60) Take the lion's share
- 61) Beastie Boys album "___ Communication"
- 62) Wheel center

HOLE IN ONE

By Timothy E. Parker



CALENDAR THIS from previous page

terra cotta to create an elegantly charming project. All supplies will be provided.

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PARENT ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT - SUZUKI MUSIC

The "Musical Kids, Happy Parents!" parent information and orientation night will be hosted by the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Thursday, Aug. 31 from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. (PST) over Zoom.

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

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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July 31, 2023 - August 6, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Subtle tension could materialize. It might help to reflect on how your lifestyle and relationships affect your health. This is a good time to investigate any ongoing health condition that may cause you problems. Don't be afraid to look at emotional reasons for physical symptoms.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Discussing health issues with your partner is important. If he or she isn't feeling up to par, you'll be more than willing to provide some TLC. This might be a good time to discuss ways in which you can improve your wellness routines. If you can find ways to support each other, you'll do yourselves a big favor.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Find a health routine you can stick with. Don't start and stop new diets. Consistency is important. If you fall short but keep trying, you'll eventually reach your goal. If you abandon your efforts entirely, you'll get nowhere. Keeping to a schedule could be difficult, but doing something you enjoy would bring a new dimension to the idea of staying fit.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

No matter your current state of health, an optimistic frame of mind enables you to heal more quickly. Have faith in life and in the healing capacity of your body. When you're at ease with yourself and can laugh at your situation, the body responds favorably. Keep up the positive mindset.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Some of your biggest health problems may not be due to being unwell but to impatience. It could cause you to injure yourself when you're working out if you think you should be progressing more quickly than you are. If you try to force your body to subsist on an unsuitable diet, you could end up doing more harm than good. Pay attention to your body.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos is encouraging you to get out of your rut. You may enjoy sports but do most of your exercising in your imagination while sitting in a chair. You need someone or something to inspire you. That could happen now. Either a piece of news or some sort of revelation will get you going again.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Health issues don't seem to be a major concern now, but that doesn't mean they're unimportant. An urge to get out and play a sport, particularly a competitive one, could result in a minor injury if you aren't careful. Know your weaknesses. It's better to be safe than sorry.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The cosmos is helping you become more conscious of any health issues. If you need more information about a problem you face, seek it now. You're more motivated to find the answers. If you need any professional help or a second opinion, get that now, too. Your search will be rewarded.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The cosmos can help you intuit the answers to ongoing health issues. Your intuition is more powerful at this time. If you feel there's anything wrong, get it checked now. Seeking the correct information will give you confidence as well as clues to what to do next. Look after yourself if you're socializing a lot.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may feel less edgy and more relaxed, calm, and contemplative now. That desire to experiment with your health may have subsided. You're feeling mellower. Enjoy this time of peace. Get a massage to ease away any lingering tension.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Certain symptoms could reappear, such as a skin irritation like eczema or headaches. This could be partly due to stress, since there's likely to be more pressure on you for a while. If you start to feel under the weather, listen to what your body tells you and try to limit your activities.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your usual image as a person glowing with health may need some upkeep. It's important to maintain your diet and exercise routine even if you feel like slacking off. Don't slide back into couch-potato mode. The more you make these good habits a part of your daily routine, the easier it becomes to continue. Soon you'll feel so good that you won't want to stop.



RELIGION

Question: I am an Army veteran. I was in Vietnam and two of my friends lost their lives in that conflict. I am really angry about recent sports figures not honoring our country. The most recent was the U.S. women's soccer team. Some sang our national anthem, but many did not. Those who did not had their fists behind their backs. This might seem hard-nosed, but my position is love it or leave it. I understand free speech, but this is getting out of hand.

My father was in the Army and as a kid our family lived in several countries all over the world. Many of those countries did not have the freedoms we do. I really don't know how to reframe my opinion. What do you think?

~ Love the USA

Dear Love the USA,

First, thank you for your service. As a fellow VFW veteran I can relate to the anguish you must have experienced while servicing in Vietnam. It's impossible to imagine what it would be like to lose two friends in combat.

You have every right to be infuriated over the disrespect our athlete's demonstrated for a country that offers them so much! It's difficult to understand this

behavior other than they obviously need psychiatric help. For sure they need lots of prayers! Recognition is one of the greatest needs for all humans and people will seek it by either being good or bad. When one is insecure there is no saying how they will behave.

