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District Voting Causes Anger in Councilmember

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday evolved into another meeting where conspiracy theories were shared – not just by those in the audience but by a member of the council.

The discussion was supposed to be a review of “subject matter and language of proposed charter amendments pertaining to a directly elected mayor, council districts, councilmember compensation, contract procurement and miscellaneous changes to the city charter.” However, Councilmember Ara Najarian took time to voice his opposition to a district voting process.

To review, the City has been conducting outreach community meetings to talk about the possibility of moving from a citywide council election with a rotating mayorship to a district specific election with a citywide elected mayor. There was also a suggestion of going from five councilmembers where one serves as mayor to a six councilmember setting with a separately elected mayor.

Throughout Southern California councils that still conduct citywide elections are deciding to shift to district elections. This is inspired in part by lawsuits filed across the state claiming citywide elections are in violation of the California Voting Rights Act. The majority of the city council had voiced its interest in being proactive and exploring changing the way councilmembers are elected.

During a discussion on approving the Fremont Park Renovation Project, on which council unanimously voted in favor, Najarian took his first shot at the proposed district specific election saying he would not vote for the Fremont Park Renovation Project if he had been elected via a district. He said he would not vote for this project if he would not get something in return.

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Wonderful People Doing Great Things

By Lynn SHER

Glendale Kiwanis join Home Again LA for their third annual Back to School Shopping Spree.

The Glendale Kiwanis Club joined Home Again LA on Saturday for its annual Back to School Shopping Spree. Home Again LA (HALA) connected 25 volunteers from the Glendale Kiwanis Club with 25 children from their housing program. Through funding provided by HALA each child was given a \$100 gift card to purchase school supplies at Target for the upcoming school year.

Chosen families waited patiently in line outside Target at the Glendale Galleria as HALA chief executive officer (and Kiwanian) Albert Hernandez called out children’s names and linked them with the Kiwanis Club volunteer who would be shopping



Photos by Lynn SHER
Dad Sergio Rodriguez with his son Gabriel and Kiwanian Ron Baker at Target during the HALA Back to School Shopping Spree.

with them.

Everyone was excited. The children were excited to get new school supplies, the parents were excited to see their children’s anticipation and the

Glendale Kiwanis were excited to help.

Helping is what Kiwanis does. Originally called the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers, the service club orga-

nization formed in 1915. It was started by a group of businessmen in Detroit, Michigan and was originally intended to be a professional networking group.

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Drivers Get Ready: The School Year is About to Begin

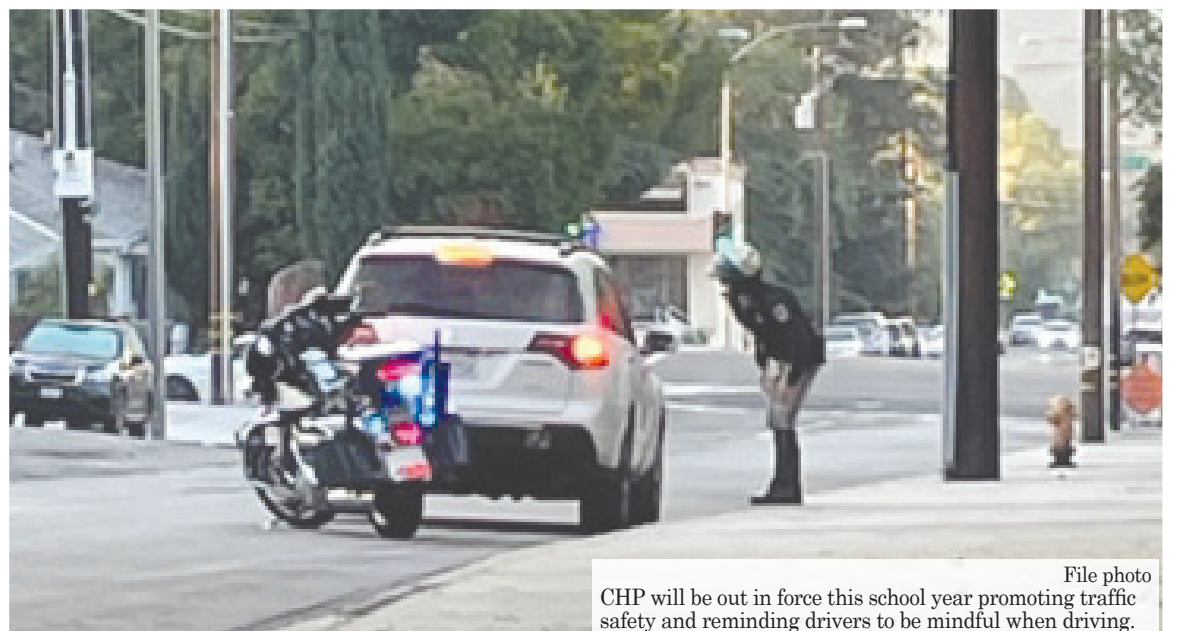
By Mary O'KEEFE

The 2023-24 school year will begin next week. This is a good time for drivers to take into account how the new school year will change driving patterns in their area.

Most drivers notice how much easier it is after the last day of school to get across a street or drive to the market. The lull in traffic is something drivers get used to during the summer months but in mid-August all that will change as traffic around schools becomes heavy and, at times, difficult to navigate.

Patrol officers will be out in force when school begins and it is important for drivers to remember that student safety is paramount as they traverse local streets.

“We are looking out for student safety,” said California Highway Patrol Officer Bay. “There will probably be more students who walk to school during [the warmer months].”



File photo
CHP will be out in force this school year promoting traffic safety and reminding drivers to be mindful when driving.

Bay said CHP will be “actively” enforcing pedestrian traffic safety, especially areas around Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS).

“We will still be enforcing jay-walking laws,” he said.

Officers will be looking for any-

thing that puts pedestrians/stu-

dents in undue harm.

Speed is another issue officers will be focusing on.

“Speed limits around school zones is 25 miles per hour,” he said. “[Speed laws] will be heavily en-

forced.”

Bay reminds drivers to look at signs around schools to make sure they are following all laws. Some area schools will have additional signs during the first of the school

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Fall is Just Around the Corner

I was watching the Today show earlier this week and some good news was shared: pumpkin spice lattes are returning this month!

Rather than waiting until the traditional arrival of fall (in September), the rumor is some major coffee outlets, for example Starbucks and 7-Eleven, are rolling out the PSL early.

Now I want to step right up and say that I love PSL. The best one I've ever had is at 7-Eleven. Truly. I usually fill the cup up about ¾ of the way with PSL and finish the top off with steamed milk. It is absolutely delicious.

Unfortunately PSL is also fattening.

Thankfully, Weight Watchers has come up with a PSL recipe that is much more kind in calories. It, too, is pretty yummy and actually has pumpkin puree in it, which combats those naysayers who say that PSLs don't even have pumpkin in them.

It'll be interesting, though, enjoying a steaming PSL while wearing a bathing suit...

This week's meeting of the Glendale Unified School District board of education was another doozy. It has been brought to my attention that while members of the public are given opportunity to bring matters to the board of education (some rather loudly) the board does little in responding to those matters. I refer to the Brown Act: "Public officials complain that the Brown Act makes it difficult to respond to constituents" (League of California Cities,

chapter 1, page 4 <https://tinyurl.com/y6jwy665>).

I think that public entities avoid giving long, drawn out responses to allegations made by the public because by doing so meeting times would be unduly extended though, as it states above, there are complaints that the Brown Act makes it difficult to respond to constituents. However, there is opportunity to respond if the response is brief – again, in order to maintain a manageable agenda and the time to get through it.

I am concerned that there is a perception by some that the lack of a response by the GUSD board of education to loud accusations is quiet confirmation of those accusations. I do advise those who are forming opinions should first do some investigation of those who are making the accusations. Do the accusers have any business being at the board meeting aside from bullying others? Are they trying to get answers to questions that the board has already answered? Are there ulterior motives why they're on-site? For example, trying to rally support for a political run.

I've been reminded that oftentimes something is repeated until it is perceived as fact. This is particularly frightening as we look to the south and the regularly held GUSD board meetings.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

There are times when writers are not sure who, if anyone, is reading what they write. So you can imagine my delight when I received an email from someone who wanted to talk about this column. But it goes beyond that I know someone not only reads my weather writings but also enjoys them and looks forward to reading them.

So that was great but imagine my excitement when I found out this reader not only wanted to talk about the column but was a fellow journalist whose career spanned four decades and ... wait – there's more ... is a science fiction fan and, oh my heart, he had a suggestion of a 1960s British sci-fi film for me to watch.

The film suggested was "The Day the Earth Caught Fire" and it was so good – I mean sad and frightening but so good. The great thing is even if you didn't know the era it was made you would absolutely know it was made in the 1960s. There were all kinds of bikini shots and women reaching over desks – kind of things that make me sad – but, oh my gosh, so normal for that time.

The story was really interesting and it was centered in a newsroom. From the beginning these newsmen – yep, all men – were hard-news people. The chaos of the room was conveyed by everyone talking over each other and there was this sense of them scrambling to get the news.

There was a side story of the alcoholic/kind of reformed reporter and his whistleblowing girlfriend but for me the real character to watch was Bill Maguire, portrayed by Leo McKern. He was like the expert everyone looked to for the science of what was happening, even though he said many times he was not a scientist; but because he had been writing forever he had all

this information stuck in his head.

The film was about global warming/ climate change but wasn't approached that way. So here's what happened: The U.S. and Russia, without knowing what the other was doing, tested atomic bombs at the same time. Although everyone in the newsroom knew this was a problem they couldn't get any authority on record.

People seemed relatively calm as weird weather began to happen around the globe. The temperature began to rise; people noticed but continued with their lives. Then there was an eclipse of the sun that was not scheduled to happen for 10 days. Weird, intense weather from around the world began to be reported. As our reformed reporter and whistleblower with a heart of gold were just starting their budding relationship, they were at a park when a sudden wall of fog filled the Thames. In true British style there was no panic, just a brisk walk to a double decker bus. Then all traffic stopped because this fog was *really* thick, even for London.

The temperature continues to rise and there is talk of a theory of what could cause the weird weather – and if the heat causes the ice caps to melt. This theory was submitted by Maguire, the sage reporter. Again – he wasn't a scientist but had interviewed enough of them over the years to know how this could affect the Earth.

