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## Police Provide Updates on Flash Mob Burglaries to Council

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid updated the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night on the task force Glendale Police Dept. has joined in combating the type of flash mob burglaries that have been occurring throughout the area.

Flash mob burglaries have occurred recently in Glendale, Beverly Hills, Arcadia, Los Angeles and other areas. The "mobs" enter the store and very quickly grab what they can and run away. The Glendale flash mob burglary occurred at Yves Saint Laurent in the Americana at Brand on Aug. 8. At least 30 suspects "flooded the store" in the afternoon. The suspects stole clothing and other merchandise before fleeing on foot then leaving the location in numerous vehicles. They stole about \$300,000 worth of items.

"As of last week [GPD] joined a region-wide task force being led by the Los Angeles Police Department. Ourselves, LA County Sheriff's, Beverly Hills and Burbank Police departments [are part of the task force]. [GPD] has dedicated a couple of our staff members. We did some reorganizing within our organization to allow [us] to join that task force and it's off and running," Cid said. "As we announced last week we had the first arrest that was related to our Glendale crime and have an active arrest warrant for a second suspect."

Without going into too much detail, Cid said at least three or four other individuals involved in the Americana flash mob burglary have been identified.

He added the goal of the GPD is to identify, locate, arrest and prosecute those involved and eventually dismantle the mob.

GPD is using the Flock camera system as well as having a "presence" at the Americana to help deter burglary activity.

"At the end of the day it is really about our staff doing tremendous work. We are finding how to do more with less," he said.

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## That's A Wrap

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Although everyone was ready for the worst, residents in the local area – from Burbank to La Cañada Flintridge – considered themselves lucky after the first tropical storm in over 80 years made its way across Southern California.*

**H**urricane Hilary was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it reached California. During its stay it dropped a lot of rain from the mountains to the valleys.

The brunt of the storm was felt in low desert areas like Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Coachella Valley. Areas in San Bernardino were still under evacuation notice as of Aug. 22. Ten people had been trapped due to the overflow from the rain and one person, a 75-year-old retired school district worker, is still reported missing in the Seven Oaks area.

For the local area, though, it was more about the rain than anything else. The rain totals are impressive: According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), La Cañada Flintridge received 4.54 inches of rain, Santa Anita Dam 6.53 inches, Burbank 3.56 inches, Pasadena 4.33 inches, East Pasadena 5.75 inches, Hansen Dam 2.29 and Eagle Rock Reservoir saw 4.71 inches.

According to City of Glendale spokesperson Stephanie Mkhlian, Glendale Water and Power crews responded to four large feeder outages throughout the City. A total of 8,900 customers were out of power due to the outages. Three of the outages were caused by equipment issues, such as a transformer fire, and two were at substations; one was caused by a wire down due to falling palm fronds. The power was restored to most customers within an hour, but some were out of power for two to four hours.

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
Local debris basins were full of fast-moving water when Hurricane Hilary swept through the area.

## Plans Submitted for La Crescenta Motel Property

By Mary O'KEEFE

Plans for a project have been filed with Los Angeles County Regional Planning on the parcel where the La Crescenta Motel is located at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue.

The plan is for a new five-story, 81-unit multifamily development, including six units restricted to extremely low-income households earning up to 30% of the Area Median Income (ADI). There will be 96 parking spaces provided in a surface lot. The applicant will utilize a 53% density bonus, as well as waivers for height, reduced rear yard landscaping, reduced parking and reduced ground floor transparency, according to the Dept. of Regional Planning.

Members of the Crescenta Valley Land Use Community (LUC) have requested more information concerning the planned development.



The members are also inviting the architect to meet with them to get an idea of what the new units will look like and what is planned.

To many in the area the motel property is part of the Crescenta Valley. Once called the May Lane

motel, it was built around 1946 by Glen Hine and named for his children Maynard and Alane. Hine died in 1964 and the business stayed in the family until it was sold in the early 2000s to Tony Talisse, a La Cañada homebuilder. At the time

Talisse had at planned a condominium complex but after meeting with local residents decided to build an assisted living facility; however, due to the economy of the time that plan was halted.

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# And to Top It Off – An Earthquake

Like most people, Steve and I battened down the hatches in preparation for Tropical Storm (or was it Hurricane?) Hilary. We unclogged outside drains, cleaned the front and back yards and collapsed the outside umbrellas and stored them so they couldn't blow away. I went to Vons on Saturday to buy some things and was it crowded! Holy cow! People were buying like the whole incident was going to last longer than the expected 36 hours or so.

Then we waited.  
Yes, there was rain – nearly constant for 24 hours (or more) – and some wind. But let's be honest – in the past we've had worse rainstorms and wind. Then on Sunday, an earthquake! Though we didn't feel it at our house, I checked in on friends living elsewhere and they felt it. One friend told me that she and her housemates had a tree branch fall onto the roof of their house about 10 seconds before the earthquake jarred them. I bet she was looking for locusts and signs of other plagues.

Overall though it seems that Hilary was more of a meh than a horrific and terrifying event. I am grateful that we had the chance to prepare for it – unlike the earthquakes we're being warned about. (To learn how to prepare for that emergency, watch Paul Dutton's "The Emergency Preparedness Network" on YouTube or call Paul at (818) 378-5440.)

Then there were the dogs.  
We have three – Kona, who is an ancient Jindu, Molly, the year-old German shepherd and Olivia, another shepherd who is about 3 years old. They were unimpressed by the storm though were hesitant to go outside (except for Molly, who loves water). Thankfully we have a covered patio and I was able to take them outside to "do their business" though I had to keep Molly on a leash because she is too much like Scooby Doo (curious) and would take off. Despite the covered patio, Olivia looked at the water coming from the sky as if it was poison and chose to hold "it" in. There was definitely no worry of her running into the street and the rain. She is not a water girl. And the three of them apparently didn't feel the earthquake either or, if they did, they didn't react at all.

Overall we did well weathering our first "catastrophe."

A quick shout-out to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars that held their annual bingo fundraiser on Friday night at Healy Hall. There were so many winners (myself excluded) that I think nearly everyone went home with wallets a little fatter.

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

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## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Hurricane Hilary, which was downgraded to a tropical storm as it hit California, was historic. For the most part we were very lucky; our readership areas didn't incur much damage from the storm though many parts of the state are still digging out from debris and flooding.

There have been more than 300 hurricanes to make landfall along the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts since recordkeeping began in 1851, according to NOAA. And the last tropical storm that made landfall in California was in 1939.

Hurricanes in the eastern Pacific grow out of the warm waters generally between Mexico and Hawaii where trade winds typically push them east to west, according to weather.com.

The formation of hurricanes needs ocean temperatures to be warmer than 79 degrees Fahrenheit. The Pacific waters are normally cooler; as of Aug. 22 the ocean temperature in the Santa Monica Basin was 66.6, and the temperature off San Diego was 67.8. At the same time, Charleston, South Carolina (Atlantic waters) were 87.1 degrees and Lake Worth Pier in Florida was 86.2, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information.

But oceans are warming due to climate change.

A tropical storm is a storm with maximum sustained winds between 39 mph and 73 mph, with gusts that exceed 74 mph. A hurricane is a storm with sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

The last time a tropical storm made landfall in Southern California was on Sept. 25, 1939. According to reports from newspapers at the time, prior to the storm Southern California had been dealing with a heat wave where temperatures were as high as 107 degrees ...

sound familiar? The 1939 tropical storm hit San Pedro first with winds up to 65 mph then drenched Los Angeles with over five inches of rain in 24 hours. The LA River raged and city phone lines went down, as did several trees. Rain totals on Mt. Wilson were registered at over 11 inches.