It's obvious you have a tremendous love for our country and I would suggest you ask God to give you strength and courage to not let this contempt they demonstrate affect you. By allowing them to irritate you, you made their day by letting it affect you. We just cannot allow people like this control us! You have much to be proud of; enjoy it.

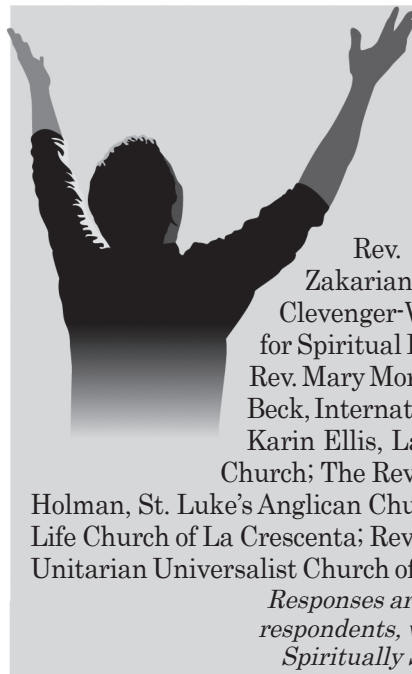
God bless you for caring!



Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain
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Dear Love the USA,

We must be around the same age; the Vietnam War or, as it is called



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

there, the American War, also shaped my life. First, thank you for your service. I appreciate you doing your civic duty. Although it's been roughly 50 years, that war is still controversial. It spanned 20 years from the mid '50s to the mid '70s. The National Archives document 58,220 U.S. military deaths and their names are on a wall in Washington, D.C. A high school classmate of mine is among them.

Wikipedia estimates the grand total of military and civilian deaths in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to be between 1,450,000 and 3,595,000.

Agent Orange was responsible for many of those deaths and is still killing descendants of Southeast Asian civilians and foreign military personnel three and four generations later. VA care for wounded and PTSD-suffering veterans is notoriously poor. Homelessness is famously high for veterans, especially for those from the Vietnam era as they age. There is much to be angry about.

You ask how to reframe your opinion. That's a great idea; anger often turns inward and increases pain. I suggest you consider the issue from other viewpoints and try to let go of the anger.

Members of professional sports teams who kneel, show a clenched fist or fail to sing are protesting the systemic racism that prevents all Americans from full participation in society. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written about the War of 1812 and most present day Americans know only the first verse. The third verse includes "No refuge could save the hireling and slave" referring to the escaped, formerly enslaved people who were fighting alongside the British. Francis Scott Key and other enslavers also wanted to stop the British from helping indigenous groups who were resisting settler expansion.

Perhaps studying more about this era can help you see why some descendants of formerly enslaved people and those with indigenous background do not want to celebrate their ancestors' exploitation. I don't think war should be associated with sports in the first place. War is not a game.

One key thing is to separate the warrior and the war; enlistees and especially those drafted into Vietnam did not make policy. Then and now, the protests are directed at government actions. U.S. involvement in Vietnam started with support of the French colonial powers in their efforts to keep the area under European rule. Ironically the U.S. was on the exploiting colonial side in Vietnam. Consider that people protesting government actions are exercising the very rights many military personnel signed up to protect. In essence protest honors the troops.

The U.S. left many land mines and other unexploded ordinance (UXO) when they had to abandon Saigon in 1975. Innocent civilians

are still dying today from what was left behind. Groups such as PeaceTrees Vietnam and Veterans for Peace work to remove UXO and restore the land. They also provide care for Agent Orange and UXO victims. Some veterans are finding peace in atonement for their participation in the destruction.

Your mention of the old slogan "Love It or Leave It" reminds me of the response "Change It or Lose It" ... and you have the power to change.

I hope you are able to find your peace,



Sharon Weisman
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Question: I have a granddaughter who I love dearly. She is about 75 pounds overweight. I was very overweight as well and decided to do something about it. Two years ago, I began working with a trainer and a dietitian. After a year, I had dropped 90 pounds and have kept them off. I continue to eat healthy foods and exercise. I've offered these services to my granddaughter telling her I would pay for them. She said she doesn't want to work that hard. I'm concerned about her health because she has hypertension.