The temperatures continue to rise and the storms across the world continue to strengthen and then ... the world caught fire. Fire in cities, wildfires across the countries. Then the editor gets the call that he had hoped not to get. The explosions that everyone but the politicians thought happened caused an 11-degree tilt of the Earth's axis.

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants that pose a fire danger to the Preserve. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. – not in front of nearby homes. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always graciously accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

CITY FORMATION DRAFT MAPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEW

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, the City of Glendale will hold its third public hearing on district formation at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting at 613 E. Broadway starting at 6 p.m.

The third public hearing is the City Council's first review of draft maps prepared by the City's professional demographer, National Demographics Corporation (NDC). NDC will present the maps that the public submitted through Aug. 5 and the maps they created based on communities of interest information that residents have submitted since June 2023.

All draft maps being considered are posted on MapGlendale.org/Draft-Maps.

The community can share feedback on map elements at the public hearing or by emailing MapGlendale@GlendaleCA.gov.

CVIM HOLDING CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Crescenta Valley High School instrumental music program is collecting gently used clothing items, shoes, accessories and linens (no undergarments, underwear, socks or bed pillows) for its clothing drive fundraiser on Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off items at the CVHS band parking lot in the 4300 block of Ramsdell Avenue.

Donors are asked to bag all items in large white kitchen bags and label them CVIM.

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.

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Getting Ready for B-I-N-G-O



By Mikaela STONE

The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars is holding their 11th annual bingo game on Friday, Aug. 18 at Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. in Montrose. This year is extra special as the American Legion just celebrated its 99th birthday in April.

The doors open on Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m. for community members to meet, greet and enjoy the pizza, submarine sandwiches, and chips available for purchase. If one wants to brave the heat, coffee will be available for free!

Volunteers from across the community – from Prom Plus Club to a team of 15 veterans – have come together to help with food and games.

The first game of the night is at 6 p.m. The “traditional game” is sponsored by the CV Weekly and players who turn in the coupon found in this week's paper, hidden somewhere among the paper's pages (happy hunting!), will receive an extra card for the first game.

The night offers three

surprise bonus games, too. Raffle tickets will also be available inside Healy Hall. The raffle has been put together with help from the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts. While the prizes remain a surprise, Lynn McGinnis teased the possibility of winning a handmade quilt or a stay at a hotel.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door and at the offices of the CV Weekly and the CV Chamber of Commerce; attendance is capped at 250 players. Those worried that tickets will sell out early can text McGinnis at (818) 427-2470 to add their name to the will-call list.

The tickets are \$25 dollars, which nets the savvy player 40 chances to win up to \$100. The final game of the night is traditional blackout bingo with double the amount of prize money!

The funds raised from this bingo night will go to the American Legion and VFW for their support of local veterans and youth. The Legion offers multiple programs to benefit local children, including military children whose constant moves have kept them from finding a community to feel



File photos

LEFT: At a previous bingo game, Lynn McGinnis congratulates a game player and hands out her winnings.

ABOVE: At a previous game, post commander Darian Azarian presents the winnings of the blackout game to the lucky player.

BELOW: Veteran Johnie McDowell shares the wealth with one of the night's winners.



at home. It also supports Boys and Girls State, which sends nominated children to Sacramento State College to further a potential career in government. This annual bingo night is the only fundraiser the American Legion has needed because of the ongoing support it has received in the past from the public.

On behalf of the American Legion, Lynn McGinnis thanked the community sponsors, volunteers and players for their support of veterans, but issued one warning: “We've been known to get a little corny on the microphone.” But he assured that “so far [he has] managed to duck all the tomatoes, so [he's] happy.”

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LCIF
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.

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Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets weekly on Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at jostupakis@yahoo.com.

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Glendale Unified Engages Local Religious Leaders to Foster Trust, Understanding, and Inclusion in the Community

On July 25, Glendale Unified Board of Education President Jennifer Freemon, Board Member Nayiri Nahabedian and Interim Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson met with Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church. The leaders met at the request of the Western Diocese to discuss recent issues impacting the district and local community. The board of education plans to continue conversations with religious and community leaders to address disinformation, build trust and find ways to work together to ensure all students and families feel welcome in the community.
"In GUSD, we know that our diversity is our strength and respect that our students, employees and families represent a wide range of religious beliefs, values and political views. We must work together to embrace each other's differences and ensure our schools continue to be positive, welcoming spaces where every child can learn and thrive," said GUSD Board President Jennifer Freemon. "We were honored to meet with Archbishop Hovnan Derderian and look forward to further conversations with the Western Diocese and other religious and community partners as we continue this important work."
"We highly value the constructive dialogue with GUSD. Our ultimate goal is to foster a healthy collaboration between GUSD and parents, ensuring the well-being of our beloved children. Education, being an interdisciplinary process, thrives when administrators, educators, parents and students actively participate and work together," said Archbishop Hovnan Derderian. "To achieve the most fruitful results, it is of utmost importance that we nurture mutual respect and understanding. As expressed by one of the universal church fathers, we must stand united in essentials, which in this context is our obligation and commitment to our children's education, while being understanding in non-essentials, and uphold respect for all, including various faith-based traditions."

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Reaching Across the World to Prepare for the Worst

By Mary O'KEEFE

Anyone in California understands the importance of being proactive in preparing for a disaster. It is commonly known that it is not if but when an earthquake will strike and to always keep an eye open for wildfires in the mountains. Fortunately, one thing Californians don't really have to worry about is an invading military force; however, in many countries that is a real concern.

Invasion can happen without warning, just like a natural disaster, and it is the mission of one organization to help prepare those in vulnerable areas to get ready for the worst.

The American Armenian National Security Institute (AANSI) is working to get people prepared to not only care for themselves but for others when the unthinkable happens.

"[We are] training folks to become a member of our brigade right now," said Mark MacCarley, retired U.S. Army Major General and the president and CEO of the AANSI.

He, with others including local resident and Montrose Search and Rescue team member Mike Leum, are in Armenia training volunteers emergency responder skills.

"We are giving people the skills to get involved in the next conflict to whatever degree they can," Leum said.

Participants from all over the world, many of them from Glendale, have traveled to Armenia to learn these skills including first aid, tactical wound care and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). After the volunteers are trained they will go back to their home country and then when they are needed will go to that location to help. MacCarley is focusing on Armenia because of the unrest that continues in Artsakh.

For over 200 days Azerbaijan forces have isolated the citizens of Artsakh, reportedly not allowing food or even medical response into the region.



Photo provided by Mike LEUM
Key people in organizing the training trip include Mark MacCarley (second from left), former Glendale City Council member Zareh Sinanyan and Mike Leum.

"[June 28] marked the 200th day that the people of Artsakh have been living under Azerbaijan's unlawful blockade of the Lachin Corridor, a clear violation of international law, and the 2020 trilateral ceasefire agreement," stated Congressman Adam Schiff.

There is a long history of conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia. It is the hope of AANSI to make sure people are prepared for whatever happens. In times of war, as has been reported recently in Ukraine, the need for medical support exceeds the number of those trained to help. That leaves a lot of people who are not trained to respond to medical situations. AANSI is hoping to create their brigade of emergency responders to fill those gaps.

MacCarley said they will most likely continue their centralized training in Armenia. He volunteered with Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) for 10 years before becoming an active duty soldier. He understands the importance of training as an emergency responder.

He is not Armenian but has had ties to the community throughout

his life. He saw the need and founded AANSI. As a Glendale resident he saw the community become diversified as immigrants from Armenia made the city their home. While in the U.S. Army he served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as conflicts around the world. He is also a lawyer and assisted in Armenian Genocide lawsuits.

"During the War of 2016 I was invited to do some research and analysis," he said.

The 2016 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, also known as the Four-Day War, began on April 2 when fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan began in the Karabakh zone. All indications show that the first aggression came from Azerbaijan.

"I have been to Artsakh before the blockade. I was there twice and then it was shut down," he said. "People are truly suffering from a lack of medicine."

He added there have been citizens imprisoned by the Azerbaijan forces.

"The Russians have forsaken their responsibility," he added.

Russians had been the "peace keepers" in the area but in recent

years that has not been the case.

It is because of this that AANSI will continue to be centered in Armenia and will continue to train as many volunteers as possible.

Leum pointed out that this training would not just help in armed conflicts but for all emergencies including earthquake and fire. In addition, this training will help those in the volunteers' neighborhoods when the need arises.

"To me [when disaster occurs] the citizenry are just trying to survive," Leum said.

He has traveled to several disaster areas including the aftermath of hurricanes and earthquakes, and went to Ukraine with search and rescue members.

The reception in Armenia has been very positive. Leum said during a recent trip to their interpreter's home the family welcomed them with open arms and "the food just kept coming."

"At the end of this week these [volunteers] will have skills to take home with them not just for the next aggression but ... for the rest of their lives," Leum said.

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Measure S Continues to Build

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale school board approved construction at several schools throughout the district as part of Measure S funding.

The district administration had a "job walk" through Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) on Tuesday regarding the installation of stadium seating and lighting at the school. Four companies offered bids for the CVHS job; it was awarded to Hart Design Build, Inc., which was the lowest bidder at \$3,570,000 million. This cost includes installing bleachers, a scoreboard and lighting in addition to track resurfacing, parking and restroom upgrades, fencing, grading and utility work. The original budget was set at \$8.54 million; however,

the actual construction costs are estimated at \$5.02 million.

The construction will begin very soon now that the board has given its approval. It is expected to be completed by June 2024.

Measure S funds will also be used for projects at Monte Vista Elementary School. The board approved a wrought iron fencing project in the amount of \$28,400, which increases the project to \$355,400 – funded by Measure S. In addition, Monte Vista will have a new two-story building on its campus. The tentative construction schedule should see the foundation for the building laid by late this month/early September. The building is scheduled to be erected by mid-September and the site completion is expected to be early January 2024.

After a long road, Hoover High School looks like it will be getting its pool expansion.

In March 2018, the board approved a project and budget allocating \$5 million for the pool expansion; then in June 2021 the board approved additional funding of \$3.225 million to move forward with the project. It is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2023 and completed at the end of 2024.

In addition, Measure S funds are scheduled or are already in the process of funding improvements including at the Marshall Elementary multi-purpose room/cafeteria, Clark Magnet High School's Career Technical Education building and the expansion of the CVHS pool. A number of other projects are planned including

asphalt paving and playground improvements at Cerritos and Glenoaks elementary schools, roof replacement at Wilson Middle School, a walk-in freezer at Hoover High as well as at Muir Elementary. At Lincoln Elementary a new reading area will be installed on what was once an unusable stretch of concrete and Rosemont Middle School will be getting new HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). Several schools will have, or already have, new fencing including at Monte Vista, Lincoln and La Crescenta elementary schools, the field at Toll Middle School and CVHS.