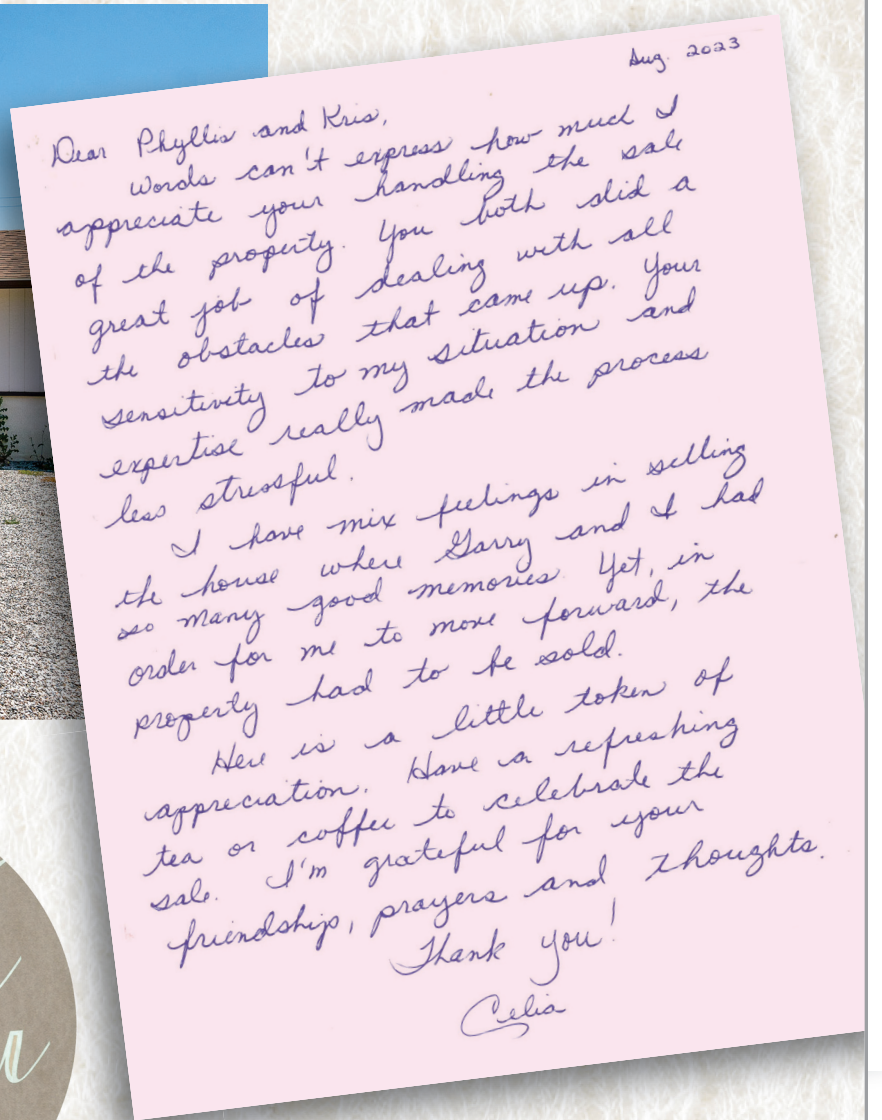
According to an Associated Press article, the "violent storm" killed at least 45 people on land and 48 people at sea. Property damage was over \$1 million, about \$22 million in today's dollars. At least a dozen homes were destroyed along the coast. Railroad tracks washed out throughout the state, as did roads and bridges. The storm was known as "the Lash of St. Francis" or El Cordonazo.

There are photos from 1939 of this huge wall of water at Belmont Shores in Long Beach. Seeing that wall of water made me think of "Sharknado." Honestly I rarely think of the "Sharknado" films but this unique hurricane-turned-tropical storm did have my mind wandering.

First of all, if you haven't seen this series of films, it is worth the look if you appreciate campy to ridiculous science fiction disaster movies. Why these films have captured the imagination and hearts of so many is one of the mysteries of life, but they are difficult to turn away from once you start watching.

So the first film starts with a hurricane that is heading for the coast of LA, during which somehow (for the love of all things natural do not try to analyze why) sharks are caught up in the storm and are flung onto the unsuspecting humans. Out of these dark waves come the largest sharks you have ever seen – and always with their mouths open. There are heroes that fight the good shark fight against our main hero's weapon of choice – the chainsaw.

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Don't Miss Next Week's Q&A – Phyllis discusses "Evicting A Family Member"

# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### CVCA MEETING TONIGHT, THURSDAY

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local projects including Twelve Oaks and Verdugo Hills Golf Course.

To take part in the Zoom meeting, visit [https://zoom.us/j/91644895134?pwd=dE9Fem5ZVC9m cFdUMFBMRThd1vUT09](https://zoom.us/j/91644895134?pwd=dE9Fem5ZVC9m cFdUMFBMRThd1vUT09;); meeting ID: 916 4489 5134; password: 826439. Local access numbers can be found at <https://zoom.us/u/aLLAYWD2m>.

During the meeting the CVCA requests that participants use their full names, if possible, so the group can identify who the attendees are.

Contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com) with questions.

### WHO'S BEEN HERE? READING ANIMAL TRACKS

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to learn about local animals, how to identify their tracks and read other signs. Experienced wildlife camera trapper Rachel-Ann Arias will share her hands-on knowledge of local wildlife including how to setup camera traps. She is studying conservation biology at UC Davis.

After the event, the Preserve will stay open until 10:45 a.m. so attendees can enjoy the trail.

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. Please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., and not in front of our neighbors' homes. Those with mobility issues requiring a closer parking spot can contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [rosemontfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com).

Please wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail and bring water to drink.

### STONEBARN VINEYARD CONSERVANCY - RACKING AND BOTTLING EVENT

There will be the bottling of the unusual 2022 Zinfandel and Alicante Bouschet field blend from the vineyard at Deukmejian Park on Saturday, Aug. 26 starting at 4:30 p.m., which has been aging in a cellar.

All are invited to an informative review of this stage of the winemaking process. Please call Stuart Byles at (818) 249-2414 for the event address and additional information.

### INPUT SOUGHT ON COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Residents are encouraged to provide input on whether the City of Glendale should transition to Council districts, draw their own maps, share their district line preferences and provide feedback on draft maps to ensure their neighborhoods are represented. Paper and digital mapping tools, as well as a video tutorial for the digital mapping tool, are available on the City's districting website at [MapGlendale.org/Draw-a-Map](http://MapGlendale.org/Draw-a-Map).

Draft maps submitted by community members and processed by the City's professional demographer can be accessed and reviewed on the Draft Maps page.

Residents can provide input at the upcoming districting public hearing and community workshops:

- Aug. 30 – Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 31 – Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E Chevy Chase Dr., 10 a.m.
- Sept. 7 – Griffith Manor Park, 1551 Flower St., 6:30 p.m.

Community members can also submit feedback on draft maps and other public comments via email to [MapGlendale@GlendaleCA.gov](mailto:MapGlendale@GlendaleCA.gov).

Residents still have time to get involved in the district formation process. A full calendar of districting events and deadlines can be found online at [MapGlendale.org/Schedule](http://MapGlendale.org/Schedule).

To learn more about the City's district formation process, visit [MapGlendale.org](http://MapGlendale.org).

### 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.

For questions/information contact [Gabriela.Maldonado@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Gabriela.Maldonado@usw.salvationarmy.org) or call (818) 246-5586 x 1221.

# CADRE Mini Robot Teams Head to the Moon



By Mary O'KEEFE

Next year the Cooperative Autonomous Distributed Robotic Exploration (CADRE) project, managed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)/NASA, will attempt to do something on the Moon that is getting increasingly difficult on Earth: it will have three entities working together as a team toward one goal.

NASA will be sending three tiny robotic rovers to the Moon to see how well they can cooperate with one another without receiving input directly from mission controllers back on Earth. The project marks another step the agency is taking toward developing robots that, by operating autonomously, can boost the efficiency of future missions, according to a NASA statement.

"Autonomous" means the robots will be performing tasks independently. The interesting part of CADRE is that this independence will not be just a robot rolling along the lunar surface but three robots working together on their assigned tasks.

"We are trying to do something with technology for the first time," said Jean-Pierre de la Croix, principal investigator of JPL's CADRE. "It's doing something with robots that are autonomous [but] are also working as a team."

Humans on Earth will provide the three robots with "high level goals" to explore one area or another; then it is up them to figure out how that exploration will be done.

"We are also showing the capability for the future as a proof of concept, so we are focusing on something called a distributed measurement where each of the robots is carrying an instrument, a ground penetrating radar. They are going to operate this ground penetrating radar together to do a measurement that in the future could be used for science missions," de la Croix said.

In this particular demonstration, the autonomous system will not decide all aspects of the mission.

"The autonomous system is not going to decide where things get done, or what gets done, [and] they are given a task by people on the ground," he said.

The key part of the mission will be how these robots work as a team, how they autonomously work together to decide what each robot does to complete the mission or task that has been given them.