~ Worried Grandmother

Dear Worried Grandmother,

It is quite clear you do love your granddaughter. Anytime we seek to raise up someone and free them from the same suffering we have experienced by sharing, giving or offering the solution we found that liberated us - that is a pure act of love and compassion for another human being. You have been there, done that and stepped out of it to something better for yourself. I can appreciate your frustration and disappointment when you offered such a gift, that it was not accepted or maybe not even appreciated, especially when it would be so

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helpful and needed for someone you deeply care about.

Sometimes people are just not ready to accept such a gift for whatever reason. In time that may change. But even if it should not, we must accept and respect another's right to make a choice for themselves, even if they may not have a desire for the change we hope for, and even if their reasoning for not changing seems flawed in light of the facts.

You made your best case to your granddaughter and she passed. That is her right, as hard as it

may be to graciously accept. But I wouldn't despair. In my opinion, you actually opened a door for her to goodness and health. It is like planting a seed. When we plant a flower seed, it doesn't immediately blossom. It takes its own time and sometimes the flower may look a little different than what we expected. The same is true with us. Sometimes we need to grow into the realization of our good. That doesn't mean it will never happen. Healing can take many forms besides what you offered. What may have worked for you

doesn't mean there are not other solutions that will resonate with her and result in the healing and good health you desire for your granddaughter. It is all a matter of patience and faith.

In other words, it is having patience without fear. To roughly paraphrase St. Paul, we can either lead a life of faith or fear. Too many of us lead lives of fear, especially imaginary fears. A life of faith is a life where we choose to believe in our good, that we can and will have our good (whatever we choose that to be) or that things will end

in goodness (either for ourselves or others we care about) ... no matter our numerous fears to the contrary.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 8:13 that whatever we believe (be it good or bad) is what we will get. It is done unto us we believe. So getting back to Saint Paul, let us choose to lead a life of faith – that is, a firm belief and conviction in the triumph of the good occurring in your granddaughter's life. In other words, believe in the good and not in the fear.

So how do we do this? The answer quite simply is prayer. Prayer is the act of faith. Affirmative prayer (not the begging kind of prayer we think of and often say) is the statement of faith. It is the water and the warmth needed for the seed of goodness to grow. You have planted the seed. Now you only need to nourish that belief within yourself that your granddaughter will find her right healing. All of this is done within you, and only within you. As Ernest Holmes (author of the "Science of Mind") once said, any changes outside of us begins within us, even when that involves another.

Here is an affirmative prayer of faith you can say for your granddaughter's healing. Repeat it daily and especially when you feel challenged by your own fear thoughts. As a little aside, pay no attention to such fear thoughts. They are like undisciplined teenagers running amok in our heads. Close your inner door to them, and make your statement of faith: My granddaughter is perfectly guided,

And maybe there is some depression involved that causes a lack of motivation. There could be a reason for her hypertension, too.

After that, I would have a good heart-to-heart discussion with her about her feelings. There are a lot of emotions involved when someone is overweight, particularly having to do with self-esteem. And when people already don't feel okay about themselves, it becomes a vicious cycle of low self-esteem, shame, not good enough, peer pressure. It's a challenging place to be in, particularly for a young girl trying to find out who she is and how she fits in. Those emotions carry into our adulthood until they are addressed. So it's best to speak from your heart about your concerns in a loving manner that is supportive and understanding and encouraging her to make good decisions.

Think about yourself and your weight loss journey, how long it took you to go to a trainer and change your eating habits. Reinforce in her that she is okay – perfect – just the way she is and the way she is not, and that you have faith in her ability to make right decisions for her health and that you are there to support her along her journey ... because you love her and care about her.

Perhaps if she came with you to your own training and saw what was involved, she might be more amenable to join you or to participate. A good trainer knows how to handle dealing with weight loss from an emotional standpoint and could be encouraging to her.

Also taking up some physical activity that she might enjoy could help her. I've read that being with horses and riding is wonderful for young girls. Maybe explore those kinds of options rather than training. Ask her what she likes to do for fun and support her in that.

Patience, love and understanding can go a long way in helping your granddaughter. She is fortunate to have someone who cares and wants to help.

I wish you both well.
Blessings,



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healed and protected by the hand of God. He always leads her to her perfect good, which is one of health, wellness, wholeness and an abundant, happy and fulfilling life. I give thanks for this miracle with deep and profound gratitude, and I rejoice and delight in it. And so it is. Amen.

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Dear Worried Grandmother,
You do not mention the age of your granddaughter, so I'm responding to a young granddaughter's frame of mind.