There is an estimated \$4.45 million balance of Measure S funds remaining.

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Flash Mob Burglary at Yves Saint Laurent Prompts Police Response and Enhanced Security Measures

The Yves Saint Laurent store in Glendale was the victim of a bold flash mob burglary on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Located at the Americana at Brand, at least 30 suspects flooded the store at approximately 4:50 p.m. The suspects stole clothing and other merchandise before fleeing on foot and leaving the location in numerous vehicles. While still under investigation, the estimated loss is approximately

\$300,000.

Glendale patrol officers were on-scene within two minutes of receiving the 9-1-1 call to ensure the safety of Americana patrons and attempt to apprehend the suspects. Burglary detectives have initiated a comprehensive investigation, which includes collaboration with Americana's security and leadership.

Caruso, owner of The Americana at Brand, will offer

a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects who committed this crime.

These "flash mob" burglaries involve a large, coordinated group of individuals simultaneously rushing into the store, overwhelming staff and taking it over. The suspects grab as much merchandise as possible before fleeing in multiple vehicles.

"This type of criminal activity

will not be tolerated in Glendale. The Glendale Police Dept. will pursue all leads and utilize every available resource to apprehend those responsible and bring them to justice," said Chief Manny Cid. "Expect an elevated police presence in and around the downtown Glendale corridor. Our commitment to the safety of the residents, businesses, and visitors to Glendale is unwavering and our top priority.

Our city remains strong and united against lawlessness and criminal activity threatening our safety and well-being."

The Glendale Police Dept. asks anyone with information to assist in this case to contact officers immediately by calling (818) 548-4911. To remain anonymous, call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

Obituary

Raymond Martin



1935 - 2023

Raymond Martin passed away on July 30 at the age of 87 from

heart and kidney complications. Born Raymond Harold Martin to parents Harold and Betty, he grew up in the San Fernando Valley with his two brothers Gordon and Roger, and his sister Carol. He attended Van Nuys High School at the same time as actors Natalie Wood and Robert Redford and yet undiscovered baseball legend Don Drysdale.

Raymond was athletic, competing in track and field events at the high school level and later at Los Angeles Valley College and the University of Southern California. He was third in line to compete in shotput at the Olympic Games in 1956 but couldn't due to a significant injury. As an older adult, Ray participated in senior

competitions and received awards for his accomplishments.

A truly meaningful part of Raymond's life came from his career working for Glendale Unified School District at both Glendale High School and Allan F. Daily High School. Coach Ray Martin loved being a teacher and took great pride in the achievements of his students. He integrated enthusiasm and his knowledge of track events into his coaching style and led many of his students to win ribbons and medals. He also taught general education and life skills classes such as grocery cashiering and drivers' training. Known as "Big Ray" throughout the district and standing 6'5", he was well known and well

liked for his gentle giant personality. He stayed with the district for 30 years. His grandson Zachary Bolan currently works for GUSD as a computer supervisor.

Raymond met the "love of his life" Laura Mae Studebaker at Daily High School and they were married in 1978. That was only the beginning of their 45-year journey together. Laura went on to work for Hoover High School while they lived in Glendale and Sunland-Tujunga but adventure called them. For the next three decades, they established homes and businesses in four different states, ultimately settling in Central Point, Oregon. Ray taught for a short time at Crater Lake High School before retiring from education. Ray

and Laura also owned several craft/souvenir/antique stores wherever they landed. They both enjoyed creating unique, handmade items and engaging with customers.

Raymond is survived by wife Laura Martin and family members Roger Martin, Carol Steed, Joseph Martin, Roberta Martin, Lisa Daniels, Greg Daniels, Susan Bolan, Jeffrey Bolan, Kimberly Ann Stinson and Carla Carey. He has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made in honor of Raymond Martin to Allan F. Daily High School to support students in need. For more information, please contact susanbolan710@gmail.com.

Obituary

Bernadeen Sullivan



June 12, 1930 - Aug. 1, 2023

"A single person is missing for you, and the whole world is empty."

~ Joan Didion, "The Year of Magical Thinking"

Bernie Sullivan's story starts on June 12, 1930 in Lindsay, Nebraska - population: 332. The youngest child of Isabella and Killian Schmitz grew up in a household of 10 during the Depression. Her father died in 1941 in a construction accident.

Prior to her senior year in high school, Bernie and Isabella moved to Los Angeles, following

her sisters who relocated west in 1942. Aside from the obvious culture shock, Bernie recalled seeing artichokes, avocados and tamales for the first time.

Bernie was out of high school hired by Security Pacific Bank. She went on to be the first female bank supervisor in the LA. At the 12th & Maple branch she met Frank Sullivan, a transplant from Philadelphia. They married in 1957 and moved to the Verdugo Woodlands where she lived for 63 years. Our cherished Bernadeen passed peacefully on Aug. 1 with her daughter at

her side.

Besides family and her faith, Bernie loved sports. She attended World Series, Super and Rose Bowls, UCLA, Lakers, Kings Stanley Cup, Army/Navy and the Olympics. Her favorite team was UCLA ... and whoever was playing against USC!

Waiting for her in heaven will be her husband Frank, nine siblings, parents, countless friends and relatives, Vin Scully, Kobe Bryant and John Wooden.

She is survived by her three children: Julie, Patrick, Joan; grandkids Madison, Sabrina,

Shelby and Daniel; countless caring nieces and nephews; friends, and her Holy Redeemer buddies.

Heartfelt thanks to Analee and the staff at Montrose Healthcare, Sr. Vicki Smurlo, BVM, and Daisy at The Mission Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 2400 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.

Private interment will follow at San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

Obituary

Margaret Irene June



Jan. 6, 2023

Margaret Irene June passed away in Glendale on Jan. 6 at the age of 75. She struggled with complications of COPD, heart

disease and eventually COVID.

Margaret was born in Trona, California, where she grew up and graduated from Trona High School, having kept many of her schoolmates as friends throughout her life.

She moved to Glendale and worked for several years as a server at the Toasted Bun on Glendale Avenue. This is also where she met the love of her life, Larry June, whom she married on Dec. 20, 1977.

Margaret eventually started working at the Glendale Unified School District. She was well loved and appreciated for the devotion to her work and for her kind and generous heart. She retired after 28 years having gained many lifelong friends.

She also became a woman

warrior in caring and fighting for her beloved husband as they battled his Parkinson's disease. Sadly, Larry died in 2016 after 38 years of a wonderful marriage.

Margaret is survived by her brother Michael; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and her cat Pumpkin. She was preceded in death by her husband Larry, older sister Maureen and her mother Adeta Wells.

Margaret and Larry are buried together at a gravesite next to her mother in Trona, the city where she started her life's journey.

We all miss Margaret profoundly. Her kindness and generosity touched everyone who was privileged to be a part of her life. She will forever live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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“When are you going to put a park in my district?” Najarian asked regarding a hypothetical situation if he were voted in by a district election.

In response Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian said he would hope that although councilmembers may have been elected from a specific district they would still care about the city as a whole.

“We are all concerned about our own neighborhood, our own friends and people we know in some respect. It is easy to get into that tribal mentality, but we need to put our better community interests [up front],” he said.

Kassakhian noted that Congress used to be elected statewide but then moved to

specific districts and yet its members are able to vote for the state’s best interests while remaining close to their own district.

City Attorney Michael Garcia shared research results he and staff had gathered at the request of council concerning the district voting. This information included, if the proposal is passed by voters, the mayor would begin his/her first term in 2026. It appeared that Garcia borrowed much of the verbiage from other cities, like Santa Barbara, which have already gone through the process of changing from citywide to district specific elections.

The council also looked at a number of changes if district specific elections were

implemented, from how to transition from citywide to district specific elections to changes in salary for those elected.

Some councilmembers had questions about the presentation. Garcia will bring an updated presentation next week to Council for the public hearing on the subject.

During council’s comments and questions, Najarian was very passionate in his disagreement not only with the proposal but the way the proposal was being portrayed to the citizens of Glendale.

He took offense at the City’s portrayal of certain areas of the city, specifically South Glendale, not being represented by a councilmember from that area.

“From 2010 to 2013 I lived in South Glendale,” he said.

Najarian added that for those three years he was a renter in an apartment in South Glendale.

“The City is pulling one over you,” he said.

Although it is a majority of the council that has supported this effort to explore the change in electing councilmembers, Najarian said he felt his “First Amendment rights” were violated because his opinion was not shared with the public.

“We are going down the wrong path with the city council,” he said. Then he suggested there was something else going on, but he didn’t elaborate on what that might be.

When Mayor Dan Brotman attempted to speak and stated this was not supposed to be a debate on the voting process, Najarian once again became angry and told Brotman to “keep it to yourself.”

“To say that staff has lied ... it is a conspiracy theory that we are trying to ram this through. Something is a miss and shameful,” said Mayor Dan Brotman.

Brotman pointed out this was not to be a debate on district voting but a discussion on charter amendments. Najarian then left the dais.

To note: Other than the three years Najarian lived in South Glendale there has not been a recent member of the council who has been from that area. The far north Glendale—91214/91020—has had only one representative elected from the area in recent history, and that ended with his resigning due to legal issues. He was the first representative to live in far north Glendale and the last to date.

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There is silence in the newsroom. Then one of those in the room state, “The human race has been poisoning themselves for years but nobody cared until it gets personal ... Well, now it’s personal.”

This theory and more information of destruction were all foreseen by the girlfriend whistleblower who, as an operator, overheard this theory being talked about by politicians.

The heat continues and the reporters keep reporting, even as disease now takes many around them. All of this was entertaining as a film but then to see what is happening in Hawaii brings it all home.

First the news is full of stories of tornadoes and thunderstorms that stretch across the eastern part of the U.S. Two fatalities had been reported as of Monday with an estimated 1.1 million customers without power. Damaging winds and large hailstones were reported from Tennessee to New York.

And then the horrific fire in Maui County in Hawaii. As of Wednesday six people had been confirmed dead

and stories told of people running to the ocean to escape the flames.

