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Workshops for Glendale's Sustainability Plan

By Mary O'KEEFE

The City of Glendale's Office of Sustainability has recently launched a series of community workshops for the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP). A CAAP is a comprehensive strategy developed to address the challenges posed by climate change, such as extreme weather events like heat waves and wildfires. It consists of a set of actions, policies and measures to mitigate the causes of climate change and adapt to its impacts.

On Nov. 9, 2010, the City adopted a resolution to address sustainability and climate change by using sustainability to guide policy. The CAAP is a data-driven, community-informed plan to develop a road map to boost community resilience to extreme weather, improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the City.

Community workshops are launched as part of a series of outreach campaigns to gather community input on priorities and needs relating to resiliency and climate change effects. Workshops will be held virtually and in community spaces throughout the City.

The Glendale CAAP workshop schedule is:

Oct. 9 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – a virtual meeting

Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – a virtual meeting and from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale.

Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429

Markridge Road, La Crescenta

Oct. 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Grandview Library, 1535 5th St., Glendale

Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – a virtual meeting

Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale

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By Mary O'KEEFE

September – National Suicide Awareness Month – provides the chance for local groups to highlight resources to prevent self harm.

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2021 more than four in 10 (42%) of students felt persistently sad or hopeless and nearly one-third (29%) experienced poor mental health. Also in 2021, more than one in five (22%) students seriously considered attempting suicide and one in 10 (10%) attempted suicide.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has described this month as a “moment in time in which we rally the public to create awareness of this leading cause of death, and inspire more and more people to learn how they can play a role in their communities in helping to save lives.” This year the Foundation is highlighting the new campaign “Talk Away the Dark.”

This campaign targets people from 26 to 70 years old and strives to show

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Showcased



Photo provided by The Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation Los Angeles (IFLA) Members of The Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation Los Angeles (IFLA) from left Payton Ashe, Victoria Malone, Hayley Liz Bird and Rebekah DeBoskey.

the life-saving impact of simple, direct dialogue about suicide and how to initiate those conversations. According to the CDC, suicide rates are up in the U.S. with death

by suicide increasing from 45,979 to 48,183 between 2020 and 2021. Glendale Unified School District recognized the month with a series of events. On Monday there was

an outreach during lunch where several booths with information were positioned in the school's quad.

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Ceasefire Agreed After Azerbaijan's Attack Against Artsakh

By Mary O'KEEFE

Azerbaijan sent troops into Armenian-controlled Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) on Tuesday. Azerbaijan is calling its military measures in Nagorno-Karabakh an “anti-terror” operation and stated it will not stop until the Karabakh's ethnic Armenians surrender, according to BBC.

On Wednesday morning, ethnic Armenian forces in Nargorno-Karakakh said they had agreed to a Russian proposal for a ceasefire.

“An agreement was reached on the withdrawal of the remaining units and servicemen of the armed forces of Armenia from the deployment zone of the Russian peace-keeping troops, the dissolution and complete disarmament of the armed formations,” Nagorno-Karabakh's presidential office said in a statement reported by the BBC.



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To Purge ... and How ... or Not to Purge

Many of you might have heard of “fall cleaning.” Like spring cleaning, fall cleaning is the chance to do a deep dive into cleaning. According to Homes & Gardens, these might include dusting shelves, furniture and décor; cleaning floors and rugs; cleaning ceiling fans and light fixtures; cleaning windows; cleaning furnace filters and dryer vents; cleaning the garage and basement; cleaning the refrigerator; and perhaps the biggest challenge of all: tackling your closet.

Since the boys moved out, I’ll admit that Steve and I have grown a bit lazy when it comes to cleaning out stuff. Our garage looks like a bomb went off in it and one of our boys’ bedrooms became a catch all. Whenever we were unsure where to put something (or too lazy to put it where it belonged) we put it in our son’s room. And closed the door. And avoided opening the door at all costs.

But we have one son who moved away and is looking for items from his room and from his brother’s. He’s looking for a lot of stuff. And I’m eager to mail it off to him. So I’ve gone into his room and packed up a couple of boxes of stuff, then to his brother’s room where I’ve packed up more stuff. (I don’t even want to think how much it’ll cost to get all of this to him.)

But what I’ve discovered is that after I’ve packed up everything he wants,

there’s still more that I have to deal with. For example, a box of books.

I come from a background where books are pretty much sacrosanct; you don’t throw them away. While I’m delighted to see around town many of the newly installed book boxes, most are pretty packed with books already and don’t have room for more. (Aside note: our new dog Molly thinks books are delicious and has already eaten a couple. I don’t want to “feed” her more.)

The one who moved away is our chef son and in his closet are chef coats of different colors. They’re in pretty good shape; do I throw them out or donate them to Goodwill or some other charity? Same problem with some of his shoes – they’re not new but they don’t have holes in them either. Donate or throw out?

With my fellow chamber board members I’ve recently cleaned out the former office of the CV Chamber of Commerce; that was a huge undertaking, too. But I don’t think they’re up to coming to my house to help me purge – or not – or keep stuff.

Steve and I are on our own.

Suggestions are welcome.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

Fifty-seven years ago, Disney released the first animated film of “Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree.” All my kids loved Winnie the Pooh but my middle child was obsessed. She would cuddle with her stuffed Pooh toy and bring him to her many, many tea parties that she hosted for friends and her dolls. Pooh’s positive attitude melded easily with my daughter’s view of life. The Honey Pot was Pooh’s most happy place although for my daughter the honey pot happy place was math – it brought her as equal joy as honey did to Pooh.

When she sang “up, down, touch the ground” it put her in the mood to count. I cannot tell you how many times we counted the bumblebees in her favorite Pooh story. I soon realized that I too loved going to the Hundred Acre Wood with Pooh and his friends. I loved the philosophical view of any and all situations and, even though I related more to Eeyore, the Pooh philosophy is something I still refer to when the world weighs heavy on my shoulders.