"We are trying to entrust the system to do more, almost micromanaging the decisions of how to drive around obstacles or how to split up an area to explore. We are leaving that up to the team [of robots]. They have the

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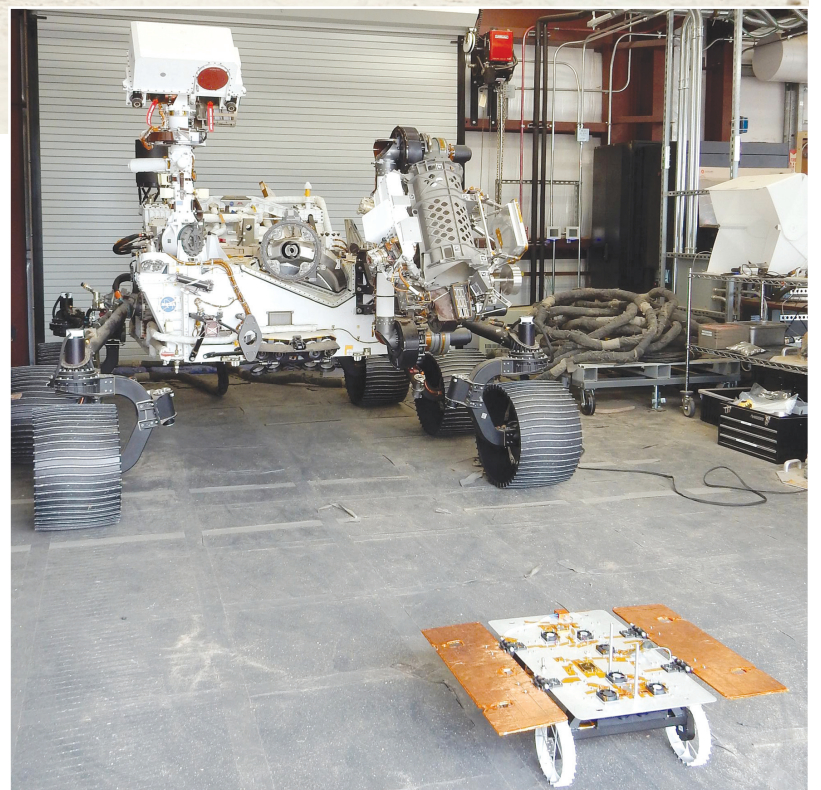


Image provided by NASA/JPL-Caltech  
TOP: A development model rover that is part of NASA's CADRE (Cooperative Autonomous Distributed Robotic Exploration) technology demonstration took its first autonomous drive around the Mars yard at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in June. The CADRE team tested a new wheel design, surface navigation software and mobility capabilities, among other aspects of the project. Engineer Kristopher Sherrill is shown recording video of the test.

Image provided by NASA/JPL-Caltech  
ABOVE: The Earth-bound full-scale engineering model of NASA's Perseverance rover, called OPTIMISM, seems to peer down at a much smaller CADRE rover in a building in the Mars yard at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in June.

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# CCLCF Hosting Overdose Workshops

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge has partnered with End Overdose, a non-profit organization working to end drug-related overdose deaths through education, medical intervention and public awareness. Workshops will be offered at CCLCF on select evenings and weekends in August and September. In addition to training, attendees will receive a CPR face shield, and a two-dose kit of Kloxxado, a drug used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose until emergency medical care arrives.



Source: GAO adaptation of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration information. | GAO-21-499

According to data from the CDC, fentanyl-related overdoses are the number one cause of death for people ages 18-45.

"Fentanyl is lethal in small amounts and many times people are unaware their drugs contain fentanyl," said End Overdose Founder Theo Kryzywicki. "Three out of five overdose deaths could

have been prevented if someone present knew how and when to intervene. We are training the nation to respond to overdose."

Kloxxado can be administered by anyone age 12 and up.

"With National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on Aug. 21, we thought this a perfect time to help educate

our local community about the dangers of fentanyl and how anyone can help save a life," said Betsy Ferguson, executive director of CCLCF.

The first workshop is tonight, Thursday, Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. There is no cost to attend but registration is necessary. To register go to [cclcf.org](http://cclcf.org).

## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF

LCIF invites parents and youth to a confirmation informational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at the church. Pastor Rick Hall will lay out what the year will look like and discuss meeting times for Confirmation classes. Topics to be explored this year include the Sacraments, the Small Catechism, and Scripture.

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](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### All Invited to Support Group

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](mailto:jostupakis@yahoo.com).

### Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

Seasons of Life Bible study offers two classes to choose from, the Joy of Living class will be studying II Samuel and the Book of Job. The Women of Faith class will be studying the books, "Ten Women of the Bible" and "Life Changes in Minor Prophets" by Max Lucado. Classes are on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 21 through April 4 at Highlands Church, formerly First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, (4441 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta).

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick

at (818) 640-6022 or [lyndahessick@gmail.com](mailto:lyndahessick@gmail.com)

Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

### 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. 30 is "Does

the Book of Revelation really describe how the world will end?"

(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. 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](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

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# CVIM Holds Successful Fundraiser



By Mary O'KEEFE

Hilary didn't slow down Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music's (CVIM) clothing drive fundraiser over the weekend.

CVIM members were filling a truck with clothing dropped off by generous community

members on Saturday and Sunday. According to CVIM outreach parent Leila Bell, the group collected 9,500 pounds of donations. The group gets \$.30 per pound. The much-needed funds help support the award-winning Crescenta Valley High School instrumental program.

# VHHS Teacher Receives Accolades

Joseph Arechiga of Verdugo Hills High School was among 17 first-year District teachers honored by California Credit Union, in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD),

through its 9th annual Rookie of the Year program.

California Credit Union created the Rookie of the Year program in the 2014-15 school year to recognize exceptional new LAUSD teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.

The winning teachers were selected based on a number of factors, including effectiveness in preparing and delivering instruction, providing a positive classroom climate with strong routines and procedures, adopting a dynamic and engaging teaching style and showing high levels of professionalism.

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# Vets Host Bingo Night

By Mary O'KEEFE

The 11th Annual American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1614 bingo was a "great success," according to Mike Baldwin with the American Legion.

There were about 200 people at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church's Healy Hall on Friday night. Lots of pizza, sandwiches and sodas were enjoyed while people played their bingo cards.

The American Legion and VFW support numerous non-profits in addition to their main focus of supporting veterans. Examples of that support are sending gift cards every year to active service military and providing meals for some of the elderly veterans who are homebound and those in need. They also provide support for Operation Gratitude, a program that has distributed about 3.5 million care packages containing items to boost the morale of service members, giving them reminders of home. This is in addition to the youth organizations they support including the Crescenta Valley High School JROTC, Prom Plus and the Fire House youth center.

The funds raised through bingo will go toward these many organizations and programs that the veterans support.

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A bingo winner shows off her earnings.

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*Obituary*

**Jeffery Gamble**



Aug. 15, 2023

Jeffery Gamble passed away in his family home in Jackson, California on Aug. 15. Jeffery is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart Rosanne Mihall Gamble; three stepsons – Curtis Marks, Ken Marks and Steve Marks; and two grandsons – Ayden Marks and Benjamin Marks.

Jeff was a local boy having been born in Glendale and attending the local schools and was a '67 CVHS graduate. He also worked at Lloyds Wheel & Brake for 42 years. The nickname given to him by his friends was Grizz.

This gentle soul will be missed by all who knew him. He was truly a “gentle giant” among us.

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# Flock Safety Camera Results in Arrest of Suspect

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday at about 8:30 a.m. deputies at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.—Crescenta Valley Station received an alert from the Flock Safety system regarding a stolen vehicle.

Flock Safety cameras were deployed throughout La Cañada Flintridge in 2020. The cameras use automatic license plate recognition technology that can read the plates of passing vehicles.

“It can read license [plates]

during the day or night, at any speed,” said Sgt. John Gilbert, CV Station, in a past interview with CVW.

The plates are read and if the car has been reported stolen or if the vehicle plates are connected to an owner who has an outstanding warrant for arrest it will notify the station within 30 to 60 seconds.

The deputies were alerted to a silver Hyundai Santa Fe that was reported stolen. It was seen in the area of Ocean View and Foothill boulevards in La Cañada

Flintridge. Deputies searched the area for the vehicle; Sgt. Armstrong discovered the car in the 3000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta and was able to detain the 25-year-old suspect.

During the investigation it was discovered the suspect was on active parole for arson and assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect was arrested for driving without owner's consent and booked into the CV Station. A parole hold was also placed on him.

# CVHS Trespasser Still Confined

By Mary O'KEEFE

Brandon Santora, who in February trespassed onto the Crescenta Valley High School campus resulting in the school being placed in lockdown, is still confined at the Pitchess Detention Center under the Dept. of Mental Health.

Santora, 41, of Torrance entered the school early in the morning of Feb. 1 as students were arriving. Santora walked the hallways of the school carrying a duffle bag. He spoke to students and teachers. He arrived on campus when the school is traditionally very busy with arriving students, staff and authorized visiting personnel; it was not immediately known if he was a visiting speaker at

one of the classes. After it was determined he did not belong on campus, the administration and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. decided in an abundance of caution to activate a lockdown. The suspect had left the campus prior to the lockdown but the staff did not know that at the time. The lockdown allowed them to search the school for any trespasser.

Santora's description was released and with the help of the public he was found at a nearby business. He still had the duffle bag in his possession at the time and was positively identified as the person who trespassed onto campus. Santora was placed under arrest for trespassing and booked at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. Due to the

misdemeanor charge the suspect was released a few hours later.

No weapons or suspicious devices were found on his person at the time of the arrest.

Two days later Santora was taken into custody in Glendale on unrelated crimes. He was charged on one count of possession of child pornography and a second count of criminal threats.

He had several court dates but he did not appear due to “medical issues.”

According to Los Angeles District Attorney, Santora has not yet been sentenced but is in maximum confinement with a release date of July 3, 2025. He is being held in Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic under the Dept. of Mental Health.