First of all, I would suggest that she have a physical to see if there are any underlying conditions that would cause extra weight.

NOTES & NODS

LCIF at Dodger Stadium

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is assembling school kits for children in need. The church is accepting donations of the following items to be included in the kits: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, crayons (box of 16 or 24 only) and rulers. Items can be dropped off during Sunday worship or at the church office. The church is also accepting gently worn clothing and non-perishable food to help all ages in need.

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

Summer worship with Pastor Rick Hall continues to

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

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All Invited to Support Group

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN MINORS BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AT ITEM TATEVIK TINA TOROSYAN. Case number 23BDCP00137. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Burbank Courthouse 300 East Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91502. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN TO Proposed Name: AVA ARENI TOROSYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA TOROSYAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: JULY 28, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: B Room: IVA b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

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Not spoiler: Sci-fi fan watching "Barbie" with all of its emotion had me thinking about climate change and what we have done with all this plastic. After all, "Barbie" lives in a plastic world.

Most plastics are produced using gas and oil that contributes to global warming and damages the environment by contaminating oceans and harming marine life.

Plastics are something society has become dependent on. It is in everything, including our clothes. Some plastics we see but some we don't including micro-plastics that float in the air and are in our food. A recent study by Rochman Lab and collaborators at

the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, as reported in oceanconservancy.org, found that not only are micro-plastics found in the fish we eat but was found in the stomach, fillet and liver of the fish they researched. That means not only do they have micro-plastics in them, they also pass through them (i.e., via poop).

"Without interventions, the annual flow of plastic into the ocean is on track to triple by 2040 to 32 million tons per year or the same weight as 600 Titanics according to a 2020 study funded by Pew Charitable Trusts," according to an article in Time magazine.

So when I watched "Barbie" and

later went to the "World of Barbie" museum in Santa Monica, I saw a lot of plastic. And herein lies a dilemma that I faced as a young mom and that families are facing now: how to be environmentally responsible and still give our children a childhood full of toys like Barbie that are important in their development.

"Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being of children and youth. Play also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children. Despite the benefits derived from play for both children and parents, time for free play has been markedly reduced

for some children," according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Obviously kids can play without plastic toys but it is difficult to find those toys and if you want to buy toys that are made of recycled plastic nowadays it is ridiculously expensive. However, just like at the end of many sci-fi films, there is a glimmer of hope.

In 2019, Mattel, Inc. (the maker of Barbie dolls and many other toys) stated a goal of achieving 100% recycled, recyclable or bio-based plastics materials in both its products and packaging by 2030. In 2020 Mattel debuted its Fisher-Price Rock-a-Stack made from sugarcane-based plastics and packaged in 100% recycled or

sustainably sourced material.

Barbie has been the toy that has changed with the times and is continuing to do so. Maybe if Barbie was a sci-fi film it would end with those few Barbies and Kens lucky enough to survive their global destruction to start anew as they begin to build their new Barbie World ... with recycled material.

According to the World Meteorological Organization and European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, worldwide July was the hottest month on record – not just the hottest July but the hottest month.

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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER

» "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"

Changes at CV Chamber

In July we saw some changes at the CV Chamber of Commerce. A new interim president was named – longtime secretary Robin Goldsworthy took the reins as leader of this auspicious group. Robert Manciero accepted the role of vice president and Donna Libra is now secretary. These changes are in effect until November when the entire CV Chamber membership will be voting on permanent members of the executive board. Craig Fisher remains the group's treasurer and Mike Baldwin continues his role as honorary mayor. They, too, will be voted on in November. Our Chamber members have a responsibility to cast their votes for officers and will be reminded in October and November when the date to vote is decided upon.

We also have some new board members who will help steer our Chamber into the future.

Next week, Aug. 10, the Crescenta Valley Lions Club is hosting a networking mixer for the Chamber. The mixer is being held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the iconic St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The CV Lions is a dynamic civic organization that is always looking for ways to help those in need. In fact, the CV Lions is having a food drive this Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's that will benefit the Bailey Center of Tujunga. For a complete list of desired items, visit their Facebook page.

On Aug. 10 the networking mixer will feature drinks, music and barbecue food! The cost

for Chamber members is \$15. Non-Chamber members pay \$20; however, those who sign up for a residential or business Chamber membership on that day will gain access to the mixer for free!