My grandson has a map and toys of the Hundred Acre Wood. As we read stories and walk his Pooh characters around the map, I wondered what would the Hundred Acre Wood look like now? Would there be development? Would there be apartment buildings with balconies that looked over the pond? Would there be graffiti on Piglet’s tree house? Would there even be honey now that there are fewer bees?

The Hundred Acre Wood was actually based on Ashdown Forest in Sussex, England. In 2019 fire tore through the forest, destroying about 50 acres of the “Hundred Acre Wood.” In a report in the Smithsonian Magazine there had been two wildfires earlier in the year in Ashdown when a planned burning by volunteers went

out of control. The fire was fueled by very dry vegetation ... and it was a very blustery day.

In 2022, James Adler, Ashdown Forest chief executive, gave a talk titled “Ashdown Forest in a Warming World.” (I have put the link at the bottom of this article because it is worth the listen.) The way Adler explained climate change, its consequences and what the forest is doing to prepare for the changes is very clear. He approaches it as though he is reading a Winnie the Pooh story.

“At times this presentation is not an easy one. The world is not in a great state, we are not treating it well,” he said as he began the seminar.

He warned the audience that the information shared would be difficult to hear but there “is a message of hope.”

The talk painted a picture of what we all know about human-caused climate change and how our life is changing because of our warming planet.

He shared positive stories of how so many people are planting trees to try to help the planet but warned there is still destruction occurring.

“If I leave you with one message [that is] we have to stop tropical deforestation now,” he said.

Adler spent some time talking about bees and how dangerous it is to lose these and other insects. He shared a photo of a Chinese fruit farmer who was pollinating his trees by hand because of the eradication of the bees due to pesticides.

He also showed how Ashdown has changed over the years. Now I know it is not realistic to believe that things will stay the same forever but for this forest and others forests the loss of vital creatures and plants is happening so quickly.

He shared some things that people could

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CVTC GENERAL MEETING

The public is invited to the general meeting of the CV Town Council tonight, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the community room of the La Crescenta Library. Among the items on the agenda is a presentation by the Los Angeles County Tax Collector on short term rental regulations.

The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd.

GLACVCD REPORTS POSITIVE WEST NILE VIRUS

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District reports that six people have tested positive for West Nile Virus. One person was from Glendale and one fatality was in the San Fernando Valley. There is an increase in mosquito activity since the rain event a few weeks back. It is advised that any water sources in yards be emptied.

"Anything the size of a teaspoon of stagnant water can breed mosquitos," said Trustee Steve Goldsworthy of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. "If you can't find the water source, call for a technician to check your property at no cost."

CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

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FALL 2023 HYBRID IN-PERSON/ ONLINE BASIC CERT TRAINING

The Glendale Fire Dept. is hosting a free hybrid in-person/online basic CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training on Oct. 4, 14, & 21. The CERT program educates volunteers (ages 16-plus) about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/GlendaleCERTFall2023>.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT CV SHERIFF'S STATION

The CV Sheriff's Station will be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event will be at the station, 4554 Briggs Ave. in La Crescenta, and is free for all who attend. There will be a car show where participants ghoulishly decorate their vehicles. Kids will be able to trick or treat from car to car. There will also be games, music and a costume contest. Finally, a movie will be playing for the little ones.

All are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, costumes and candy buckets. It is going to be a fun family event! Those with questions can contact the Community Relations sergeant at (818) 236-4019.

Recounting Horrific – and Historic – Times

By Mary O'KEEFE

"It is important. It is very important because six million Jews were murdered. They can't talk. We are the few survivors [who] are left. We have to talk for them," said Joseph Alexander of why he travels the world to share his story of survival at the hands of Nazi Germany during WWII.

Alexander was born in Poland in 1922. His family enjoyed a comfortable life – family members lived close by – and good neighbors. Then on Sept. 1, 1939 everything changed when Hitler's army invaded Poland. By 1940 the Nazis had transported the Jews to Warsaw ghettos, which were work camps.

Alexander spoke at Woodbury University in Burbank on Monday. In November he will be celebrating his 101st birthday, but age has not slowed his mission of sharing his story with everyone – and anyone – who will listen.

Dr. Eric Schockman, who hosted the talk at Woodbury, stressed the importance of the story of Alexander's life; though the invasion may have occurred over 80 years ago the message is as important today as it was at the end of WWII.

"We are seeing signs of swastikas in bathrooms and a resurgence of Nazis marching openly in the streets," said Dr. Barry Ryan, Woodbury president. "This is the point where we need to stand up ... This is the point [when] the future is hitting us in the face. It is here folks. It is not going away. This is the new America and we are hear to listen to the past, learn from it and then move forward so we never forget."

"My name is Joseph Alexander. I am a holocaust survivor from Poland, and I survived 12 camps," Alexander said.

Alexander was born in Poland. He said when the Germans entered his village in Warsaw they separated people into restricted and non-restricted areas. A couple of weeks after the invasion, the Germans ordered a group of people to the town square. He is not sure why, but neither the family in his home nor in his uncle's, both located in the town square, were in this first gathering. Those who were ordered into the town square were "taken away." There were rumors that the Germans would be coming back to take the rest of the Jews.

"My dad said, 'We are not going to wait.' My father had three sisters who lived 25 kilometers [away]," he said.

Alexander's family got a deep wagon and his mother, father, one sister and one brother packed it up and left the area. Alexander remained at the home with two other sisters. They loaded a second wagon to follow their parents.

He and his siblings went to a little town where things were almost normal but then, two weeks later, he went to his first camp. This was a work camp that allowed people to go home on the weekends. The work was hard; they were digging a canal that involved standing in water without boots that was up to their knees.

Alexander got blood poisoning and couldn't work. The police came to his father's door to find him but his father convinced them he didn't know where he was. He stayed away to heal; this was the time they began to build the walls in Warsaw to create a ghetto.

"[The ghetto] was a very small area. They put in over 400,000 people. You can't imagine how terrible, how bad it was, there. People were dying on the streets, everywhere," he said.