Reports from Hawaii News on Wednesday reported three active wildfires continuing to burn. More than 2,100 people were housed overnight in four shelters, about 20 people suffered serious burns and at least 14 people had to be rescued from waters off Lahaina on Tuesday after jumping into the water to escape the fire. About 4,000 tourists in Maui were flown to Oahu on Wednesday.

According to The Weather Channel, portions of Hawaii were in moderate to severe drought, which helped create fuel for the fire. The fires were fanned by Hurricane Dora with wind gusts of 40 to 60 miles per hour. Hurricanes are nothing new but this effect caught many off guard.

And this is where the “The Day the Earth Caught Fire” perfectly created a scenario that we should study as a view into the future. In the film, people were all caught off guard even though there were warnings; they just never thought it would be that extreme.

In real life we see these potentially devastating storm conditions but there are moments of calm and peace. In the movie the reason for the sudden climate change was the tilting of the Earth’s axis so the powers-that-be came up with a solution – if atomic bombs got them into the situation maybe another big shove by several A bombs would bring everything back to normal. Wow – that was some plan that not even the filmmakers wanted to give an ending to so they printed up two headlines – one states “World Saved” the other “World Doomed” and, as the film faded to black, the audience was left to decide what headline was true.

We may be seeing some summer showers that were predicted last night into this morning. They will then make their way over to the mountains leaving us with some humidity. On Friday through Monday our high temps will be in the 80s then on Tuesday and Wednesday up to the 90s, which is all normal, according to Rich Thompson, NOAA meteorologist.

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on Tuesday, speakers continued voicing their concerns of the curriculum being taught at schools. A couple of speakers mentioned books that they said were part of the curriculum or in school libraries. Board member

Nayiri Nahabedian and interim Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson both stated that the books, “Gender Queer” and “You Don’t Have to Like Me” were not “in our schools and not taught to our kids.” CVW once again reached out

to GUSD regarding this issue and was told there had been an extensive investigation and these books were not found to be in any GUSD libraries and were not being taught within the curriculum of the district.

CRIME BLOTTER

Aug 2
 2100 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, garage door openers and other items were stolen from a vehicle between Aug. 2-4.

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the glass door of a business was shattered. Deputies found that a cash register was slightly open. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The burglary occurred at 4:28 a.m.

Aug. 1
 900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a witness stated that she saw a man wearing a floppy hat walk around the table where a woman had placed her belongings. The man placed his

backpack down on the chair directly behind the woman’s chair. He dug through his backpack, apparently rearranging its contents. He then picked up his belongings and exited the restaurant in an unknown direction. The witness thought the man’s behavior was suspicious because he selected a four-person table directly behind the victim. He was alone and there were other vacant tables available. He placed his backpack on an interior chair behind the woman. The space between the chair and the table was restricted, as it could only extend out so far without contacting the back of the woman’s seat. The woman later found her purse to be gone and presumes the man who sat close to her may have stolen it.

The theft occurred between 11:43 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

800 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an unknown man entered the store and stole airpods and a cellphone charger.

The theft occurred at 6:50 p.m.

July 31
 3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in Montrose, it appeared that someone had attempted to steal a vehicle. It was discovered the locking mechanism of a driver’s door had been punched and the plastic cover of steering wheel ignition column was completely off and hanging with wires exposed.



The attempted theft occurred overnight.

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group. According to the Kiwanis Club website, the name officially changed in 1916 to “Kiwanis” from the Native American expression “Nunc Kee-wanis” and means “We trade.” In 1919 the group’s motivation changed to serving the community, specifically children. Currently, the Kiwanis International mission statement reads, “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.”

Alex Parajon, who is currently a Glendale Kiwanis board member and treasurer, emphasized, “It’s all about the kids.” He said being at events like the shopping spree at Target for the HALA kids was why he loved being a Kiwanian.

“Seeing the impact that we make ... seeing the kids, seeing their smiling faces,” he said of the joy the event brought.

HALA is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless families with children. It started in 2010 and has since helped over 600 families find permanent housing.

Their mission is, “To assist families experiencing homelessness in gaining independence by transitioning into permanent housing and employment, with the support of our community.” It also works to prevent homelessness and joined forces with Glendale Communitas Initiative in 2020 to provide community workshops focused on job development, financial planning, and life skills.

Hernandez is the vice president of the Glendale Kiwanis Club and has been part of both organizations for eight years.

“Kiwanis created the program ... back in 2021,” he said of the shopping spree. He added that the missions of both organizations aligned in such a way that it “[made] perfect sense” for them to work together.

“This was our third year and the best one so far,” he said.

Waves of gratitude spread throughout Target from all participants of the event as the shoppers brought their filled carts to the registers.

Emani Williams was finishing

shopping with her father Erick and Kiwanian Katie Zabala. It was Zabala’s first time being a part of the event and she “loved it.” Emani showed off her new backpack decorated with little strawberries, a big package of ankle socks and her favorite item, a doll. She beamed.

Both organizations have events throughout the year to raise money for the services they provide.

On Sunday, Oct. 1 at St. Finbar Church, 2021 W. Olive Ave. in Burbank, HALA has a fundraising event even called “Empty Bowl 2023.” General admission tickets are available for \$40.

“The event gathers over 300 of our region’s supporters for delicious soup, opportunity drawings and entertainment, and [to] select one beautiful handmade ceramic bowl,” said Hernandez. “The

handmade ceramic bowl serves as a reminder of the many families in our region who don’t necessarily have the opportunity to eat three meals a day.”

The Glendale Kiwanis Club is hosting a Wine & Toffee Tasting event on Sunday, Aug. 20. It starts at 4 p.m. and tickets start at \$75 per person; the event is limited to 50 people. There will be pairing of wine and toffee, fun and fellowship.

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CV Weekly's
BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL SECTION 2023

CALENDAR THIS! PREPARING CALENDARS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School is just about a week away. Parents, students, teachers and school administrators are starting to fill their calendars for the 2023-24 school year.

Back to School events are a great way for families and students to walk around the campus and to find out what lies ahead on a normal school schedule.

The first day of school for Glendale Unified School District is Aug. 16.

Back to School events are:

AUG. 17

Fremont Elementary School, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Cerritos Elementary School, 5:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Glenoaks Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AUG. 22

Mann Elementary School, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

AUG. 23

Marshall Elementary School, 5 p.m. 7 p.m.

AUG. 24

Edison Elementary School, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 La Crescenta Elementary School, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Monte Vista Elementary School, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Lincoln Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Mountain Avenue Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Jefferson Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Keppel Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Wilson Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Muir Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Back to School events are a great way for students and parents to learn what is expected in the new school year. *File photo*

AUG. 30

Dunsmore Elementary School, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Balboa Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AUG. 31

Hoover High School, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Clark Magnet High School, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Glendale High School, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SEPT. 6

Columbus Elementary School, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SEPT. 7

Crescenta Valley High School, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Daily High School, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

RAMONA CONVENT CELEBRATES 135 YEARS, A NEW PRINCIPAL, AND A NEW ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Ramona Convent is thrilled to welcome new principal Alberto Chavarria. Although new to the role, Mr. Chavarria is entering his 16th year serving students at Ramona in various capacities that include AP Spanish teacher, guidance counselor, director of Guidance, and associate principal for Academics and Student Life. He brings a high level of integrity and energy to the position. As a passionate advocate for all-girls' education, he successfully showcases its value through his commitment to making sure each young woman at Ramona thrives in college and beyond, living a meaningful life filled with confidence and purpose.

Mr. Chavarria balances his new role of principal by making sure that wellness and balance are a priority in his life and the life of his students. He enjoys traveling with his family and showcases his pledge to wellness by visiting the gym consistently.

Mr. Chavarria shared, "I'm excited to launch a new 'J Term' mini-enrichment program. Students will have the opportunity to travel for a school-sponsored college tour, participate in an exchange program with a Sisters of the Holy Names (SNJM) School in Seattle, work an internship or stay on campus and take classes such as Financial Literacy, Hiking and Poetry, Dance Conditioning, Podcasting, and more!"

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BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING STRATEGIES THAT SAVE MONEY & TIME kidsactivitiesblog.com

Back To School Shopping

Do you ever think about the best time to start back to school shopping? Summer may feel like it has just started, but it's already time to start thinking about all of the back to school shopping that needs to be done! The new school year means new items like pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, etc. And while elementary aged and middle school aged kids may have easier supply lists (only slightly) high school students and college students may need stuff like a new laptop.

When To Start Back To School Shopping

With American parents spending an average of \$630 on back to school supplies, it's important to catch the early sales to save the most money – especially if you have multiple children!

Not sure when to catch the best deals? Check out these parent-tested tips below.

Start With A Back To School Shopping List

Make a back to school shopping list and check it twice ... or three times!

If your school provides a recommended supplies list, that is a really good start. If they haven't released it yet, grab last year's version for your child's upcoming grade level and circle the items that will likely be on this year's list as well. In general, these lists don't change much from year to year!

Add things that kids might need in addition to the list in-

cluding backpacks, clothing, shoes, lunch boxes and more. If your child wears a uniform to school, make sure you break down the sizes and items you will need for the upcoming year.

Start Back To School Shopping Early To Save Money

Back to school shopping can feel overwhelming.

Taking a cue from parents who plan ahead! Retailers start creating their back to school sections as early as the Fourth of July. Retailers typically offer some sort of incentive during the early weeks to jumpstart sales.

If possible, start stocking up early in the summer and set items aside for August or September. Keep in mind that retailers have back to school sales throughout the summer, so keep an eye on their weekly ads for the best prices.

Shop Often To Get The Best Back To School Prices

Finding books for the right price can be a challenge!

For the best deals, you may need to wait for sales on specific items, so be prepared to shop often. Sign up for promotional emails from your favorite back to school retailers to make sure you get the latest deals and steals.

A weekly trip to buy the latest on-sale school supply can help save money, and help you stock up on items that frequently need to be replaced mid-school year. Store extra items in a plastic tub until they're needed after the winter holiday break!

If there's anything left over at the end of the school year, save it for the next year or donate it to your child's teacher.

Last Minute Shopping Deals On Back To School

Last minute deals can make shopping more stressful, but rewarding!

For deeper discounts on back to school supplies, last minute shopping can pay off big. School supplies are priced to move as stores get ready to clear off the shelves and move on to the next selling season.

Be careful, though, because although you can find plenty of items at clearance prices, you might not be able to find everything that you need. If your child needs very specific items, or will only write in a certain type of notebook, it's probably better to pick that up first, and stock up on extras right before or after the first day of school.

Careful Planning Pays Off When It Comes To BTS Shopping

Back to school can be fun!