# CRIME BLOTTER

**Aug. 19**

1000 block of Lavender Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

**Aug. 18**

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that as she was dining at a restaurant her wallet was stolen. She reportedly sat in the corner of the restaurant and placed her purse on the chair closest to the wall. She left her purse at the table to go to get her food at the counter. She waited for about 10 minutes before returning to the table. When she was finished and went to leave, she noticed the weight of her purse was lighter than before. She discovered her wallet with various credit cards had been stolen. She then received several text messages regarding fraudulent activity associated with the credit/debit cards that were stolen. The theft occurred between 1 p.m. and 2:30 pm.

4400 block of Rosemont Avenue in Montrose, a resident parked his motorcycle in front of his home. He was not able to get the key out of the ignition so he left it in

the motorcycle. He is not certain why he could not get the key out of the ignition. He went into his home and when he came back out he discovered his motorcycle had been stolen. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect described as about 30 years old, 5'9" tall and about 160 pounds.

The theft occurred between 1 p.m. on Aug. 17 and 7:03 a.m. on Aug. 18.

**Aug. 17**

Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a man was walking southbound on Briggs Avenue. When he reached Foothill Boulevard he was reportedly approached by two females. One of the females, Suspect No. 1, was wearing a Nike-style purple jumpsuit and the other female, Suspect No. 2, was wearing a white Nike-style jumpsuit. Suspect No. 1 asked to borrow the male victim's cellphone. He handed his cellphone to her but noticed they were taking longer than expected on his cellphone. He then heard a male's voice, Suspect No. 3, from behind him telling him to get on the ground. At the same time the victim felt a pointing on his back

that he believed was a firearm. The victim laid on the ground; Suspect No. 1 ripped the victim's shirt and Suspect No. 2 took his wallet. The three suspects ran off with the victim's phone. The victim walked to the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, on Briggs Avenue, and reported the crime. Deputies “pinged” the cellphone and it appeared to be located in the 2400 block of Carol Park Place. Detectives went to the address and spoke to the residents at the house where the phone appeared to be located. They searched the area but did not find the cellphone. The robbery occurred at 5 a.m.

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a man who at the time was with his wife and infant child in a stroller reported that as he was waiting for a business to open an unknown female tried to cut in line. The man asked her if she worked at the store; she did not. The man pushed the stroller closer to the front door to make sure the woman did not cut in line. The stroller did not touch the woman suspect. While he and his family were shopping the female suspect walked up to him and said

something threatening. The man was in fear for the safety of his infant daughter so he and his wife started recording the suspect. The suspect attempted to grab the cellphone but was unable to get it. The suspect then left the area. The cellphone footage shows the suspect attempting to take the cellphone.

The initial incident occurred at 10 a.m.

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a man arrived at the business and secured his electric bike with a lock near the parking lot of the business. He exited the store and found his electric bike and other property gone. Surveillance footage revealed a man, described as a bald Caucasian male adult wearing a blue Los Angeles Dodgers shirt with the letters “LOD” in red letters on it who was wearing dark colored pants and sunglasses, making several passes by the electric bike. Then the suspect walked toward the bike, took it by the left handlebar and seat and carried it away from the area.

The theft occurred at 12:02 p.m.

WEATHER from page 2

There are six of these “Sharknado” films – yep six of them – that span locations from New York to London. There’s even a time traveling shark adventure; however, there is an odd sense of pride I cannot explain that it all started in Los Angeles.

In the land of reality, this made me wonder “What does happen to sea life during hurricanes?” According to NOAA, slow-moving fish, turtles and shellfish beds are often decimated by the rough undercurrents and rapid changes in water temperature and salinity wrought by a hurricane. But sharks, whales and other large animals swiftly move to calmer waters.

Sea creatures have a bit of a head start when it comes to hurricanes. There is usually a large amount of rain that precedes a hurricane, which decreases the salinity in the ocean waters. So it is thought some animals react to this and get out of town, so to speak, before the storm.

However hurricanes are still incredibly disruptive to the ocean environment.

As a hurricane moves across the ocean it causes an “upwelling,” which is when the bottom water is brought to the top. This churning can bring deep-sea creatures onto the shores after a hurricane.

And this is where I think “Sharknado: The Next Generation” could go because a shark with a large open mouth is scary but so are some of the other sea creatures that have been found on the shores after large storms. According to National Geographic, one animal that is often found after large storms is the oarfish. It is thought to live in depths of 3,300 feet and inhabits tropical waters. It is the longest bony fish in the sea. In Japanese folklore, the oarfish is known as a “messenger from the Sea God’s Palace” and has gained a reputation as a doomsday harbinger. It was first sighted in 1772 and is thought to be the inspiration for legends of sea serpents found around the world.

Anyone remember “Beany and Cecil?” Well Cecil could easily have been an oarfish.

In 2017 after Hurricane Harvey a fang-tooth snake eel that normally lives at depths of 300 feet was found off the shore of Texas. Take a moment and imagine a fang-tooth snake eel coming at you through the Sharknado hurricane clouds.

In New England a goosfish was found on shore after a storm. I have no idea why it is called a goosfish because this fish has jaws with long, slender curved teeth that are very sharp. And all the teeth point inward toward the gullet in one to three rows with several rows of thorn-like teeth on the roof of the mouth. Okey dokey. Anyone thinking shark jaws might not be the worst thing at this point?

And just in case the new film wants to expand to the middle of the country, after 2012’s Hurricane Isaac there were 1,500 dead nutria, a beaver-like rodent, thrown onto beaches in Mississippi.

Oh yeah, I can see it now: “Oarnado,” “Goosenado” and “Nutrianado” coming to the small screen near you.

But back to reality, which is sometimes scarier than any film. The unique tropical storms on the West Coast and stronger hurricanes on the East Coast and Gulf are probably not going to be that unusual anymore. Climate change is driving more rapid intensification and storms packed with rain, according to National Geographic.

As our oceans warm the chance of more intense hurricanes will become a reality not just a theory.

“Over the 39-year period from 1979-2017, the number of major hurricanes has increased while the number of smaller hurricanes has decreased. Based on modeling, NOAA predicts an increase in Category 4 and Category 5 hurricanes, alongside increased hurricane wind speeds,” according to Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.

And that is scarier than any “Sharknado” film or adaptation.

We are expecting to be drying out from the Hilary rains. Today the highs will be in the mid-80s so enjoy it because this weekend will see a warming trend that will take us to Tuesday with highs in the low to mid-90s, according to NOAA.

HILARY from Cover

From midnight Aug. 20 to midnight Aug. 21, Glendale Fire Dept. responded to 101 incidents – 97 in Glendale, three in Burbank and one in Los Angeles County. For comparison, the previous Sunday GFD responded to 61 incidents – 58 in Glendale, two in Burbank and one in LA County. One of the responses concerned a mudslide in the 800 block of Cavanaugh Road in Glendale.

According to Sgt. Victor Jackson of the GPD, most of the issues from the storm were due to downed trees and branches, and another mudslide in the 3400 block of Linda Vista.

In the unincorporated area of LA County-La Crescenta Montrose, the LA County Sheriff

Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station did not have any reported issues due to the storm, according to Sgt. John Gilbert.

“There were no calls of any significance due to the storm; however, there was a slight increase in the volume of calls, which we experienced throughout the County. Typically, we respond to an average of two calls per day in the Crescenta Valley. On Sunday, we responded to a total of six calls,” said Maria Grycan, LA County Fire Dept. spokesperson.

LACoFD responded to a structure fire in the 2300 block of Panorama Street in La Crescenta about 2 p.m. on Sunday. The fire was not a result of the storm.

LA County and LA City were

very prepared for the storm as was the LA County Dept. of Public Works (DPW).

“We had crews pre-mobilized,” said Steven Frasher, DPW spokesperson.

The crews were positioned in areas they expected problems, including the area of the 2020 Bobcat Fire, and in Malibu.

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn publicized 211 LA, which is a hub for community members and organizations looking for health, human and social services. Frasher said that service helped guide people to numbers they could call to report various issues.

Crews were out and immediately responded to calls for service that included clearing out

catch basins and cleaning debris from streets including rockslides on the Angeles Crest Highway.

This storm allowed LA County to capture even more rain runoff. The rainfall capture was 283% above average prior to the storm. There are several rainfall capture systems – drain and infiltration systems, like the one in Sun Valley, and a storm drain system along Cantara Street.

“We captured 1.4 billion gallons of runoff [water] for this storm,” Frasher said.

He emphasized that though these water capture numbers are high this is not the “new normal;” dry conditions will return and everyone needs to continue to conserve.

# GUSD Welcomes Students to New School Year



TOP: Crescenta Valley High School. ABOVE: Franklin Elementary School. BELOW: Glendale High School



see BTS on page 9


Staff, teachers and administrators in the Glendale Unified School District welcomed students back to school last week.

Drivers are reminded that traffic will be slower when school is in session,

so plan accordingly.


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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Montrose Exposition of 1934

The Montrose merchants have always been good at promoting their charming shopping area. They have a wonderful spirit of cooperation. It was that attitude of mutual aid and teamwork that created the gorgeous tree-lined Montrose Shopping Park back in the late '60s. And starting in the early 1920s, and continuing today, they put on special events designed to bring in visitors to enjoy our beautiful Montrose. Today those events include the annual car show, the Arts and Crafts festival, wine walks and Oktoberfest.