He lived in a ghetto for five months. Then came the order from the Germans that all Jewish men from the ages of 16 to 60 were to meet at the school house.

"And off I went to the camp," he said.

At his first camp he worked to build a dam. The work was hard and prisoners used picks to move the hard and rocky soil. They were given a piece of bread and a cup of coffee in the morning, then worked all day and at night were given potato or spinach soup.

"People were dying so they combined two or three camps into one so I moved again. Then after a while the same thing happened at this camp and I moved again," he said.

He moved from camp to camp, working at hard labor from roofing to building an airport. He had been in seven camps when a train arrived.

"It wasn't a passenger train, it was a cattle car [boxcar]," he said.

They crammed 30 to 40 people into each boxcar. The destination normally would have taken five to six hours to arrive at but he said they were in those cars for three days



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Holocaust survivor Joseph Alexander (standing) shows the tattoo that he received in Auschwitz. With him is David Meyerhof, holocaust speaker coordinator.

without food, water or bathroom facilities.

"And we arrived in Auschwitz," he said.

The train stopped and whoever could step out did. Alexander estimated about 30% to 40% of the people who were originally placed into the boxcar had died.

"You would walk out [of the boxcar] and line up in rows of five and that's where we met Dr. Josef Mengele. He was called [Dr. Death]. He selected people for human experiments or for the gas chamber," he said.

Mengele was going down the line of Jews, selecting them for two separate lines – one to the left and one to the right. The one on the left were people who were sick, old, very young or weak. Those to the right were healthier. Alexander was chosen to go left.

"I was a little guy so he picked me up to go to the left and if I would have just come from home I wouldn't have known the difference. But I had been in seven camps," he said.

Alexander had seen over and over again what happened to those who were deemed weak.

"At every camp I always tried to get in with the big strong men," he said. "It was after midnight; if it was daytime I don't think I could have done it, but when Dr. Mengele moved farther down [the line] I moved back to the other side. If I hadn't moved to the other side I wouldn't be here talking to you today because the people on the left were taken on a truck straight to the gas chamber."

Alexander was in Auschwitz when he received his tattoo, which was used for identification purposes by the Nazis.

"I got a tattoo. From that moment on you had no name anymore. This was your [name]: 14284," he said, reciting his number.

He worked and was taken from camp to camp. By April 28, 1945, he had been at

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF
Lutheran Church in the Foothills is splashing into fall with a pool party coming on Sunday, Sept. 24 at noon. The party will include lunch and follows regular Sunday worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. Those interested should contact the church's office to RSVP and get location details.

LCIF would like to remind the community of an ongoing program called "A Christian Conversation

on the Issues of Religion and Science." Led by Dr. Henry Fliegel, an astronomer and experienced presenter of Biblical issues, the discussion group explores the intersection of faith, science and reason. The group meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the LCIF conference room. No background is needed, just curiosity.

LCIF continues to collect donations for victims of the Maui wildfire disaster. LCIF will match

monetary donations from the congregation up to \$500 and will direct the funds to the Pacifica Synod for distribution to wildfire victims in Hawaii. Those wishing to donate should visit LCIF's website for more information, including a link to donate.

Sunday 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.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including information on confirmation classes, Bible study, book club and small group meetings. 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 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Movies in the Park Returns this Month

La Cañada Congregational Church (LCCC) is bringing back Movies in the Park Friday nights from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27. Like last year's slate of family favorite films, Movies in the Park will be shown at the gazebo at La Cañada Flintridge's Memorial Park at 1301 Foothill Blvd.

"Memorial Park is the heart of our community, hosting Music in the Park, Fiesta Days, and holiday celebrations. We want to continue in these traditions by offering free

events for families to connect with one another, build community and find new friendships," said LCCC's minister Rev. Kyle Sears.

This year's theme, "Better Together," reflects the journey and joy of finding a chosen family through challenge, adventure and exploration with a slate of films including "Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves," "The Goonies" and "Guardians of the Galaxy, Volume 3." Free activities will include a scavenger hunt, generating a D&D

character, a solar garden fountain workshop and more.

Movies in the Park will kick off this Friday, Sept. 22, with the animated Disney classic "Mulan," and everyone is invited to come dressed as their favorite Disney character – princess, protagonist, villain or sidekick – for a singalong before the film.

An updated schedule of movies and activities can be found at lacanadachurch.org. Parking is available at the church's lot across the street at 1300 Foothill Blvd.

Grandparents' Day Celebration Hosted at Light on the Corner Church

Last Saturday, Light on the Corner Church hosted its second annual Grandparents Day, an afternoon full of activities meant to bring grandparents and their grandkids closer together in a fun and friendly environment.

"The importance of grandparents cannot be overestimated. We wanted to have a day to honor them and also create a space where they can easily have fun with their grandkids of all ages," said Kiana Karn, Children's director.

The day's activities included a photo booth, Bugs Bunny cartoons on the big screen, and a bunch of old-fashioned gadgets that were brought out for grandparents to show the kids how to work their technology for a change. Items included oil lanterns, rotary phones and old cameras. Attendees were able to wear their best "old-timey" outfits to the event, if they wished. Young ones who didn't have any grandparents living or close by were paired with elderly church members who became their substitute grandparents for the day. A swell

time was had by all!

All generations are invited to attend a Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. where they will be met with quality teaching, fun music and a friendly atmosphere.

Light on the Corner Church is a friendly and unique church family

located in Montrose. Known for its excellent music, relevant teaching and friendly people, the church has served the Crescenta Valley for 80 years. Services are held on Sundays at 10:45 and online. For more information, visit lightonthecorner.org.



Horace Mann Elementary Receives Blue Ribbon Recognition

Horace Mann Elementary has been recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Dept. of Education. The National Blue Ribbon is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. The program affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

The 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognized 353 schools, including 28 schools in California. Mann Elementary has been recognized in the "Exemplary High Performing Schools" category. This is the first time the school has received this honor. Ten Glendale Unified Schools have earned the National Blue Ribbon distinction since the program began in 1982.