Shopping for back to school supplies is an expensive endeavor but with some careful planning, and a willingness to shop early and often, you'll be able to save on plenty of back to school items.

If your child's school or teacher has a detailed back to school shopping list, be sure to have that in hand before heading out for supplies.

By Becky MANSFIELD.

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BACK TO SCHOOL GOALS & DREAMS

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St. Bede resumes classes for the 2023-2024 school year on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:50 am and will kick off with morning assembly led by principal Elizabeth Bozzo, pastor Fr. Jim Bevacqua, and the newly elected 2023-2024 Student Council members. St. Bede welcomes several new students in all Grades, as well as 4 new faculty and staff members.

Over the summer months, St. Bede Faculty participated in professional development opportunities, new curriculum and technology arrived, and a new classroom space was completed. The School and Parish also broke ground on the new Parish Hall, which once completed, will provide a gymnasium, day care, and much more for all of the students and school families to enjoy!

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CALENDAR THIS! (continued)

Roosevelt Middle School, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
RD White Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SEPT. 13

Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information go to www.gusd.net

Burbank Unified School District is having its first day of school on Aug. 14. Its Back to School schedule is (check with individual schools for times):

AUG. 24

All Elementary Schools

SEPT. 7

All High Schools

SEPTEMBER 8

All Middle Schools

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La Cañada Unified School District School first day of school is Aug. 15. Its Back to School Schedule is:

AUG. 10

La Cañada Elementary - TK to K p.m. classes, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and TK to K a.m. classes, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Palm Crest Elementary - TK to K a.m./p.m. classes, 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Paradise Canyon Elementary - K a.m./p.m. classes, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

AUG. 11

Palm Crest Elementary: New Family Ice Cream Social and Tours from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

La Cañada Elementary School: New Family Orientation and Social from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

AUG. 24

La Cañada High School Back to School - Seventh and Eighth Grades, check with schools for times

AUG. 25

Palm Crest Elementary - PTA Back to School BBQ from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AUG 30

Back to School Night for all elementary schools in grades 2, 4, & 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

AUG. 31

Back to School Night for all elementary schools in grades 1, 3 & 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SEPT. 6

La Cañada High School, grades from freshman to senior, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS & JOKES!

Get plenty of sleep before school!

What did you learn in school today, son?

Not enough, dad, I have to go back tomorrow.

Why do math books look so sad?

They are full of problems.

What is the smartest insect?

A spelling bee.

Get plenty of sleep before school!



BACK TO SCHOOL FUN FACTS!

What do Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, and William Hopper have in common? They all signed the Declaration of Independence and attended Boston's Latin School.

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FIVE BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAREGIVER SURVIVAL TIPS:

- **Prep Prep Prep:** Uncertainty and random changes can lead to fear and panic, which means more clinging and melting down. When we help our kids know what to expect, it helps them feel safe and makes the transition away from you/home easier. Read books about school – here are some of our favorites! "Elmo Back to School" and "Daniel Tiger Goes to School" and/or have them watch episodes about going to school. Another way to get them prepped for school is to draw and talk about what their school routine will look like: "We will eat breakfast and get dressed at home. Then we will go in the car and I will drop you off at school. We will give hugs and kisses, then I will leave to go to work, and you will stay at school with your teachers and other kids to play. I will pick you up after rest time, and I can't wait to see you."

- **Accept and Okay All of Their Feelings:** Pushing them and trying to change feelings makes them panic, cling and resist more. The more you can accept their feelings – without trying to change them – the more secure and safe you're helping them feel. They might feel excited, nervous, mad or sad about going to school – all feelings are healthy and okay. "I hear you're feeling sad/scared/mad about going back to school. We've spent a lot of time together at home. It's okay to have big feelings about going to school." A few things we're going to avoid... a) Toxic positivity: "You'll love school. All your friends will be there, you'll have fun!" b) Minimizing

feelings: "Don't cry. Don't be scared. There's nothing scary about school." c) Comparing kids: "Look, Justin's having fun out there. And see? Maya is smiling, she's happy at school."

- **Drop Off Hysterics:** Prior to drop off, remind them lots of times when you'll be picking them up, and do your very best to be there to build trust and reduce future worries. If your child is screaming and crying at school drop off ... what do you say? "It's time for school. I love you so much! Mommy will pick you up right after nap time." Keep it brief, confident and consistent every time. Don't waver. Lingering and hesitating cues the toddler brain to say, "Mom seems unsure. I knew something was wrong here!" Panic!

- **Give Them A Special Reminder:** Give them a special object – a little love note or even just drawing a heart on their hand – something they can look at and touch if they miss you during the day. "Whenever you miss me, you can touch this heart on your hand and remember that our hearts are always connected, even when we're apart."
- **Extra TLC After Pick Up:** Remember that kids usually need a little extra TLC after long days at school. It's normal for them to have more big feelings in the safety of their home after keeping it together at school all day.

*Kristin Gallant and Deena Margolin, LMFT
Provided by Anderson Group Public Relations*

Back to school!

Tips, Tricks, and Advice

<p>SET UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USE A DESIGNATED SPOT • OUT OF BED • SECLUDED SPACE • EMPHASIZE ROUTINE 	<p>DURING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DON'T WORK THROUGH LUNCH • MIX YOUR HARD HOMEWORK WITH EASY HOMEWORK • SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH YOUR FRIENDS DURING LUNCH • STUDY GROUPS • GIVE YOURSELF SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO • UPDATE YOUR AGENDA • FILL WITH LISTS OF 3 COMPLETE THEN REPEAT 	<p>AFTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICK A DEFINITIVE TIME TO STOP/AFTER YOU FINISH "PACK UP" • GO OUTSIDE TIME WITH FRIENDS • GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO RELAX/HAVE FUN/DO SOMETHING YOU LIKE
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Back To School Word Search

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Murderess in the La Crescenta Hotel

Last week I wrote about the Silver Tree Inn, also known as the La Crescenta Hotel, once located where Foster's Donuts is at Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. I wrote about the famous folks who stayed there, but there was one that was more infamous than famous – serial killer Louise Peete.

As I mentioned last week, the Los Angeles District Attorney kept a suite at the La Crescenta Hotel. So when a location was needed for a "house arrest" of Louise Peete, the La Crescenta Hotel was chosen.

In 1920, Peete was accused of murdering a rich Los Angeles man, Jacob Denton. Peete proclaimed her innocence. With her husband and 4-year-old daughter, she boarded a train from Denver to face her accusers. The LAPD stopped the train at El Cajon, grabbed the family and hustled them off to the La Crescenta Hotel. She was kept under guard as she and her lawyer accused the LAPD of kidnapping her. This escapade was national news as Peete was beautiful and her life had been a lurid one. Several photos of her at the hotel can be found on the Internet.

She managed one escape from the La Crescenta Hotel while she was kept there under house arrest. Apparently the guards on duty just then weren't familiar with Peete's appearance, mistook her for a comely guest of the hotel and let her simply walk away. A witness described the scene:

"Descending the steps was Miss Peete, parasol perched daintily over a shoulder and the full skirt of a filmy summer frock held discretely at ankle height while the lovely lady began to walk down the drive of the hotel toward Foothill Boulevard.

"Sturdy policemen ran fingers under their collars, gulped at the luck that brought them to this spot and had placed this vision of 'loveliness personified' on the hotel steps. And then secretly cursed the ugly duty that kept them rooted to either side of the flower-lined drive. They were hunting a murderess.

"They murmured embarrassed good mornings as Miss Peete spoke to them and even offered her hand. Step-by-step, policeman-by-policeman, Miss Peete, poised and cool, the only one cool on that summer morning, smiled her way



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out of the hotel grounds ... and boarded the morning stage for Los Angeles."

Peete had charisma that allowed her to pass by the policemen and a seeming sexual magnetism that allowed her to rack up an impressive toll of death surrounding her suitors.

She was caught and brought back to the hotel. She also cooperated with the murder investigation like any self-respecting sociopath, and was sentenced to prison.

Let's do a quick run-through of

the crime career of Louise Peete. Born to a wealthy family, she was precociously promiscuous and a natural thief. She first married a hotel clerk in 1903, which gave her access to the hotel's vault. Her first husband committed suicide. She worked for a while as a high-end prostitute and thief. She married a rich oilman next and murdered him, but managed to plead self-defense successfully. Her charisma carried her. After that she married another hotel worker, more thefts, and he committed suicide as well. She married another rich guy in Denver and had a child with him, but quickly moved on to Los Angeles.

There she shacked up with Denton, a millionaire, quietly murdered him and buried him in the basement. Then she used his house and money for some awesome parties. When things got suspicious, back she went to her last husband and her daughter in Denver. It was from there she was brought to the La Crescenta Hotel and her conviction.

While in prison her last

husband and her cellmate committed suicide. She used her charm to get out early. Her first stop was at a house where three more people died mysteriously. Another job as a rich man's caretaker resulted in another murder, another marriage and another suicide. This time she was sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

Quite a rap-sheet for the La Crescenta Hotel's most infamous guest. Remember her next time you get a donut at Foster's!



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NEWS FROM THE CVTC » CHRIS KILPATRICK

Working Hard in the Community

In the midst of this very hot summer, the Crescenta Valley Town Council is hard at work representing the community.

We attended National Night Out at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station last week. It was a great opportunity for the community to come together with law enforcement and other first responders. The Crescenta Valley is known for being a very safe community and this is largely due to the relationship that the community has with law enforcement. This is a concept that the CVTC embodies and we are proud to see it in action.

One of the single biggest issues our community faces on a daily basis is traffic safety. Our streets were never designed for the volume of traffic they receive – especially around our schools. This, coupled with very poor driving behavior, creates a public safety challenge.

Our Streets and Roads Committee has taken a multi-faceted approach to traffic safety that involves the highway patrol, sheriff's department, public works, and Glendale Unified School District. The office of our county supervisor Kathryn Barger has also been instrumental in this effort.

We are thankful for an unprecedented enforcement effort by our law enforcement partners. We are also thankful to GUSD for helping to encourage safe driving behavior by parents and other members of the community.

Most recently, we are proud to announce action being taken by public works. Shortly, new traffic signs will be installed at key locations. These signs are the direct result of community feedback and collaboration with law enforcement. In addition, traffic studies are being conducted at several intersections in the community that will guide future action.

As we begin the school year, we would again like to urge everyone to slow down and be mindful of driving habits. The life you save may be that of your neighbor.