A big Montrose event in 1934 was covered in the local paper. In the fall of that year Montrose, still digging out from the big New Year's Flood just a few months before, put on a major exposition that attracted thousands to Montrose. A huge circus tent was erected just below Honolulu Avenue at the intersection of Market Street and Broadview. It was to be an evening event on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and it was designed to pull in visitors from far and wide to promote Montrose.

About 60 booths were set up for local and regional businesses to display their products. A small sample of some of the local exhibitors: Knox Hardware, Anawalt Lumber, Valley Pharmacy, Harris Plumbing, Montrose Radio, Paul's Dollar Store (we had dollar stores back then?) and Coast Auto Racing. Regional businesses included Kraft Cheese, Carnation Milk, Union Ice and Globe Milling. These were strictly exhibitions of their products. Odd thing about the exhibition – this was to be a non-commercial event – everything was free except refreshments! Also free were the big evening shows.

The Montrose Exposition opened on Wednesday night with a fundraising dinner put on by the American Legion, .50 cents a

plate. This attracted 500 people who also got a preview look at the many booths set up and prizes were awarded to the best booths. The booths included "food products, wearing apparel, gas and electrical appliances, automobiles."

Thursday night opened with Madame Pasquali, "the Eytalian Menace from the land of Mussolini" (apparently a singer and entertainer with a comical Italian accent – definitely not politically correct!). She was followed by the De Pina Troup, a group of European acrobats, and six other vaudeville acts. This attracted about 7500 attendees.

Friday brought out Madame Pasquali again, as she was a big deal. Also on the bill were "The Six Candrivas Brothers, California's supreme trumpeters, familiar to every radio listener" followed by some comedians and more vaudeville acts.

Saturday night promised a mysterious performer: "He or she will be a radio performer of the greatest magnitude and will come in the way of a surprise." Apparently the surprise was that they were a no-show, but the overflow crowd made do with a famous vaudeville headliner, the Gausica Review, doing its signature act "Variety Bits" along with several other acts.

Free samples were handed out by the many local exhibitors and big prizes were awarded. Here are some quotes from the full-page advertisement: "The tent will be as light as day – Watch for the Klieg lights!" "See your favorite Ascot racer in person. Many auto racing cars and motorcycles with their drivers – See them!" "Kiddies! Gilmore Lion! A real one will roar for you" "A big show – All free!" Along with a warning to kids on the loose: "Children admitted only when accompanied by adults."

And speaking of kids, a small political battle was fought on Honolulu during the show. A group from the Communist Party set up for a soapbox oratory on the sidewalk. As the paper explained, "One young man and an elder man who, by the way, had a pronounced foreign accent, urged the passersby to vote the Communist ticket in the November election ... But they met their Waterloo a few minutes later when a group of boys appeared on the scene and, using catcalls and jeers as their weapons, created such a din as to drown out the exhortations of the impassioned speakers ... A passerby was heard to remark, 'Such disturbances are, as a rule, to be condemned, but the youngsters did the community a service that time.'"

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## LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY » JAMES LEE, GENERAL MANAGER, CVWD

Dear Community,

I hope this letter finds you well amid a number of natural disasters here and farther away. Fortunately, the events in our immediate locale were milder.

Such events are good reminders of why we always need to be prepared to respond to a range of events, particularly along the foothills where it's a matter of when, not if. The District continues to tighten and add to our Emergency Response Plan and most recently we have furthered relationships with a number of fellow first responder agencies. This should provide direct benefit to all residents during future events.

While the District is more commonly associated with delivering water and then collecting and treating wastewater, we are consistently engaged in emergency response activities outside of larger-scale disasters like earthquakes and fires. You may have heard about or seen

the water main break along the 3000-3100 block of Montrose Avenue last weekend (there was also a concurrent main break on the 4900 block of El Sereno). This was a significant emergency response effort akin to the main break on Pennsylvania Avenue several years ago. Like a recent well failure (Well No. 14) and booster pump failure (Paschall Station), the pipe under this section of Montrose Avenue beat us to the punch as all of these were likely on the list of infrastructure replacement projects next year (Fiscal Year 2024-25). The pipeline on Montrose was high on the list because, although relatively young (1961 vintage), there had been a history of a half dozen leaks and repairs. The pipe was corroded to the extent that there was barely enough metal remaining to weld the sections together. Indeed, the pipe failed as soon as the line was re-pressurized after repair, after which the decision was made to replace the section of

pipe entirely.

There are several challenges posed by the situation and I'd like to let you know that we're approaching them with the mindset of business not as usual. As mentioned in my last letter, overcoming the many challenges we all face will take creativity (and partnership). One of the challenges is that in order to comply with local street paving standards, we'll likely need to wait several months to let the soil underground to compact properly. Not only could this pose an extended traffic inconvenience to the community, it will be expensive to temporarily pave, dig it back up and then apply a final paving over it.

It so happens that we recently acquired new talent that's handy with designing pipeline construction projects. This means that with a reshuffling of their workload and some long hours, we will pursue designing the pipeline in-house, typically an expensive project that takes months to deliver since we solicit and receive multiple bids on projects. It also so happens that we already have a contractor mobilized at the Orange Avenue pipeline replacement project near Monte Vista Elementary School. Between the time and cost savings from designing in-

house, the savings from negotiating with a pipeline contractor that's already mobilized in our service area, and not having to pave twice, we (you) will realize significant savings that we can reinvest into a system that sorely needs it. Our system operators will follow with flushing, chlorinating and pressurizing the new lines. Our intent is to continue operating outside of the box, and I look forward to sharing future ideas and our execution of them.

Switching gears a bit, I wrote last time about a commitment to outreach. Letters like these are one forum for outreach but our plan is also to expand outreach. I'm not sure whether that's necessarily *more* outreach, but certainly more pointed, consistent and early in terms of messaging significant initiatives. Since we're on the subject, let me share that we need to conduct another rate study next year. Whereas we would typically begin that discussion (and initiate outreach) around February of next year, we began the discussion with the Board's Finance Committee last week. Through discussion, the Committee set a goal of soliciting feedback from customers as early as September/October, which initiates an early feedback sequence. Early

feedback can be figured into policy decisions that respond optimally to customer input within the confines of what's best for the District's long-term ability to serve the community.

In the meantime, we are getting nearer to setting up a predictable time and space to engage with the community in an open setting (the library is a frontrunner as the venue). A good step to make sure you stay in touch is to contact Customer Service to update your contact information and then read the outreach letter when it's sent out.

To touch back on the Montrose Avenue leak, a big and heartfelt thank you from all of us at CVWD to the community. It's hard to grasp the value of having water available at all times at the tap until it's not. Yet, the residents and businesses along Montrose Avenue couldn't have been more supportive and appreciative. Just like a cheering stadium can lift runners on a field, appreciative customers lift our staff, particularly our crew, especially when it comes to what is sometimes underappreciated. This is partnership, so thanks again.

That's all for now. Let's keep up the dialog. We'll keep the water flowing.

My best,

James

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Comments on 'Contentious Hearing'

At its Aug. 15 meeting several city council members mentioned Glendale's nickname, the Jewel City. After a long and contentious hearing on an appeal by members of the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council, Najarian, Asatryan and Kassakhian voted to allow a development that actually decreases affordable housing in central Glendale. They approved demolishing three affordable units and replacing them with one while giving the developer more market rate "bonus" units than he is entitled to as well as many waivers and concessions – thus demonstrating that in Glendale developers get the gems and residents get the paste.

*Mary-Lynne Fisher, President  
Crescenta Highlands  
Neighborhood Association*

#### Applauds Coverage of Montana Climate Change

Thank you for covering the landmark youth climate change case in Montana (Weather Watch, Aug. 17). Our youth deserve to live in a clean, healthy environment as it pertains to the use of fossil fuels. As a mother, I would do anything to make sure my son can grow up and thrive in a clean environment – and if I need to change my ways or habits, then that's what it will take. I don't know everything, I'm here to learn, and I will do my best to make changes for the better.

For example, I now get as many

household products as possible from zero-waste stores to minimize new plastic bottles of everything. I also try to get groceries from local farmers to reduce fuel use and unnecessary packaging. Instead of buying new stuff, I try first sourcing from our local Buying Nothing group or Facebook Marketplace. While I know I'm not perfect, I am committed to being a little more sustainable each day.

Bravo to these youth. I sincerely hope we can all work together and empower ourselves – especially right here in La Crescenta – to make the necessary changes to ensure future generations have basic necessities: clean air, water, and soil.

*Jennifer Ho  
La Crescenta*



# YOUTH

## FMWD Announces 'Water is Life' Student Art Contest Winners



California Credit Union, which has branches in Glendale and North Hollywood, invites all Los Angeles County teachers who have a dream class project idea to apply for a credit union grant through its bi-annual teacher grant program.