"Horace Mann Elementary is a model of excellence in

public education. Principal Rosa Alonso and our educators and staff work tirelessly in partnership with families to ensure every child succeeds," said Glendale Unified Board President Jennifer Freeman. "I am proud to celebrate this prestigious recognition with our entire Glendale Unified community."

"Principal Rosa Alonso and our amazing teachers and staff at Horace Mann Elementary have fostered a culture of high achievement using a collaborative, data-driven approach to teaching and learning," said Glendale Unified Interim Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson. "They prove what is possible when you set high standards and maintain a relentless focus on ensuring every child has the tools they need to succeed."

"Horace Mann Elementary is a success story of what can happen when you focus on

'the essential' until it becomes transformational. Our educators and staff have a laser-like focus on student achievement, helping every child develop a growth mindset and reach their fullest potential as learners and leaders," said Mann Elementary Principal Rosa Alonso. "We are honored to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and will continue to strive for excellence every day."

Horace Mann Elementary serves a diverse population of approximately 600 students in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. Seventy-six percent of Mann students are socioeconomically disadvantaged, 41% are English learners, and 15% are students with special needs. Mann is one of five Glendale Unified elementary schools participating in the California Community Schools initiative this year. The school was recognized as a California Distinguished School

in both 2020 and 2018, and has previously been recognized as a Gold Ribbon School and a Title I Academic Achieving School by the California Dept. of Education (CDE). In 2022, Mann Elementary received a Pivotal Practice Award from the CDE for implementing innovative practices during the COVID-19 pandemic and distance learning. Mann was one of the first schools in California to resume in-person instruction following the pandemic shutdown. In 2020, Mann was one of 16 schools nationwide to be recognized as a 2020 America's Best Urban School by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST). In 2019, Mann teachers and staff earned a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association for implementation of their "PLC Plus" professional development program.

Politics and Accusations at GUSD Meeting

By Lynn SHER

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) had its monthly public board of education meeting on Sept. 12. After completing preliminary tasks, like introducing board members, performing roll call and reciting the pledge of allegiance, presentations began with Dr. Narineh Khemichian, GUSD's student wellness director. September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month and Suicide Prevention Week is Sept. 10-16. Dr. Khemichian spoke of how suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States with an estimated 48,000 people dying by suicide in 2021. The National Alliance of Mental Illness estimates that 20% of high school students have had thoughts of suicide and 9% of high school students have attempted suicide. She shared that the GUSD Crisis Team Responders "completed 350 threat assessments last year and as

a result 40 students were assessed at hospitals."

Two more presentations followed. Attendance Awareness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month is from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Despite the board's focus on students and its efforts to provide the best environment and resources to nurture and foster each student's individual growth, comments from the community addressing the board were drenched in politics and unhinged emotions. These were often focusing on LGBTQ+ topics, which were not the focus of the meeting.

One woman, who was quite shaken, said she was physically attacked by another woman at the previous GUSD board meeting. She said that woman was present in the boardroom. She pleaded with the board, asking the members to take more measures to protect people at the meetings so that they could be active in their students' education

and feel safe in doing so.

"Eleven years in Glendale Unified District and never in my life have I felt so stressed out to come up to speak here," she finished. "So I hope there is something that the board can do."

Until that point the crowd was respectful and no one spoke out of turn. However, that changed when the woman took her seat. The person who had allegedly assaulted her heckled the woman, calling her a liar and demanding to see a video of the alleged assault.

During the closed portion of the meeting, there was a detailed presentation on how GUSD is responding to the challenges it is receiving from concerned parents

about the books that are reportedly in the District's libraries and what GUSD is doing to vet new books. The presenter stated, "We are not banning books." He added the District is implementing "a standardized districtwide process ... to ensure uniformity and adherence to District policies and regulations" when it comes to vetting new books.

If parents are uncomfortable and don't want their children exposed to the books in the school's library, they have the option to "opt out," which would mean their children wouldn't be allowed to check out library books. These students would have their own table in the library with universally accepted books designated just for them.

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12 camps including Dachau. On that day in April he and others he was with in the camp were told they would be going on a march, a death march. They would walk into the mountains in Germany and they would be killed by Nazi soldiers. They walked for two days but during this time they heard the American tanks and witnessed American bombers. One night they were allowed to rest; when they woke up they found the German soldiers had run away. The German police arrived and walked them into a village; then the police disappeared.

"Then we saw an American tank

move in and we were liberated," he said.

But this wasn't the end when everyone cheered and life returned to normalcy. The Americans created areas for the survivors to stay but Alexander and his friends continued to go to camps that were liberated, placing their names on lists, looking for any family survivors. Only a cousin survived; he still does not know what happened to the rest of his family.

Alexander recently traveled to Auschwitz to walk the camp again. When asked why he would want to go back he said, "Because I am alive and Hitler is not."

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CRIME BLOTTER

SEPT. 16

4400 block of Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the glass window of a house was broken and several items were stolen between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

200 block of Berkshire Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to the location concerning a male adult with no shirt who was wearing white pants and was causing a disturbance while walking eastbound on Berkshire Avenue away from the business. The man had entered a store and reported that he had been robbed. When interviewed he stated he was walking eastbound on Berkshire Avenue when he was approached by two males who asked him for money. The victim stated he did not have any money and the two male suspects punched him. They stole his shirt and his backpack along with several personal items. Suspect No. 1 was described as a man with long hair and wearing a black shirt and brown pants. Suspect No. 2 was described as wearing a brown jacket and blue shorts.

The robbery occurred at 5:30 p.m.