At our July general meeting, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation presented information about park improvement funding under Measure A. Discussed was ADA upgrades at CV Park and the feasibility of exercise equipment at Two Strike Park. The CVTC will continue to follow these issues and will keep the community updated.

At our next general meeting, we will be hearing from the Los Angeles County Vector Control

District. With what is predicted as one of the worst mosquito seasons on record, this will be a very important and informative presentation.

The next meeting will be on Aug.

17 at 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Chris Kilpatrick, President
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

J. Ryan Stradal to Speak at Book and Author Luncheon

J. Ryan Stradal grew up in the southern Minnesota town of Hastings and, by his own admission, often failed his driver's license exams. He also graduated from Northwestern University where he slipped on the ice all too often. However, he went on to become a prolific writer and his books are too many to be listed.

Stradal has had a very interesting career and will speak at the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG) annual Book and Author Luncheon on Oct. 24, at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive in La Cañada.

Stradal is a man of many talents. His latest novel, "Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club," was an instant national bestseller. It debuted at No. 11 on the national ABA Indiebound list and No. 7 on the Los Angeles Times list and was the No. 1 selling hardcover fiction book among independent bookstores in its first week of release.

"Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club" is the story of Mariel and Ned, a couple from two very different restaurant families in Rustic, Minnesota. It tells the legacy

of love and tragedy and the hardship and hope that unites and divides them.

Stradal will also present "Lager Queen of Minnesota," a national best seller in its first week of release and was named one of the best books of the year by USA. This book won him the WILLA Literary Award, which honors the best in literature featuring women/young girls stories set in the West. "Lager Queen of Minnesota" is the story of Edith and Helen, estranged since their father died and left the farm to Helen. It shows how a family business succeeds with generations of strong, determined women at the helm. It will make readers laugh and maybe even cry.

Stradal's shorter writings have appeared in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, the Guardian and the Los Angeles Review of Books, to name a few.

He is married and a father, does not own a gun or a motorcycle, likes books, wine, sports, root beer, craft beer and peas.

Now that readers know all about J. Ryan Stradal, plan to come to the Book and Author Luncheon on Oct. 24 at the La Cañada Country Club and meet him in person. He will be available to sign his books at

that time.

Tickets for the Book and Author Luncheon will be available the first week of September. Contact either Joan Cleven at (818) 249-4603 or Joanne Ploszaj at (818) 249-82876 and ask for an invitation.

LCFOG is proud of its silent auction with numerous items "too good to miss bidding on," according to Marie Baker and her assistants Alicia Thompson and Chris Wright Roper. Working in the background to provide donations to the silent auction has been DeeDee Nuanes, Ways and Means chair. All funds generated at the luncheon, from the sale of books to the last item on the auction table, will go directly to LuskIn Orthopaedic Institute for Children (LuskInOIC). Over the years LCFOG has donated over \$844, 059 to help children "Grow Well and Play Well."

LuskInOIC is deeply committed to providing the best orthopaedic medical care for children, whether a broken hand or the need for a prosthetic leg or arm. They believe every child should have access to the best medical care available and not be limited because they do not have insurance or are underinsured. This is a



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practice started in 1911 when Dr. Charles LeRoy Lowman was treating crippled children at USC's Graves Memorial Clinic. For over 110 years no child in

need of orthopaedic medical care has ever been turned away for lack of funds.

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Kiwanis Bride and Groom Honored



ABOVE: Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan and Lucine in front of a balloon arch made by the bride.

BELOW: From left host Bruce Hinckley, president Lisa Brooks, Debbie Hinckley and Joseph Rodriguez.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale attended a wedding reception for one of its members at the home of Bruce and Debbie Hinckley. Groom Nzhde Avag-Petrosyan and bride Lucine were all smiles as they were celebrated by those in attendance.

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets weekly on Friday at the Elks Lodge in Glendale, 120 E. Colorado St. Meeting attendance is \$20 per person and includes lunch.

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USC-VHH WC Presents Donation to Hospital



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The USC Verdugo Hills Women's Council was founded after VHH opened its doors in 1972. Since that time this dedicated group of women have raised in excess of \$3 million to fund hospital programs, services and equipment.

Recently, at the hospital board meeting, the Women's Council

presented a check for \$20,000 to fund the hospital IR/Cardiac Lab. These state-of-the art interventional radiology and cardiac catheterization laboratories offer the best-in-kind cardiology care in the community.

In recent years, the Women's Council supported the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which was

dedicated in 2021. The NICU has had a very positive effect in the community. The census of incoming maternity patients has dramatically increased.

The WC plans to continue fundraising and will be dedicating future efforts to supporting nursing education.

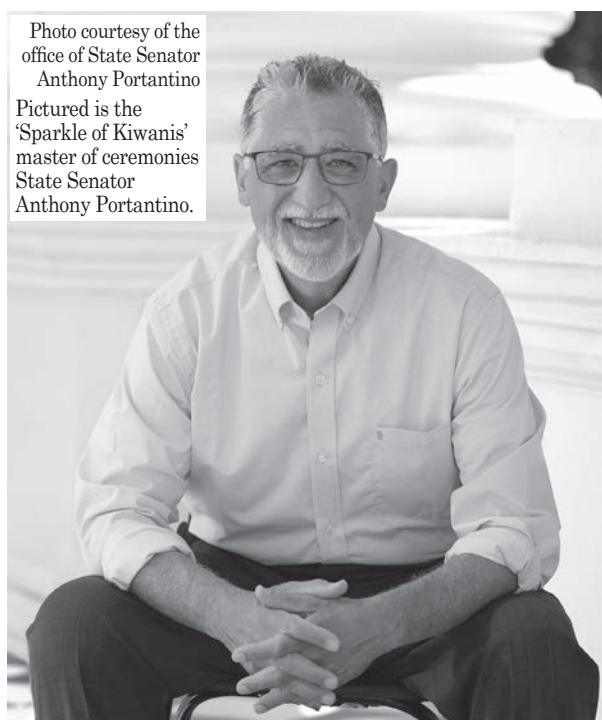
Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Plans for 'Sparkle of Kiwanis' Gala Fundraiser

"Sparkle of Kiwanis" is the theme for the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 75th anniversary gala fundraiser on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The master of ceremonies is State Senator Anthony Portantino, who has served as a Kiwanian for over two decades. With attendees decked in cocktail attire, the program will feature a DJ, dinner, dancing, opportunity drawings, a silent auction and a tribute to those who have served over the years. Led by Event Chairs Trish McRae, Alice Perez and Payton Parker, the event will raise funds for vital local youth and community programs.

Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Trish McRae said, "We are super excited to get together to mark this milestone in our Kiwanis history. We invite you to check out what's the best-kept secret in town and help us celebrate while raising funds to fuel programs that inspire youth leadership and community involvement."

The event is open to the public with tickets on sale for \$125 per person. Visit <https://lacanadakiwanis.org> and click on the fundraiser tab to view tickets on sale and sponsorship levels

Photo courtesy of the office of State Senator Anthony Portantino. Pictured is the 'Sparkle of Kiwanis' master of ceremonies State Senator Anthony Portantino.



to give back to the community. For questions, email kiwaniscluboflacanada@gmail.com or call (818) 568-6411. The deadline for tickets and sponsorship opportunities is Aug. 18.



CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE

CV Weekly traveled to Krabi, Thailand for Mike Starkey's 50 (plus 2) birthday. Joining the celebration were Jill Caballero, Josiane Stickels, Frank and Mary Virgallito, Eric Hamilton, Ali Burton, Henry Aguilar, Roberto "Tito" Barcena, Shannon Lenain and Brandon Bittle. CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

» REVIEW

The Sound of ... the Crescenta Valley

By Mikaela STONE

A well beloved story known to young and old, “The Sound of Music” was the most recent victory in local resident and director Carter Thomas’s mission to bring local theater to La Crescenta and the surrounding areas. The director and his crew teamed up to solve a problem – like Maria – by performing on the Highlands Church stage where previous productions of “A Christmas Carol” had brought holiday cheer to the community and a new angle to Charles Dickens’ most famous story.

Thomas’s history with theater in Glendale did not begin with the Highlands Church, however. He closely worked with the Glendale Centre Theatre for years in acting, writing and directing roles. Yet Thomas was not the only one with roots in “The Sound of Music” cast and crew. Few shows went up in the GCT without choreography and light design crewmember Paul Ried in the light booth and ensemble member Kyle Kelley acting. Of the 31 person cast, 13 had been in some form of GCT production before, three of whom received well-deserved top billing: Elizabeth Eden (Maria), Jim Meade (Captain Von Trapp) and Rebecca Allfrey (Liesel). While the beloved Glendale Centre Theatre closed its doors during the pandemic and its future remains unknown, it is reassuring that its spirit remains alive in the cast and crew gathered within Highlands Church.

On Aug. 4 and 6, this cast and crew told the story of flighty young nun-to-be Maria, who must prove herself by fulfilling the role of governess for Navy Captain Von Trapp’s seven children, infamous for chasing out previous nannies with

their shenanigans. Maria finds kindred spirits in these children by teaching them to sing and bringing music back into their widower father’s life. When the love they find is threatened by the Nazi regime they, like their real-world counterparts, must escape to Switzerland. The last performances are on Aug. 11 and Aug. 12.

While each of the cast members handled the Von Trapp story exceptionally well, three characters in particular stole the show.

As Captain Von Trapp, Jim Meade carried himself with the highest discipline, so much so that at the moment the character’s cold façade finally breaks – during the song “Edelweiss,” a song of love for Von Trapp’s homeland of Austria, now held under Nazi rule – and he begins to struggle with the song, the audience practically held their breath to hear him. This moment showed why Meade had been cast in this role. While Captain Von Trapp can be easily overlooked in the face of the more dynamic Maria and Von Trapp children, the themes of the show pivots on his love for his country and his family pitted against one another as he makes the difficult choice between safety and the greater good, knowing that either way Austria is no longer his homeland. These emotions fuel “Edelweiss” as the lead-in to the climax of the play.

Rebecca Allfrey pulled double duty this show as both actress and choreographer, but that did not stop her from stealing the audience’s heart as Liesel, the eldest of the Von Trapp children. The moment the audience knew she was perfect for the role came during “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” which featured both complex duet choreography between



Photo provided by Carter Thomas

A paramount moment of the play is the performance of “Edelweiss” by the Von Trapp Family Singers.