Mixers are a great way for local residents and businesses to get to know each other, find out what services are available and learn about those who support this community. We are proud that the CV Lions want to promote the Chamber and their organization by hosting a mixer. Those interested in learning more about hosting a networking mixer are invited to contact the Chamber's executive director Rachelle Miller at info@crescentavalleychamber.org or by calling (818) 248-4957.

We at the Chamber are in the

process of reevaluating our role in the community and, specifically, within the business community. While we understand the importance of providing a valuable service, we also understand that our role in that service may have changed over the years. Consequently, we are exploring what it is that we do and how we can better address the needs of our members.

Among those organizations we are a part of is the Mary Pinola Educational Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund provides donations to schools and community organizations for educational programs.

We are also involved in the Business Expo, which will be returning in 2024. This event is an opportunity for local businesses

and residents to get an in-depth look at the variety of services offered here in the foothills. This is an exciting event that we are thrilled to see return in 2024.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the visibility that a Chamber ribbon cutting brings to a business. What a terrific way to launch a successful business or celebrate a business anniversary!

Is there something you'd like to see from your local CV Chamber of Commerce? If so, feel free to email info@crescentavalleychamber.org or call (818) 248-4957.

Until next month, keep cool and don't forget to mark Aug. 5 and Aug. 10 on your calendar!

*Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce*

NEWS FROM THE MVC CHAMBER

» MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

The Sunday of Summer...

As we enter August we definitely feel the end of summer approaching. While it is a bittersweet feeling that the fun in the sun is coming to an end it is also perhaps the best time of the whole "week" (if August is the Sunday of summer). This is the calm before the storm of back to school and the autumn grind. I hope you all remember to use this precious time to continue to shop local, enjoy the Montrose ambiance and most importantly to relax and laugh with loved ones.

As for us at the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce (MVCC), this is our calm before the *thrilling storm* of Grayson's Tune Town 70th anniversary ribbon cutting (!!!), the 44th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest and the Centennial + Community Awards Dinner. All these events are rapidly approaching and we hope you will join us for these celebrations. Not to mention, we will have a new site launching in a few weeks that will make your browsing experience an even better one. In the meantime, be sure to check out our current website MontroseChamber.org for more information on all of our upcoming events (plus sponsorship opportunities and business member information).

Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:

Captured Celebrations – Unlock your inner star! Rent a photo booth and shine! Captured Celebrations is your go-to destination for exceptional photo booth experiences that bring your celebrations to life. <https://capturedcelebrations.com/>

The Busy Mind – The Busy Mind is a learning and activity center where mommy and me classes, open play, arts and crafts activities, and music and movement are found. They provide age-appropriate guided activities that encourage growth and early learning. <https://www.thebusymindla.com/>

...and welcoming back renewing members:

The UPS Store #2686 – They offer shipping and packing, convenient mailboxes and printing services. Located in the Indian Spring Plaza (Vons) between the 2 Freeway and Montrose Avenue. (818) 957-3132

Financial Credit Journey – Rita Avedisian, who serves on the MVCC board of directors, is always giving her time and energy to support our Montrose community. Her passion thrives on helping people meet all their financial goals in life. Whether it is starting college, building credit or opening a new line of business credit, her skills and expertise have helped many of our local businesses and individuals. Give her a call to set up your financial consultation. (747) 210-7777; <https://financialcreditjourney.com/>

MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

On Thursday, Aug. 17 at noon – Grayson's Tune Town 70th anniversary ribbon cutting ceremony

Help us celebrate Grayson's Tune Town 70th anniversary with small bites and drinks! Register (free) at the MontroseChamber.org website under the events calendar.

On Monday, Aug. 28 from 4

p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – MVCC dine night out at Giuseppe's Pizzeria, 2428 Honolulu Ave.

This is a fundraising effort of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. Drop your receipt in the provided box and *15% of your check will go toward the 2024 MVCC Scholarship Fund.

On Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 10 p.m. – The 44th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest 2023

The Annual Montrose Oktoberfest returns for its 44th year along Honolulu Avenue! To sponsor or to have your organization help run a booth, email events.mvcc@gmail.com or fill out this short form <https://forms.gle/Ax-MFHSduf2aDjDTG6>.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. – The MVCC Centennial and Community Awards Dinner

Join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce while we honor outstanding community members, recognize our 2023 board and thank our 2021-22 board of directors. For more information and to sponsor this event, email events.mvcc@gmail.com or fill out this short form <https://forms.gle/D6ottPyTEupeBiyTA>.