SEPT. 12

3000 block of Evelyn Street in Montrose, a resident returned to his home and entered through the front door. He saw a man/Suspect No. 1 lying on the floor of his living room. The resident stated the suspect looked as though he was looking under the sofa. The resident shut the front door, which appeared to startle Suspect No. 1. The resident saw another suspect – Suspect No. 2 – walk into the living room from an adjoining corridor. He also appeared to be startled by the resident's presence. Suspect No. 1 spoke to Suspect No. 2 and they both ran southbound to the rear of the residence and climbed out of an already shattered rear glass window. (The window had been shattered prior to this incident.)

Suspect No. 1 was carrying a black satchel, which the resident did not recognize, and Suspect No. 2 was carrying a Louis Vuitton purse that belonged to one of the residents at the home.

Suspect No. 1 is described as a man in his 20s who was wearing a black hat, black medical mask, black short-sleeved T-shirt, grey sweatpants and black boots. Suspect No. 1 is described as 5'9" and weighing about 150 lbs. Suspect No. 2 was described as a man in his 20s wearing a black hat, black medical mask, navy blue short-sleeved T-shirt and grey sweatpants. Suspect No. 2 was described as 5'6" tall and weighing about 150 lbs.

Several items were reported stolen. The theft occurred at 2:20 p.m.

SEPT. 10

4100 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, the front door window was found shattered at a business. The cash drawer had been taken out of a cash register and placed on the countertop. The restroom door had been damaged as was the medication supply room door. Medical bottles were missing.

The theft occurred overnight.

SEPT. 9

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported witnessing a man enter the store and sit in a chair located to the west of the store, just right of the entrance. The man/suspect remained seated on the chair for a few minutes, then walked toward the cashier and asked an employee for a glass of water. When the employee turned around to get the water for the suspect, without hesitation the suspect reached into the tip jar that was placed in front of the cash register and removed the cash from the jar. He then quickly left the store.

The suspect is described as a male, 20, with dreadlocks. He was 5'9" tall with a thin build. The theft occurred at 2:20 p.m.

1200 block of El Vago Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident received a notification from her alarm system of motion detection in her home. She reviewed the surveillance footage and saw three male adults walking inside her residence. She was not at the residence at the time. The home is under construction and there are no items at the location. Nothing was reported stolen.

Suspect No. 1 was described as a male White adult wearing a grey hoodie and grey sweatpants. Suspect No. 2 was described as a male Black adult with blond hair, wearing a black shirt and black pants. Suspect No. 3 is described as an adult with blonde hair wearing a white shirt and red pants.

The burglary occurred at 9:02 p.m.

SEPT. 8

Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest, a person parked her vehicle in the lower parking lot at the location, locked the car doors and left the area. When she returned she found the rear driver-side window had been smashed on her vehicle and items stolen.

The theft occurred between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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Suspect Arrested in Murder of Deputy



Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gasón announced on Wednesday that charges have been filed in the murder of LA County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer.

Kevin Cataneo Salazar, 29, was arrested on Monday. He is being accused of allegedly ambushing and shooting Clinkunbroomer, 30, on Saturday as the deputy waited at a red light in his patrol car.

Clinkunbroomer was found fatally wounded on Saturday near the Palmdale sheriff's station.

Obituary

Mardi Ahmed Rustam
Nov. 25, 1932 — April 30, 2023



Tolucan Times publisher Mardi Rustam, 90, born on Nov. 25, 1932 in Kirkuk, Iraq, passed away in his Toluca Lake home on April 30.

Mardi was a loving husband and father, proud grandfather and caring brother. He is survived by his daughters Sandra and Karima; grandchildren Brittany, Taylor, Victoria, Dylan, Thomas and William; brothers Mustafa and Samir; and sisters Nadira, Wazira and Yasemin. He cared deeply about his family.

Enamored with the United States, Mardi left Iraq to pursue new opportunities and a better life. He immigrated through Ellis Island at the age of 19 completely on his own and not knowing anyone in the U.S. He settled in Chicago where he studied at Goodman Theater, pursued a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and met the love of his life Sarah Shoup, and enjoyed a 60-year marriage until her passing in 2021. The couple moved to Los Angeles in 1962 where he went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts Degree in cinematic arts, film and television production from USC. Eventually, he earned enough money to support the move of his parents and six siblings from Iraq to the U.S.

Mardi worked until the age of 89 making a name for himself in his community and the film industry. With an entrepreneurial spirit, he excelled in several industries including film and television production, real estate, film distribution and processing, restaurant franchise and newspaper publishing. He founded MARS Productions, an independent film company where he produced and directed more than 20 movies and television shows worldwide. He received numerous honors for his contribution to the film industry. In 1972 he became publisher and editor-in-chief of The Toluca Times. He was a member of the Los Angeles Press Club, California Newspaper Publishers Association, and the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce.

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ARTSAKH from Cover

The ethnic Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh have been under a blockade for about nine months from Azerbaijan that has kept humanitarian aid from reaching them. There are reports from BBC that civilians have been admitted into hospitals after the attack; however, those hospitals and their staff are stretched due to the blockade that has been in place by Azerbaijan for about nine months. Nagorno-Karabakh authorities have stated 27 people have been killed, including two civilians, and many more have been wounded since the offensive began.

On Tuesday, both Russia's foreign ministry and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken had called on Azerbaijan's president, Ilham Aliyev,

to cease military action immediately.

"The United States is deeply concerned by Azerbaijan's military actions in Nagorno-Karabakh and calls on Azerbaijan to cease these actions immediately. These actions are worsening an already dire humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh and undermine prospects for peace. As we have previously made clear to Azerbaijan, the use of force to resolve disputes is unacceptable and runs counter to efforts to create conditions for a just and dignified peace in the region. We call for an immediate end to hostilities and for respectful dialogue between Baku and representatives of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh," according to a statement on Tuesday from Blinken's

office.