Leisel and her boyfriend and a better look at Leisel’s character. Allfrey portrayed her with a mix of naivety and desire for freedom that every 16-year-old can relate to. While audience members who knew of her boyfriend’s allegiance to the Nazi party cannot help but see the irony in his offering guidance to her, with Allfrey’s portrayal one cannot help but wish Leisel every happiness in this scene and beyond.

Last but not least was Elizabeth Eden, who played Maria. With Julie Andrews originating the character, Eden had big shoes to fill. However, the actress proved once before that she does not need shoes, or even legs, when she played Ariel’s little sister Arista in Musical Theatre West’s “The Little Mermaid.” From the moment she entered the stage,

Eden’s bright eyes and rosy cheeks captured the audience’s attention in much the same way that Maria herself did the abbey, never quite staying still as she sang the titular song of “The Sound of Music,” quite at home in the production’s beautifully designed imitation stained glass window mountains. While Maria played governess, Eden exuded warmth that made the audience understand the younger characters’ affinity for their nanny as she laughed and acted out songs like “The Lonely Goatherd” to soothe the children’s fears.

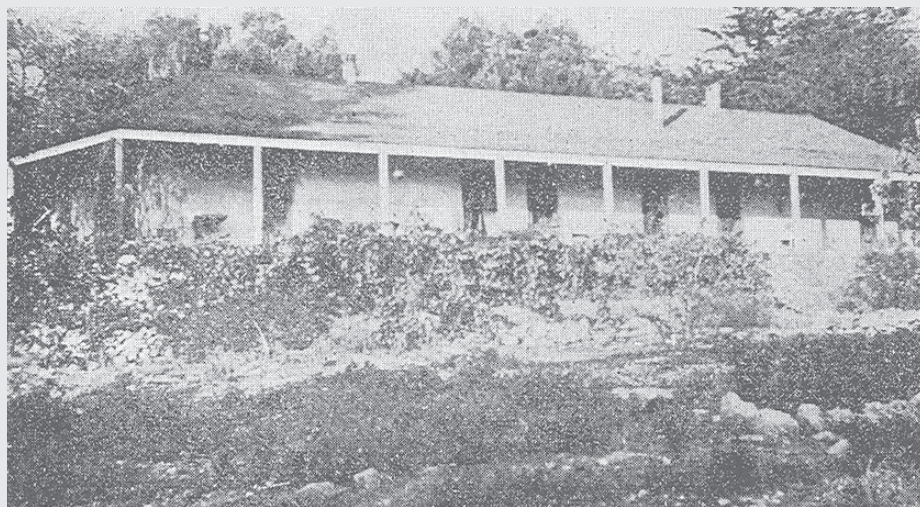
The children themselves, many of whom boasted budding careers already, performed their parts well right down to the youngest, Everly Laing, who played Gretl. During “So Long, Farewell,” she sang the final part – “The sun has gone to bed

and so must I” – at the top of her tiny voice to the sound of a resounding “Aww” and raucous applause from the audience.

Those familiar only with the movie were pleasantly surprised by the more active roles taken on by Baroness Elsa von Schraeder, Maria’s rival in love, and smooth speaker Max Detweiler, who helped facilitate the Von Trapp family’s escape from Austria. The film cut two songs from the stage play that the well-to-do pair sing with Captain Von Trapp, “How Can Love Survive?” which is a lighthearted look at how love is different when there are no obstacles to overcome, and “There’s No Way to Stop It,” which encourages the captain not to fight any political changes that come his way. In spite of

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THEN & NOW



THEN » In the late 1800s Dr. Benjamin Briggs, after having lost a wife to tuberculosis and suffering from TB himself, searched the world over for the perfect climate in which to set up a hospital for the treatment of lung diseases. In 1881, he settled on the nearly uninhabited Rancho La Cañada. He chose a spot high on an alluvial fan (now known as Briggs Terrace) to build his home/sanitarium out of cement he had imported from Germany, reportedly the first cement structure in Southern California. In this old photo you can see the wide veranda overlooking the valley. It is from here that he perceived the hills and valley below forming crescent shapes, and coined the name La Crescenta.

Benjamin Briggs’s House Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



NOW » This is roughly the same spot at the same angle today. This is looking north up Terrace Drive, just off Freeman. The old cement home of our community’s founder was bulldozed in the early ’60s to create space for this tight community of custom homes with million-dollar views. The only trace of Dr. Briggs’ 1800s dwelling is his old water tank higher up the Terrace, which has been turned into a charming little house.

Kirstin Fife Among Artists to Perform at GNC

On Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

The concert will feature works by Luigi Boccherini, Kaspar Kummer and the premiere of a quintet for flute and strings by Los Angeles composer Kirstin Fife. Performing will be Katherine Marsh on flute, Kirstin Fife on viola, Jacqueline Suzuki on violin, Adriana Zoppo on violin/viola and Clement Chow on cello.

There are many wonderful violinists on the world's stages today, but not many of them compose and perform their own original compositions along with those of the master composers of centuries past. Kirstin Fife has distinguished herself as one of these more rare musicians, consummate performer and composer.

Many of her concerts are given in an intimate setting, such as private homes and small theaters. Also, she performs in regular concert series, such as the Glendale Noon Concerts, the Pasadena Presbyterian noon concerts, the Sunday musicale series at the Newport Beach Library and The Sunspace Thursday

night concert series. Recently, Fife has been promoting and performing her performance piece "The Major Arcana" for violin and piano, which includes a slide show to enhance the presentation.

In addition to "The Major Arcana," Fife has been performing her pieces based on the artwork of Salvadore Dali with the Dali Ensemble of Los Angeles.

"Czechmate" and "Pieces of My Heart" are two CDs that she released in 1996 and 2011 respectively. In between were hundreds of recordings as a studio musician for movies, television and records including "Mission Impossible," "Jag," "Star Trek: The Next Generation," "Michael Jackson" and others. On camera, she has appeared on "American Idol," "The Tonight Show" and "The Voice" and others. Also, she has performed for all of the major awards shows including the Academy Awards, the Emmy Awards, the Country Music Awards, and the Grammy Awards (with Prince and Bruno Mars).

Fife loves to perform for charitable causes; these have included Alzheimer's Foundation, The Red Shirt Project and Hope Gardens. She welcomes the opportunity to do



much more of this kind of work.

Fife is in the business of creating, recording, performing and teaching. Her CDs are available on iTunes. Original compositions and arrangements are available on sheetmusicplus.com.

For more information on Glendale Noon Concerts, email treas.gsda610@gmail.com or call (818) 244-7241.

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

Brand Summer Music Series

All are invited to enjoy eclectic live music outside on the lawn behind Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. Concerts are Friday nights at 7 p.m. and admission is free. Visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and picnic on the grassy hillsides

in Brand Park. Seats are not provided.

Performances run 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. Free parking is limited; ride-share is encouraged. On Friday, Aug. 11 Murphy's Flaw performs bluegrass music.

The Brand Summer Music

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

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the characters' moral standings, they were a delight to watch with actress Kara Gibson bringing unflappable class to Elsa and Guy Noland presenting a cad with a heart of gold who was fun to hate.

While the play did give a nod to the film with a short wig in the vein of movie Maria for Elizabeth Eden's character, the Highlands production stood on its own with some changes from the stageplay. Carter Thomas chose to rewrite certain portions of dialogue. When asked, he said he "mainly wanted this show to move and have pacing... everyone has the movie in their minds, [which] has such amazing pacing." The hope was that this "fresh" version was more "energized" than the original Rodgers and Hammerstein production,

whose runtime Playbill.com lists as 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Thomas's version, which was roughly 2 hours and 15 minutes, moved audience members along the plot in such a natural way it was easy to miss the passing time and, for all but the most diligent "Sound of Music" fan, any changes.

With "The Sound of Music" emphasis on the family one chooses and not equivocating on one's beliefs, the play's message still rings true 64 years after its Broadway debut.

Yet for one cast member, the play's tribute to the love of music is extra special. Shirley Sycamore, who played one of the Abbey nuns, was Carter Thomas's first grade teacher. Her 40-year teaching career at Monte Vista included her own directing credits, facilitating

elementary school shows and eventually becoming chorus director of the school. She attended all of Thomas's earliest shows when he toured with the cast of Peter Pan as a child and expresses pride at his most recent accomplishments. She hopes to see him gain the career his dedication and talents deserve.

The community will be keeping an eye on these talented folks. It is sad to bid this wonderful cast "auf Wiedersehen, goodbye."

The final performances of "The Sound of Music" at Highlands Church is Friday, Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.simplertix.com/el-the-sound-of-music-tickets-128060#smtx-click>.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Aug. 11, Jim Fishburne of Forest Lawn will make a presentation.

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.

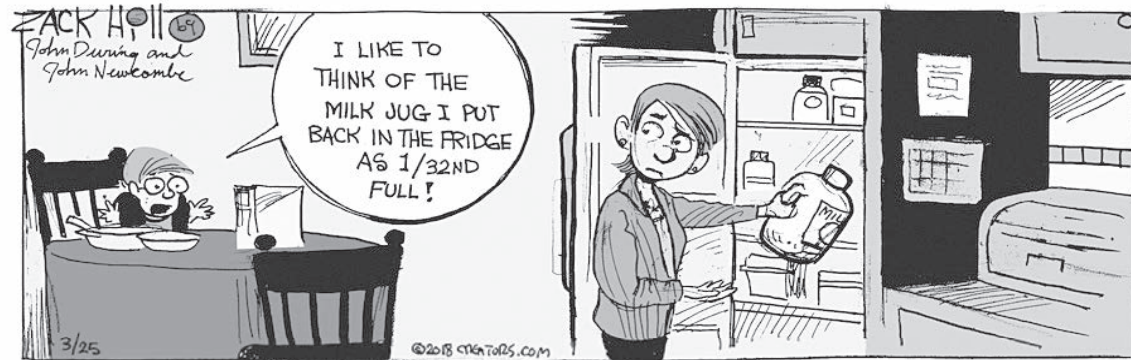
'SOUND OF MUSIC' AT HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta, hosts a production of "The Sound of Music" Aug. 4-Aug. 12. For ticket information visit www.highlandsla.com.

CHAMBER MIXER HOSTED BY LIONS CLUB

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is hosting a barbecue mixer for the CV Chamber of Commerce tonight, 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.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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

Tonight, Thursday, Aug. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., entertainer Vaughn Suponetime 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.