Special recognition:

Congratulations to Grayson's Tune Town on celebrating 70 years in business in Montrose! It takes remarkable leadership to reach this milestone. Montrose is honored to have this longstanding gem as part of its business community.

Remember to shop local!

*Mavil Aghadjanian
MVCC Executive Director*

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dinner with my husband – just the two of us. Nowadays, I look forward to including our children and miss them when they are gone.

Some of my favorite birthdays have been at the beach or in the mountains with the goal of taking in beautiful scenery and scouting for wildlife encounters. Summer is a great time to do this. The peace that comes with sitting in nature is immeasurable.

Over the years each birthday milestone has brought me new perspective and, dare I say, wisdom. I look back and am impressed by how much I learned and experienced. What I wouldn't give for my 20-year-old body but I truly appreciate my 60-year-old mind. Well, maybe not the parts where I lose my car keys or forgot why I came into a room. And I sure would like to "move like Jagger."

Happy birthday to Kathryn and Mick!
Susan Bolan
susanbolan710@gmail.com

B & G from Cover

from going into some areas. The four-legged city workers are also used in areas where the terrain is too steep and wild for hand crews to access.

Glendale has a history of destructive wildfires that ravage vegetation-dense hillsides. In 2002 a fire consumed 752 acres of chaparral-covered open space behind Brand Park threatening homes in Glendale and Burbank. In 1990, the College Hills Fire burned 100 acres, causing \$20 million in damage to nearly 70 homes.

On Saturday, dozens of nearby residents watched the brown, gray, black and white goats munching on the hillside brush. One was La Crescenta resident Richard Rands.

"I wish they'd bring goats up to my neck of the woods," said Rands. "We could use them. Our brush is really dry this time of year."

In an attempt to educate onlookers on fire safety an Environmental Management Center booth was set up. Besides information on how to keep homes fire safe, staff handed out red plastic fire helmets and miniature fire hydrants to children. There was even an enclosed petting area for the kids (the human kind) to get up close to young goats not yet old enough to match their parents' appetites for brush and vegetation.

BOY SCOUT from page 9

On July 5 it was placed in the GPD lobby where GPD Chief Manuel Cid accepted the project. Troop 210 leader Brian Moss was also on hand to celebrate the completion of the Eagle Scout project.

Meijia praised Kautzky and his family for being so supportive of the Boy Scouts over the years and said how proud he was of Kautzky's Eagle Project.

The first flag retirement event will be held by Troop 210 at a ceremony with the Scouts in Carpentaria from Aug. 18-20. After that the flags will continue to be collected and retired by local veteran's groups like the American Legion Post 288 of La Crescenta.

Kautzky raised over \$2,000 and had some funds left after the project was completed. He decided to donate those funds to a non-profit that supports the families of fallen law enforcement officers.

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fully in Christian life and mission.

This week's topic, on Aug. 9, is "Is Christ really the only way to God and heaven?"

(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 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.

All those seeking to deepen their understanding of Christ and to strengthen the foundation of their personal relationship with God are welcome to attend! And bring a friend!

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

Walk and Word

In August, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Aug. 13, 20 & 27. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything

wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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.

NNO from page 7

Valdivia.

For the LAPD and LACoFD, this meant helping the community to feel more comfortable when calling for help. When asked what the assembled department's goal was, Firefighter Evan McDevitt, who was in the process of letting children try on his protective gear, responded, "To show face and answer questions."

"The pizza truck broke down!"

That news broke at the beginning of Rossmoyne Mountain Homeowners Association's 12th annual NNO. But realtor Chris Cragnotti saved the day. He provided pizza for all – with a limit of two slices for each of the more than 200 attending the neighborhood picnic at Nibley Park in Glendale. Free ice cream sundaes were provided by realtor Dave Robles.

But enough about the food. NNO

folks at Nibley Park were also treated to a family-friendly movie ("Matilda"), face-painting, a canine demonstration, raffles, police cars and a hook-and-ladder fire truck with lights ablazin'. Glendale City Council member Ara Najarian said he never misses an NNO if he can help it.

"Tonight fosters the bond between neighborhoods and the local police department," said Najarian.

Fostering that bond is what NNO is all about and on Tuesday night local residents responded positively to that opportunity.

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