On Tuesday, Representative Adam Schiff and the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, Representatives Gus M. Bilirakis, Frank Pallone Jr. and David G. Valadao, released the following joint statement in the wake of Azerbaijan's unprovoked attacks on Artsakh:

"The Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues has warned for months that Azerbaijan was implementing a genocidal campaign against the Armenian people of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) in broad daylight. The large-scale attack by Azerbaijani forces further escalates that campaign, taking advantage of a people they have systematically starved over the last 10 months. It is still too early to tell the full breadth and scale of this attack, but initial reports indicate that Azerbaijan is using deadly force, including heavy shelling, against residential and civilian areas in Stepanakert. According

to reports, the attacks have so far resulted in at least 138 injured individuals, including 29 civilians, and 25 fatalities, including one child," said the Members.

"President Aliyev orchestrated this deliberate attack to exile the Armenian population in Artsakh. The so-called 'humanitarian corridors' they reportedly opened for civilians to use to leave the area are only meant to further perpetuate their campaign of ethnic cleansing using violence, hunger and fear to push these people out of their homeland. Armenians have called Nagorno-Karabakh home for thousands of years. The United States should use every diplomatic tool, including sanctions, to help guarantee their right to remain there. We call on the State Department and our international partners to take immediate action to halt any further aggressions by Azerbaijani forces and ensure their safety and security," the Members continued.

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do to help the climate, simple things including reducing expenditures – meaning instead of throwing things away, repair and keep if you can – turn your thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer to use less power, think about transportation choices and email leaders often to ask them to do something to reduce greenhouse gas.

And then he spoke briefly about "the bear." Winnie the Pooh was written by A. A. Milne in 1926, so in three years its 100th anniversary will be celebrated. The forest is preparing for that day.

Pooh and nature have always gone hand-in-hand. When Pooh walked through the Hundred Acre Wood with Christopher Robin (who was named after Milne's real son) they would contemplate the trees, the Sun, clouds and all of nature. From this bear we have and continue to learn so much – not only about ourselves and how to look at the positive before diving into the negative, but also how to just sit back and let nature teach us.

"Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known." ~ Winnie the Pooh

For the climate change presentation go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xXHdJf6Fpk>.

For our area today we will see lower than normal temperatures with highs in the low 70s. This trend will continue through Friday but over the weekend and throughout next week we will be seeing a slight climb in temps to the mid-80s, which is closer to our normal temperatures.

"There has been a deep marine layer that has been persistent through the week," said Ryan Kittell, NOAA meteorologist.

This deep marine layer has been bringing us some drizzle and today it is expected there will be more rain than drizzle.

As for our future, October and the fall months bring our most "blustery days" or Santa Ana winds. This is the most vulnerable time for wildfires. There is an El Niño event in our oceans.

El Niño is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, according to the National Geographic Society.

We have seen some El Niños that have brought more rain and some that have not.

"It is not a sure thing [but] a moderate to strong El Niño [is expected] this winter, which [does] increase the chance of [more] rain," Kittell said.

However, he pointed out that it is extremely rare for Los Angeles to have back-to-back rainy winters. This is based on the 150 years of weather data recorded in LA.

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Nov. 1 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Brand Park Studios, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale

Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – a virtual meeting

Nov. 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Central Library-Teens

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Nov. 9 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale

Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Library Connection at Adams Square, 1100 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Truly Fantastic Local House

There's a nearby house that is just amazing looking. It's one of those houses that we all take our out-of-town visitors by so they can gawk at it. It sits near the border between La Cañada and La Crescenta – 2270 Cross St. to be exact. If you're a longtime local, you've probably seen it. It's a Tudor-gothic castle-like masterpiece ... something straight out of Disneyland. And indeed it does have some roots in Disney in that its designer worked for Disney for a while. Here's its story.

The building of the house was started by Julius Rakisits, a Hungarian immigrant, in the early '20s. Julius was a fascinating character. He was a member of the pre-WWI Hapsburg Empire aristocracy in Europe. He was a highly educated officer in the Austro-Hungarian military, literate in nine languages, and fluent in 13. In 1911, some untoward romance or failed political intrigue made the up-and-coming young officer flee to

America. Landing in Chicago, he used his education and mastery of languages to secure a job in international banking. As soon as America joined the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, Julius was almost immediately picked up as a spy.

After six months in prison, one of his influential banking customers got him sprung and he and his growing family escaped to Texas near the Mexican border. Aristocratic Julius, who had probably never done a day of manual labor in his life, envisioned himself a cowboy and carved out a little cattle ranch. However, Pancho Villa's soldiers continually raided his ranch and the Rakisits family lost everything.

Julius found a way out when he secured a job with the Bullocks Department Store family of La Cañada (they had a weekend getaway home in La Cañada, recently demolished by the school district). In 1923 the family moved

into an abandoned chicken coop on a piece of sagebrush at Ocean View Boulevard and Cross Street. Mrs. Rakisits and the kids soon joined him in the coop as "learn by doing" Julius began slowly building a huge stone house that, according to his kids, took him 20 years to complete.

Bob and Patty McDonnell bought the one-story house in the early '60s. Bob McDonnell was an independent architectural and interior design consultant who had worked for Disney for seven years before branching out on his own. McDonnell specialized in Tudor mansions. He had an impressive portfolio of clients, including music producer Barney Ales of Motown Records and pop legend Michael Jackson.

On the Cross Street house, he did much of the work himself. He lifted the roof of the mostly one-story house to three stories, and populated the roofline with fantastical turrets and dormers

topped with imaginative wood and tin finials. The roof is of heavy shake and a tiled ridge with a tall golden weathervane. The fantasy chimney is a mix of natural stones, used bricks and clinker bricks. All the windows are leaded glass or stained glass – one spectacular window from a church that was being demolished. Good hardwoods were used throughout, lots of brick work, fine paneling and beamed ceiling interiors.

The garage was built new, with fantastic handmade doors. The garage was topped with a giant playroom with a cathedral ceiling and a hand-carved oak bar.

The McDonnells filled the house with antiques they had collected over the years. And finally, the large property has been surrounded with an artistic wrought-iron fence.