The California Credit Union spring grant program is available to full-time teachers in Los Angeles and Orange County, or credit union members teaching in California, looking to fund special learning opportunities for their students. The project should have clearly defined learning objectives tied to students' academic needs, display creativity and benefit a significant number of students. Ten California Credit Union grants of \$500 each will be awarded to area teachers in the spring program.

"As we celebrate 90 years of service to the education community, we're excited to once again offer special grants to support our teachers as they work to create innovative programming for their students," said California Credit

Union President/CEO Steve O'Connell. "We encourage any teacher who has a dream program to apply for a grant and look forward to funding these inspiring projects."

Interested teachers can find more information and apply online at [ccu.com/teachergrant](http://ccu.com/teachergrant). The application deadline is Feb. 28.

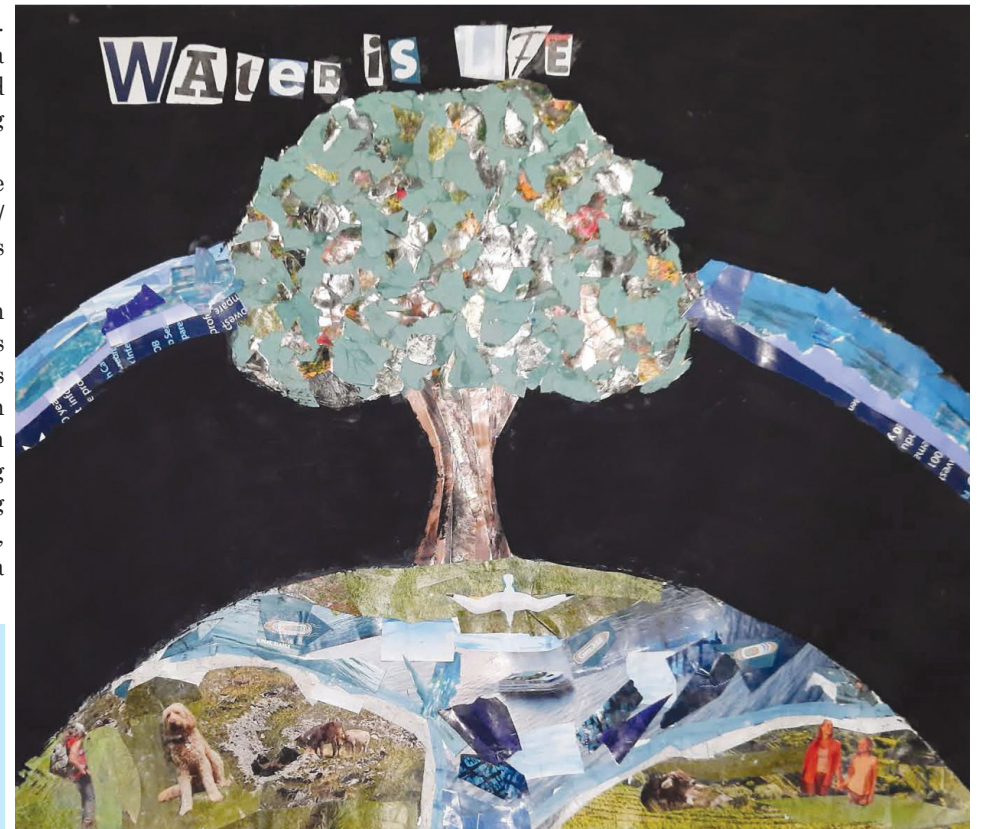
Since the creation of the program in 2012, California Credit Union has awarded \$165,000 in teacher grants to benefit students across Southern California. Last year's grant program funded a wide range of projects, including building solar powered ovens, starting a school radio station, hatching chicks, building a genetics lab, and creating a mariachi music program, among others.

Images provided by FMWD

TOP LEFT: 1st Place - Crescenta High School - Chinapa Sukitja.

TOP RIGHT: 1st Place - Mountain Avenue Elementary - Blake Ngai.

RIGHT: 1st Place - Rosemont Middle School - Isaac Lee.



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Hoover High School



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Lincoln Elementary Principal Barbara Fariss with Pierce and Hailey Walker.



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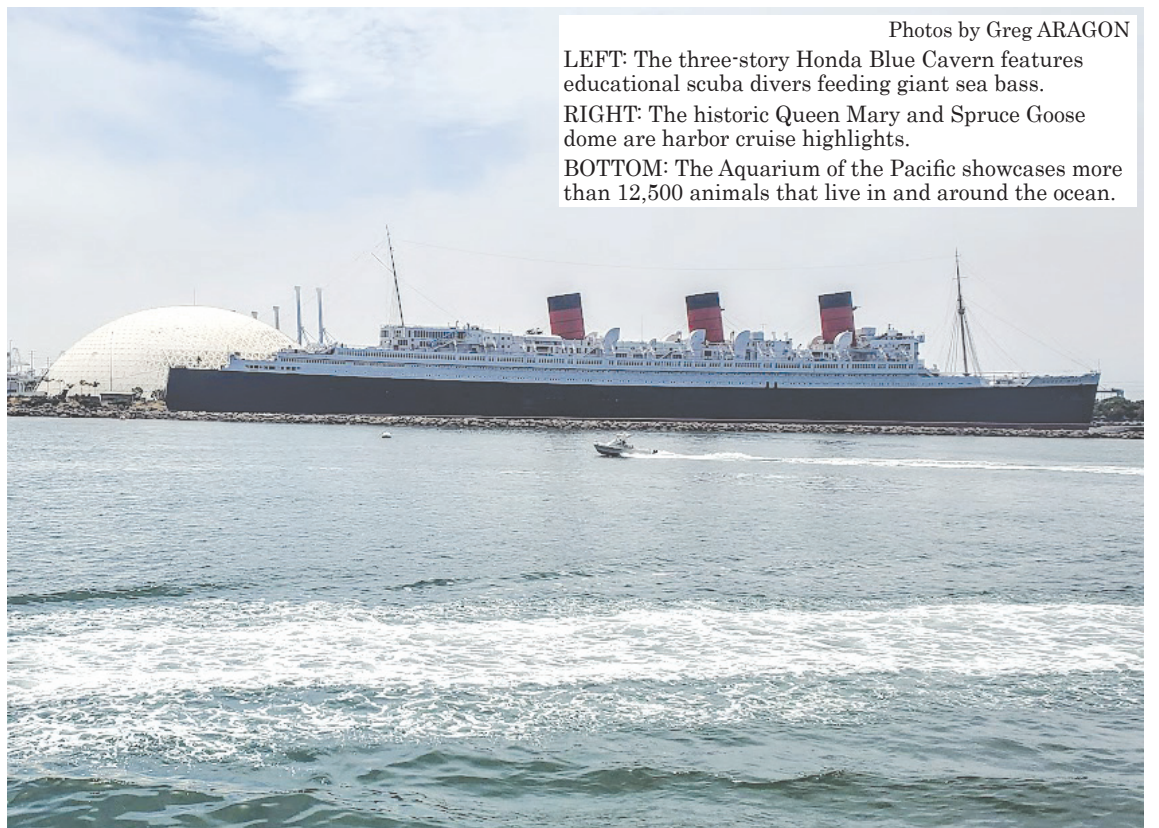
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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Historic Ships and Sea Life in Long Beach



Photos by Greg ARAGON  
 LEFT: The three-story Honda Blue Cavern features educational scuba divers feeding giant sea bass.  
 RIGHT: The historic Queen Mary and Spruce Goose dome are harbor cruise highlights.  
 BOTTOM: The Aquarium of the Pacific showcases more than 12,500 animals that live in and around the ocean.



By Greg ARAGON

It was a memorable and educational day in Long Beach. Our getaway began at Shoreline Village, a waterfront shopping/dining/ recreation hub located in Long Beach's gorgeous Rainbow Harbor. Here we booked a 45-minute harbor cruise (adults \$20 and children \$10) with Harbor Breeze Cruises (www.2seewhales.com).

The harbor tour was highlighted by a cruise past the world-famous Queen Mary ship. Launched in 1936 in Southampton, England, the ship was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner ever built and set a new standard in transatlantic travel. It was a magnet for the rich and famous.

During her time at sea, the Queen Mary also carried WWII troops and had a bounty put on her by Nazi Germany. After WWII, the ship was retrofitted and put back into civilian service until its last voyage in October 1967, which led her to her final docking station in Long Beach, where she has been since.

Next to the Queen Mary, we saw the world's largest, free-span aluminum geodesic structure. The giant white dome is 115 feet high and 400 feet wide and was designed and built to house Howard Hughes's giant flying boat, the Spruce Goose.

Continuing our cruise, we passed the THUMS Islands, a group of four artificial islands off the coast of Long Beach that were built in 1965 to tap into the East Wilmington Oil Field. Looking more like resorts or theme parks than oil facilities, the tiny islands were named THUMS after the companies that created them: Texaco, Humble, Unocal, Mobil and Shell.

Other harbor cruise highlights included seeing dolphins and seals, the beautiful Long Beach

skyline, Rainbow Harbor's myriad yachts and fishing boats, and the city's rock jetty which, at more than eight miles long, is the world's longest man-made breakwater.