Suponetime 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

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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August 7, 2023 - August 13, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

It's a busy time for you. So much is going on, what with your higher-ups wanting to promote you, wine you, dine you, and get your input, that you may find little time for yourself. It's only temporary. A harmonious aspect moves you into the position of authority you're meant to occupy. Enjoy it!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may have a serious itch this week - to travel, learn something new, make a foreign friend, or speak a new language. Each of these has a unique benefit to your money life going forward, so it's best to check out whatever seems most interesting. You may not be able to resist anyway. Your personal life (and resulting spending) may slow down enough to let you do these things.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This week you're being asked to put more focus into your career. You're usually pretty traditional and conservative by nature, but now you might speak out of turn - a little, at least. If you let others know what your goals are, including the position and salary you require, you may be surprised at how willing your employers are to meet them. Just be extremely clear. Don't beat around the bush.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're almost like a screen on which others can project their hopes, fears, accomplishments and more. This allows you to become whoever you want to be this week as well. So, if you want a better job or a position up the food chain from where you are now, act as if it's already yours. Aspects will help you manifest the financial changes you want to see in your life and put something away for the future.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You're incredibly psychic now. You may find that you can make some money through sheer intuition. Being at the right place at the right time to find out about an exciting new opportunity, getting a certain "feeling" about a particular stock, or dreaming about a new business idea all qualify. Your creativity is at all-time high. Just make sure any outstanding debts are taken care of first.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're hyped up and ready to make some great new contacts. Whatever you do for a living, you'll find that it's a lot easier with friends. Asking for help from a trusted mentor or just introducing yourself to someone who's always been an inspiration to you is a great use of the current energy. Some of these mentors may even be found among your kids, family members and creative partners.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're getting ready to make some major changes to the way you do business.

Perhaps you're thinking about moving to another home or job. Some mature, sensible energy infuses your job sector. The more you can learn to accept responsibility and prove others can count on you, the more they will reward you financially. Don't shrink away from what could potentially advance you.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week you may revolt against authority figures, at least in your mind. Aspects indicate that you'll need help keeping your cool. You're more communicative, for sure, but try not to be overly aggressive about what you want and need. Others need to be factored in as well. Restrictions and limitations may make it feel like everything's personal now, but chances are they're really not.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You can be a conformist at times, and this week you may have all you need to keep this going in your life. New energy infuses your house of cash and values, facilitating a kind of pause for you. In this quiet moment, you're thinking about what you are and are not willing to do for money, and how much time off you need to remain sane and productive. While you're doing this, you're becoming pretty darn healthy, too. Nice work!

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This week you're facing a time of increased energy when it comes to self-expression. Someone you work with is jealous of you and may not be able to handle your powerhouse nature. Never mind. You're putting yourself out there in a new way now, which can only be positive. Speak your truth. It's bound to be deep, mature, and meaningful. Others need to hear it.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It may seem like your money life is going backward instead of forward now. Influences seem to restrict and limit what's coming in, but that may only be an illusion. Become a bit more mature and responsible. This may mean determining once and for all what money means in your life. Are you comfortable now or do you need more cash to be truly happy? Your next move will be determined by your answer.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

For you, this week is about your social networks, which are becoming even more important than before. Your friends really miss you and want to hear all about your latest adventures. But you're doing a lot of changing, which may affect how you look and present yourself. Some of your pals may not be into this process. Be gentle with them. They don't yet understand where you're going and that they can come along, too.

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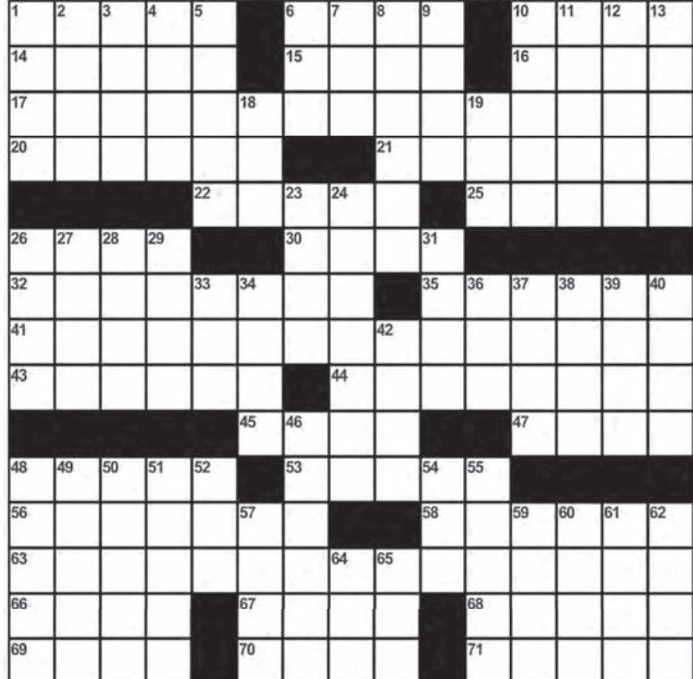
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- 6) City map
- 10) Acknowledges applause
- 14) Pugilist
- 15) "No ___ luck!"
- 16) By mouth
- 17) Three types of cheese
- 20) Congregation leader
- 21) Built, as a house
- 22) Civil Rights gp. since 1909
- 25) Game with kings and queens
- 26) Off-white hue
- 30) ___-tat-tat
- 32) Frees
- 35) "___ Know?" (trivia heading)
- 41) Three types of cheese
- 43) Mexican nap
- 44) Wrote, as a novel
- 45) Bachelor homes of old
- 47) "Why are ___ hard on ourselves?"
- 48) Woodworking grooves
- 53) Recovery prog.
- 56) Snobbish quality
- 58) Worst, needwise
- 63) Three types of cheese
- 66) Hathaway or Archer of Hollywood
- 67) Film projector need
- 68) Feeling of boredom
- 69) Use a branding iron
- 70) Catchall abbr.
- 71) Gridiron opponents

DOWN

- 1) Baker's meas.
- 2) Corn Belt state
- 3) X or Y line
- 4) It is what's left
- 5) Heated felony?
- 6) "___ Love You" (Beatles tune)
- 7) Carry laboriously
- 8) Receive willingly
- 9) Odin's thunderous son
- 10) Mess up
- 11) Publicly hold forth
- 12) Many are minimum at McDonald's
- 13) Goes downhill in the winter
- 18) Women's undergarment
- 19) Sleuth, in pctboilers
- 23) Plane surface
- 24) Fall like Niagara's waters
- 26) "The Lord of the Rings" soldiers
- 27) First name in the "Frasier" cast
- 28) Opposite of aweather
- 29) Expansive pastures
- 31) Just ___ on the map
- 33) Quantity (Abbr.)
- 34) ___, Crackle and Pop
- 36) "Sort of" ending
- 37) Arab ship with a triangular sail
- 38) Easily handled, as a ship
- 39) Mined rocks
- 40) Sweeping hairstyle
- 42) "Be quiet!"
- 46) Band on a sleeve
- 48) French Impressionist Edgar
- 49) Companionless
- 50) "Candle in the Wind" princess
- 51) Weasel kin
- 52) Card in a mobile phone
- 54) Do the math, in a way
- 55) Fancy bathroom fixture
- 57) Dehydrated, as land
- 59) Ancient alphabet character
- 60) Europe's largest lava-spewer
- 61) Undesirable thing on ponds
- 62) What you're looking at
- 64) Lipton product
- 65) 90-degree angle

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

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To register, see library staff or visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/lacrescenta-library>.

La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothills Blvd.

GREENLINE HOUSING FOUNDATION PRESENTS 'MUSIC FOR THE MOVEMENT'

On Sunday, Aug. 20 from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m., Greenline Housing Foundation will be presenting a benefit concert for racial housing justice at All Saints Church in Pasadena, 132 N. Euclid Ave. The event will include performances by members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Los Angeles studio musicians.

Tickets are \$50 and available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door.

For more information on Greenline please visit online at www.greenlinehousing.org.

CV LIONS CLUB HAVING COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a community garden workday on Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AA9AC22A46-crescenta1>

12TH ANNUAL SAN MARINO MOTOR CLASSIC

The 12th annual San Marino Motor Classic returns to Lacy Park on Aug. 27. The San Marino Motor Classic is a prestigious Concours d'Elegance including a Concorso Ferrari, where many of the world's finest classic cars are on display and are judged. Spectators can vote for their favorite to win a special award. Food trucks, vendors and the Automotive FineArts Society exhibit will enhance the event. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 on the event day, children under 12 are free.

Purchase a VIP ticket for \$175 and indulge in a shaded seating area where a buffet lunch with adult beverages is served and then watch the awards ceremony.

The San Marino Motor Classic is an all-volunteer, 501c3 non-profit organization. For further information, and to purchase tickets, see the website <https://sanmarinomotorclassic.com>.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/JUST FOR FUN

SLOW DOWN from Cover

yearincludingnew "NoU-Turn" signs near Community and Ramsdell avenues near CVHS.

Most schools also have restricted parking around their locations. Bay reminds drivers to pay attention to those signs because law enforcement will be issuing citations.

"Plan more time than you normally would when leaving your home," he said. "Give yourself enough time to get to school because it will be a mad rush the first few weeks."

CHP will be actively patrolling the area and will be conducting school zone enforcement.

The key for drivers, whether they are dropping off a student at a school, driving to a school or just trying to get to work or the market, is to give themselves enough travel time.

"Just be patient and we will all get through this together," Bay said.

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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: ALEXANDER MICHAEL ZUFELT MINORS BY AND THROUGH MICHAEL AND BARBARA ZUFELT. Case number 23GDC00152. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, North Central District - Glendale, 600 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner ALEXANDER MICHAEL ZUFELT MINOR BY AND THROUGH MICHAEL AND BARBARA ZUFELT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: ALEXANDER MICHAEL ZUFELT to Proposed Name: XANDER MICHAEL ZUFELT. 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: SEPT 28, 2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023..

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Summer Adult Christian Education

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

This week's topic, on Aug. 16, is "Can I accept both evolutionary theory and creation theology?"

(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.

IN BRIEFS from page 3

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/>.

SALVATION ARMY HOSTING FOOD DRIVE

The Glendale-Burbank Salvation Army is having a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 9. Items needed include dry cereals, rice, dry beans, pastas, oatmeal, canned beans, peanut butter, canned fruits, canned veggies, canned soups and laundry detergent. Donations can be dropped off on the black shelving unit at the parking lot of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. (at the corner of Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues). Please mark bag/s with SA.

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