If you haven't been to see it, do take a drive by. You'll be amazed. It's easily reached by driving up Ocean View from Foothill. Turn right at the first stop sign, Cross

Street, and you'll see the house on your right side. It's a feast for the eyes. It has roots deep in the history of the valley with an immigrant family trying to make do with available material (rocks). The story arcs into the present day with a visionary designer with a background in the entertainment industry (Disney). The current house does indeed look like something from Disneyland ... and now you know it's long story.



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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Looking Back on a Big Legislative Year

I started the legislative year determined to focus on four things: our changing climate, toxic chemicals omnipresent in our everyday lives, public safety and supporting workers. It was a revolutionary year in California for all four, and I'm proud to share an update on my work.

Addressing Climate Change

One of the key components of reducing California's greenhouse gas emissions is solar energy. Solar energy systems have grown in popularity, but some cities were price gouging property owners when they tried to pull a permit for rooftop solar installation. The last thing homeowners, businesses and our planet need is a city discouraging private solar investments by

imposing costly fees. Although the popularity of solar has grown, only 10% of California's properties have solar systems installed. We need to incentivize solar, not discourage its installation. AB 1132 creates a cap on those fees to 2034.

Of course, when it comes to climate change it's not just greenhouse gas emissions that have to be tackled – it's our water use. This year, I wrote and passed AB 1572, which will eliminate using treated drinking water to water non-functional turf. What's non-functional turf? It's what you find in road medians and in front of office buildings that's purely decorative. It's also a water hog. Our bill still allows watering of functional turf, like turf used for picnicking in parks, golf courses

and soccer fields. Nor will AB 1572 apply to your lawn. According to the Southern California Municipal Water District AB 1572 will save 98 billion gallons of water per year in their service area alone. This bill is a massive win for making sure our precious water will be there for the things we really need it for.

Protecting Californians from Harmful Chemicals

Over the past few years, I've been working to get harmful chemicals out of the products that we use every day in our homes. This year, I worked with experts and the personal care products industry to write and pass AB 496, which will ban dozens of hormone disrupting toxic chemicals in cosmetics. The European Union has banned over

1,600 different chemicals from cosmetics. The U.S.? Just 13. Looking good on a date night should not result in disruptions to your endocrine system, and it's time that California consumers have the same protections as our European friends.

My cosmetics bill was one of three I authored to take dangerous chemicals out of our homes. I authored and passed AB 1059 to remove fiberglass and other toxic chemicals from bedding. And I wrote AB 1322, which adds diphacinone to a banned list of rodenticides. It's one of the chemicals that has had a devastating effect on our wildlife, including our iconic mountain lions. And the chemical impacts our own homes as well. Over 3,000 humans are poisoned every single

year due to injudicious use of anticoagulant rodenticides. Over 2,300 of them are children under the age of 6. Poisoning our children is preventable. I'm happy to say AB 1322 also passed.

Improving Safety

Those of you who have followed my work in the Assembly know that I have focused on improving the safety of our streets and roadways. This year, I introduced legislation allowing a trial program for speed cameras in California. I know we are all familiar with red light cameras. This bill is not that. AB 645 is about saving lives.

Thousands of Californians are lost to traffic violence every year. Research has shown that speed

see FRIEDMAN on page 18

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions Ceiling Fan Rule

On page A4 of the Aug. 30-Sept. 5 issue of The Epoch Times, there is an article regarding "Biden Admin Proposes New Rules on Ceiling Fans." The article also covers other items including portable gas generators. Regarding ceiling fans, the Dept. of Energy (DOE) wants citizens to pay for new fans that will save them up to \$39.84 over the life span of the fan, which is listed as six to 10 years.

Now I do not know where the DOE gets its life span figure, but one (1) of my fans is 40-plus years old and the other two (2) are about 35 years old. All three fans show no signs of needing replacement. They are quiet and do not wobble. The one overhead right now has gotten the most use since I retired in 2002 and started working at home. The one in our bedroom gets a lot of summer time use, too. Barring any unexpected failures I do not plan on replacing any of them.

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YOUTH/SPORTS

Troop 319 from La Crescenta Travel to Philmont



LEFT: Group 724 G-01 includes, front row from left, Wilderness Pledge Guia- Dylan McLemore, Kael Estrada, Crew Leader Thomas Arellano, Ranger Joseph Courtade, Alex MacMillan, Peter James, Chaplain's Aide Marcus Paige; back row from left, Advisor Ken McLemore, Advisor Ramon Arellano, Lead Advisor Nicolas James and Advisor Matthew Paige.

RIGHT: Group 724 G-02 includes, front row from left, Lead Advisor David Owens, Wilderness Pledge Guia-Dominic Esquivel, Chaplain's Aide Michael Saeva, Ranger Carson Johnson, Emmet Bowlin, Justin Gough, Crew Leader Dillon Tateishi; back row from left Advisor Danny Saeva, Advisor Zach Alvarado and Advisor Dean Tateishi.

Troop 319 from La Crescenta sent two crews this summer to the Philmont Boy Scout High Adventure Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico. Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure base, challenges Scouts with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. The Scouts trained for two years under the supervision of Scout Master David Owens who scheduled monthly backpacking hikes to prepare the Scouts for this challenging trek. The adventure began on July 21 with the Scouts meeting at Dunsmore Park and then carpooling to Union Station to board the Amtrak Train to Raton, New Mexico.

the rough terrain with all of their provisions that they would need in their packs.

"Philmont provides an unforgettable adventure in sky-high backpacking country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West, horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners and living history provide exciting challenges each day. Rock climbing, fly-fishing, shooting, sports and more make for an unforgettable experience of fast-moving fun in the outdoors. Philmont has 34 staffed camps and 70-plus trail camps that are operated by the ranch.

Philmont also has high mountains that dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. The two crews hiked each day to a new campsite where they would set up their tents for the day and participate in a variety of activities. The crew leader would check in at the campsite that they had arrived in and then the Scouts would set up their bear bags, dining fly and then their tents. They would participate in different activities at each campsite and then hike on to their next destination the next day. The Scouts put to good use all of

their training to survive this very mentally and physically challenging adventure.