After 45 minutes on the water, we wanted to explore beneath the waves. So when the boat docked, we walked a couple of hundred yards to the world-famous Aquarium of the Pacific (www.aquariumofpacific.org) for another ocean adventure.

Showcasing more than 12,500 animals, the Aquarium of the Pacific is built to highlight three areas of the Pacific Ocean, the planet's largest and most diverse body of water. The aquarium's galleries represent the sunny Southern California and Baja region; the frigid waters of the North Pacific; and the colorful reefs and lagoons of the Tropical Pacific. Sprinkled around these main areas are numerous other fun and informative exhibits, including Shark Lagoon and Lorikeet Forest.

The first thing we saw when we entered the aquarium was a humongous, life-sized model of a blue whale hanging from the ceiling. Below this our eyes were drawn to the nearly three-story tall Honda Blue Cavern. This giant aquarium within the aquarium features giant sea bass swimming through kelp forests. At lunch time scuba divers enter the water to feed the fish and give educational ocean lessons to the kids. At the end they even pose for pictures with the little ones.

One of my favorite outdoor exhibits is Shark Lagoon, which features several species and sizes of sharks along with large rays. A highlight here is that visitors can get up-close and even touch-feely with some sharks and rays. Bamboo and epaulette sharks glide around the three shallow touch pools where guests can reach in and touch these gentle

and graceful animals.

Other sharks are visible through a viewing window and guests can come nose-to-nose with zebra and gray reef sharks. Daily

presentations and feedings in Shark Lagoon showcase the power and beauty of these remarkable predators. Various interactive displays highlight sharks' senses,

sizes, teeth and reproduction, as well as their importance in the ocean's food chain.

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# Tsai and Tsai to Perform at GNC

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

On Sept. 6 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature violinists Sakura Tsai and

Aki Tsai performing duos by Jean-Marie Leclair and Louis Spohr.

Performances include Jean-Marie Leclair (1697-1764) "Sonata for Two Violins in B minor, Op. 12, No. 1" and Louis Spohr (1784-1859) "Duo for Two Violins in D Major, Op. 67, No. 2."

To read complete bios on the pair, visit [www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE](http://www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE).

To learn about upcoming concerts, visit <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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Sakura Tsai, violin



Aki Tsai, violin

## THEN & NOW

Montrose Starbucks  
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**Then:** In 1929, the Crescenta Cañada Bank opened on the southeast corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. The exterior architecture was very impressive with its massive arched entry, but its interior was even more spectacular with a two-story high open lobby, featuring big Mission-style wooden beams across the ceiling. In the '50s a drop ceiling was installed and a plain façade added, hiding the beams and the arch.



**Now:** All the spectacular architectural features of the old bank are still there, waiting to be revealed. The beams and the archway are intact and begging for restoration. Starbucks, the current tenant, chose not to restore. It used an exterior design that ignores the old architecture and adds another façade to the once grand building. Perhaps in the future a forward-thinking architect will see the potential here.

# 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, Eva and the Vagabond Tales will perform folk and pop 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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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## The ALF Bargain Box Sells Christmas Joy at Bargain Basement Prices



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LEFT: For sale at the ALF "Sneak Peek" Christmas were "Barbie" pink earrings—a steal at \$4.00. They went fast.

MIDDLE: La Canada residents, from left, Anita Hossepian and Linda Margarian admire a candle holder at the ALF "Sneak Peek" Christmas sale.

RIGHT: Shopper Laurene Mascola checks out with her Christmas bounty at the ALF Christmas sale. Volunteer Lori Rosenberg looks happy to help.

By Ruth SOWBY

Though it's five months before Christmas, the "sneak peek" Christmas sale at the Assistance League Flintridge (ALF) debuted on

Tuesday, Aug. 8 packed with local shoppers. Prices were set at pennies on the dollar. But what caused the most oohs and ahhs were triangle-shaped earrings in "Barbie" pink – natch!

But it was red and green that

dominated. A huge soft storage box in Christmas colors went for \$4. Those who wanted more traditional holiday items than those "Barbie" items picked glittery ribbon at \$2 and ornaments at \$4. Donated

clothes and shoes sold well despite having nothing to do with Christmas.

The ALF's next holiday event will be a combined Halloween and Thanksgiving sale on Sept. 12. Don't miss it.

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## America's First Constitution Failed

Following its Declaration of Independence, the Second Continental Congress turned its attention to forming a government for the new nation. The delegates debated from July 1776 until November 1777. They reached an agreement on the 15th of November. The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union became America's first Constitution. It took more than three years for all 13 states to ratify with Maryland finally signing it on Feb. 2, 1781. It was the law of the land for about six years.

Under the Articles of Confederation, the states kept most of the power creating a weak central government. Article Two states, "Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence."

The central government was the Confederation Congress, which had the power to appoint a President to a one-year term. The Presidency was largely a ceremonial position.

Each state had one vote in the Confederation Congress and it required nine of 13 states to enact laws, declare war, ratify treaties, appropriate money and appoint a commander in chief of the army. Congress did not have the power of taxation. It had the power to appropriate money from the states that was needed to operate the government but did not

have the power to require the states to pay their share.

Congress had the power to raise an army and navy for the common defense, but did not have the power to raise funds to pay the soldiers and sailors. Congress had the power to conduct foreign relations, exchange ambassadors, address territorial issues and deal with Native Americans.

A major problem was that Congress did not have the power to regulate trade. Each state was sovereign in trading with each other and foreign countries. This often created a bidding war that resulted in low tariffs ... and tariffs were the primary source of revenue for the states.

In September 1786, the Congress called a meeting in Annapolis, Maryland to discuss the problems with commerce. Only 12 delegates from five states attended the Annapolis Convention. They quickly realized that the problem was a weak central government. After a brief three-day meeting, the delegates' report to the Confederation Congress called for a full constitutional convention to strengthen the Articles of Confederation. Congress called the convention, in Philadelphia, for May 1787. The Philadelphia Convention changed the world forever.

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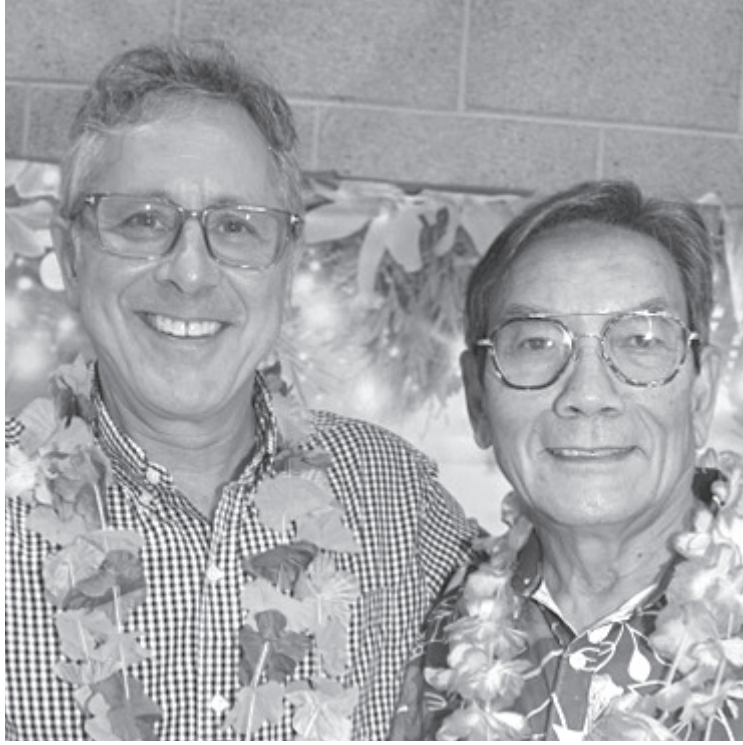
By Ruth SOWBY

No one knows how to throw a luau party as do members of the Filipino American Business Assoc. of Glendale (FABAG). Close to 100 FABAG members and their guests, flowered leis adorning all, gathered at the Glendale YMCA on Saturday, July 29 for their annual installation of 2023-24 officers and induction of new members.

The evening started off with a bang as executive board member Celia De Fato led the group in a spirited Hawaiian hula dance. Although there were non-dancers among them, each bravely pressed forward, hips swiveling in time to the island music.

Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman provided a dignified presence, eschewing the dancing but game to wear a lei around his neck. He installed new president Marnie Lacsamana. Also leading the 2023-24 board were secretary Rose Linda Gonzalez and treasurer Nelly Costanios.

Installed as new members were Emmett Carr, Grace Manlapaz and Aida Rasper. Earlier in the evening, outgoing president Jo Solomonson was recognized and thanked for her service. She was presented with a crystal vase and roses by Vice



President Olivia Lopez and Past President Edith M. Fuentes.

The Filipino-American Business Assoc. of Glendale was organized in 1990 under the Cultural Exchange Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members wanted to improve intercultural relations among the many ethnic communities in Glendale by reaching out to the diverse communities.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

ABOVE: Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman, left, installed new FABAG President Marnie Lacsamana on Saturday at the Glendale YMCA.

BELOW: FABAG executive board member Celia De Fato leads luau fans in the hula. Don't miss State Senator Anthony Portantino dancing in the back row.

BOTTOM: The FABAG 2023-24 board and new members are introduced to luau guests on Saturday, July 29.



## BETWEEN FRIENDS

# People Making News

This past spring, Jason Maya of La Cañada graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Maya earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Maya was one of 3,143 students to graduate in May from Marquette. The university celebrated its 142nd commencement with a series of events, including graduate recognition ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,500 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships. Find out more about Marquette at [marquette.edu](http://marquette.edu).

Sally Pontrelli from Glendale and Katharine Franklin and Jackson Scott from La Cañada Flintridge earned placement on the Gonzaga University dean's list for spring semester 2023. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Maddie Bohman and Anissa Olona from Glendale, Blake Rivera from La Cañada Flintridge and Sophia Atin from La Crescenta earned placement on the Gonzaga University president's list for spring semester 2023. Students must earn a 3.85 to 4.0 grade-point average to be listed.

Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities. Gonzaga offers over 75 fields of study, 24 master's degrees, four doctoral degrees in one college and six schools.

Thea Stefan from La Cañada Flintridge was named to the Miami University spring 2023 president's list.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top 3% of undergraduate students within each division for the fall semester 2022-23 have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence.

Stefan is earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, premedical & pre-health studies.

Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of over 22,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

Hazel Valentine of La Cañada was named to the University of Alabama dean's list for spring semester 2023.

A total of 12,487 students enrolled during spring semester 2023 at the University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As). These students are part of the 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The spring 2023 lists include the following students:

For more information visit [news.ua.edu](http://news.ua.edu).

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA provides nearly 200 degree programs on a student-centered campus.

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Anastacia Menemenlis from La Cañada was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list for the 2023 spring quarter. Menemenlis is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msoc.edu) is an independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty is student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom.

Natalie Berner from Glendale was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia for the spring 2023 semester. She recently graduated from the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

William Kim of La Cañada Flintridge was among the more than 7,100 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2023 spring semester.

Kim is an undergraduate, first year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and is majoring in English and creative writing.

Dean's list status is earned by degree seeking undergraduate students who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework.

Sydney Parucci of Glendale has been named to the dean's list for the 2023 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's list students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. The University of New England is the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. une.edu

Kevin Melko of La Crescenta is among the more than 3,100 students who earned their degrees from the University of Mississippi in May 2023.

Melko, who majored in marketing, received a Bachelor of

Business Administration from the School of Business Administration.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an honors college.

Brennan Cohen of La Cañada Flintridge was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Cohen is in the biotechnology and molecular bioscience program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology was founded in 1829 and enrolls about 19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

For news, photos and videos, go to www.rit.edu/news.

Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions student Heidi Klint of La Crescenta was named to Ohio's 2023 spring provost's list.

At the end of each semester, Ohio University's undergraduate students are evaluated based on their semester GPA and hours to determine placement on the president's list, dean's list or provost's list.

The provost's list recognition is shared with high-achieving, part-time undergraduate students who exemplify academic success. Qualifying students must possess a 3.5 or greater GPA and between 6 and 11.99 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

Alexis Schier of La Cañada Flintridge was named to the spring 2023 dean's list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay.

# Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Celebrates Achievement



Pictured from left are Glendale Fire Dept. Captain Ara Hoonanian, GMHHC Hospital President Jill Welton, and Battalion Chief Andrew Gano.

Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) hosted a reception to celebrate being recognized as the only Center of Excellence for Robotic Surgery in Glendale and colorectal surgery in LA County, designated by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). The event was attended by key Glendale community leaders including members of the Glendale Fire Dept.

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Emma and Duncan Lestina took the CV Weekly on their British Isles trip in July. Here they are on the 1800s tea clipper ship in Greenwich, England, just outside of London.



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Near Shark Lagoon is Lorikeet Forest aviary, a 5,400-square-foot outdoor aviary that takes visitors to the coastal lowlands of Australia where dozens of lively lorikeets fill the trees. Here people can purchase a small cup of nectar, the lorikeets' favorite food, and feed the birds while walking through the exhibit. The 10-inch birds will land on your hand, arm, shoulder or even your head to get a sip of sweet nectar.

In the Southern California Gallery there are over 10 exhibits and more than three dozen species to be found. Highlights include the California two-spot octopus, leopard and horn sharks, California scorpionfish, a moray eel, California spiny lobsters, Catalina goby and California's state marine fish – the garibaldi. Visitors can get up close to these animals as they explore things such as underwater habitats off Catalina and on oil rigs, which serve as artificial reefs located between the mainland near the Aquarium and Catalina Island.

Another highlight in the Southern California/Baja Gallery is the 211,000-gallon Seals and Sea Lions Habitat, which is home to harbor seals and California sea lions. Shows are held twice daily when visitors can learn more about the animals and observe as they respond to trainer's cues. Visitors can also schedule an animal encounter with a sea lion and participate in a feeding and training session.

The Gulf of California exhibit features some of the variety of one of the most biologically productive and diverse seas in the world. It includes unique species of butterflyfishes and large silvery fish called Mexican lookdowns. Other things to see include California spiny lobsters and beautiful jellyfish.

The Northern Pacific Gallery represents the 800,000 square miles between Alaska, Siberia, the Bering Strait and the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea. The Bering Sea is home to over 450 species of fish and invertebrates, 50 bird species and 25 species of marine mammals.

This gallery features 16 exciting exhibits including several species of sea jellies, sea otters and the elusive giant Pacific octopus. The largest species of octopus in the world, these intelligent and mysterious creatures grow to over 20 feet and can weigh more than 100 pounds. Puffins and diving birds are also found in the area.

In the Aquarium's new Pacific Visions wing, visitors can experience a state-of-the-art immersive theater, an art gallery and a culmination gallery with interactives, game tables and live animal exhibits.

The Aquarium of the Pacific is located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. For more information call (562) 590-3109 or visit [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org).

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necessary algorithms to do that correctly," de la Croix added.

The robotic rovers will face several tests, all within view of a monitoring camera on the base station atop the lander. The first is to drive in formation and stay on course using ultra-wide band radios to maintain their relative positions while relying on sensors to avoid obstacles. In the second experiment the rovers will each take a path of their own choosing to explore a designated area of about 4,300 square feet, creating a topographic 3D map with stereo cameras, according to JPL/NASA.

The three-member robotic team will be blazing the trail for future missions – not just to the Moon but other space locations. The goal of CADRE is not to replace human exploration but to enhance it as scientists will still choose the areas to explore; however, the robots will actually collect information in the area.

This can be a tool for human exploration.

"What I am focusing on is providing the key technology that would provide that [help] down the line: how people are actually going to execute [future missions] we will have to wait and see," he said.

De la Croix added there are a few of things he and his team are hoping to learn from this mission/demonstration.

"[We are hoping to learn] it is possible to do this type of autonomous coordination with multiple robots. Our goal is to demonstrate this technology could be potentially used on other future missions. We want to make this part of the tool set that NASA looks at in terms of the next flight mission. We are also going to learn how to operate such a system and [to find] what is the humans' role, what is the robots' role and how does the flow of information work between the

robot system and the people on the ground," he said. "Lastly, we are also doing this demonstration with the ground penetrating radar. We are going to learn something about the possibility in doing the distributed measurements with this system and whether that opens up a new class of measurements that we could potentially perform on future missions."

But the knowledge gained from this Moon mission will not just help space exploration, it could also have practical uses here on Earth.

"I think there are areas [that can be supported] that involve search and rescue, being able to find [people or items] in the environment where you need multiple robots," he said. "For example, when you are going into a cave system."

The ground penetrating radar will also be useful for science exploration on Earth.

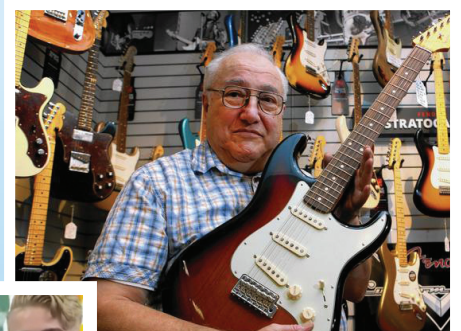
As you can probably tell, this type of multi-teamwork robotics is something de la Croix not only knows well but also gets excited about.

He got the "robotics bug" before high school and in college spent his undergrad time focusing on the studies of robotics, including joining robotics student competition teams. Eventually he started doing undergraduate research on multi-agent systems. This is using multiple robots – all working autonomously.

"I ended up liking that enough I did a PhD on it and then JPL hired me to do multiple robotics here. Eight years later [we] are bringing it to space," he said. "It is sometimes surreal being able to say that something I was interested in so long ago is now going into space."

The mission does not have an exact launch date but is scheduled for some time in March 2024.

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