When the Scouts returned to base camp both crews were awarded the prestigious Arrowhead Award. It is awarded only to Scouts who successfully meet all of the challenges of the Philmont Expedition. These include attending the opening campfire to learn the "Philmont Story," completing their approved hiking itinerary, participating in a three-hour conservation project during the trek, fulfilling their personal commitment to the Wilderness Pledge and living the Scout oath and law.

The adventure ended on Aug. 4.



Falcons Get Huge Win in Front of Beloved Alumni



Andy Saryan rebuffs a La Cañada Spartan on Friday night to help the Falcons take the win 33-21.

In 1973, the CV Falcons, led by the late coach Gordy Warnock, defeated Monrovia high school 14-7 to win the school's first CIF championship. Last Friday, 21 members of that legendary team came to Moyses Stadium to be honored for the amazing accomplishment. Among the attendees were all state

players such as quarterback Brad Holland, running back Mark Miller and standout linebacker Paul Steinbacher, who made the ceremonial coin toss.

CV played crosstown rival La Cañada, sporting a record of 2-2. La Cañada received the opening

see FALCONS on page 19

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Village Poets Features First Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate Marlene Hitt and Award Winning Poet RG Cantalupo at September Meeting



Marlene Hitt



RG Cantalupo

Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga invite poets and friends of poetry to the monthly reading held in-person on Sunday, Sept 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. In September the features will be Marlene Hitt who will introduce her latest book of poetry, "Yellow Tree Alone." Poet RG Cantalupo will also be featured and many books will also be available. More about the poets at <https://villagepoets.blogspot.com>.

Marlene Hitt was the first poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga. Her critically acclaimed first poetry collection "Clocks and Water Drops" was published by Moonrise Press in 2015. Her full-length manuscript, "Yellow Tree Alone" also from Moonrise Press, made its debut in 2023. She has authored many chapbooks and a nonfiction book "Sunland Tujunga from Village to City." Publications in anthologies include "When the Virus Came Calling," "Chopin with Cherries," "Meditations on Divine Names" among others. She has written and published two books for children and several years of articles for local newspapers. As a stay-at-home writer, she reflects the life in her local surroundings.

RG Cantalupo is a poet, playwright, filmmaker, novelist and director. His work has been published widely in literary journals in the United States, England and Australia.

He graduated from UC Santa Cruz where he

studied under such luminaries as George Hitchcock, editor of Kayak, Gregory Bateson, and Norman O. Brown, and received his MFA in poetry and non-fiction from Vermont College of the Fine Arts. His books of poetry include "Involving Residence," "No Thanks," "Walking Water On Earth" and "The Art of Naming" among others.

Two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will

be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for the cost of refreshments and to donate to the Little Landers Society that manages the Bolton Hall Museum, a Los Angeles historical landmark built in 1913.

Village Poets Upcoming Schedule 2023: Oct. 22 – Ambika Talwar & Susan Suntree

Coming up in 2024: Jan. 28 – Karen Greenbaum-Maya & Judith Terzi

Assistance League Glendale's Newest Philanthropy: ALG Cares



ALG Cares is Assistance League Glendale's newest philanthropy. ALG Cares provides care kits for individuals leaving homelessness and starting their journey toward permanent housing at Ascencia, a Glendale-based facility where people in need can find services, resources and safe, affordable housing to rebuild their lives. Assistance League Glendale (ALG) provided 65 care kits for all of the adult residents at Ascencia and enough for new residents. ALG Cares will continue to provide the care kits on an ongoing basis to all adults as they enter Ascencia.

The ALG care kits are large laundry bags full of personal items, including a toiletry bag full of much-needed personal items like a nail kit, weekly planner and pen, hairbrush and mirror, disinfectant wipes and more. The toiletry bags are put into the larger laundry bag, which will also include a blanket, water bottle, travel coffee cup and other items.

Rayma Halloran, president of ALG said, "We are very happy to provide these care kits to those people in great need."

Camille Guerrero, Ascencia's director of Development, said,

"On behalf of the people we serve, we are truly grateful to the members of the Assistance League of Glendale. Now each resident who comes through our doors will receive an ALG Cares tote filled with all the necessities that shouts, 'We care about you!' [ALG] has taken on yet another dignified approach to help people feel seen, heard and cared for. Thank you so very much for providing such valuable resources that help further our mission and strengthen our programs to meet everyone's needs."

Assistance League Glendale is a Glendale-based nonprofit organization that celebrates the power of the volunteer to evoke positive change in the world. ALG members work to make sure the needs of the local community are met with respect and care. Last year, Assistance League Glendale touched more than 2,926 lives investing 15,927 hours to improve our city. ALG also runs a robust thrift shop, Thrift Alley, where anyone can find a great deal on a variety of clothing, home décor and more. And donations from the community to Thrift Alley may be eligible for a tax deduction.

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La Crescenta Woman's Club Hosts Local Historian Mike Lawler



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LEFT: Julie Ann Martin, center, is a new member of the La Crescenta Woman's Club. Co-membership Chairs presenting her are, left, Dawna Berger and Carol Stein.

RIGHT: La Crescenta Woman's Club Treasurer Bob Mortimer presents a mockup of a \$150 check to Historian and CV Weekly columnist Mike Lawler.

By Ruth SOWBY

The La Crescenta Woman's Club (LCWC) kicked off its new year with its star attraction, historian and CV Weekly columnist Mike Lawler. On Sept. 13 at its Clubhouse, members were all ears as Lawler reported on "Hidden Treasures of the Foothills."

"History is all around us," Lawler said.
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The Longest Running Government on Earth

Last Sunday, the U.S. Constitution turned 236 years old. It is the framework of the longest running government in the world today. Since 1787 every nation in the world has changed its form of government at least once except for the United States. Our government is a federal republic that uses the democratic principle of free and fair elections to choose our political leaders who take an oath, "To defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Fifty-five delegates from 12 states showed up at the Philadelphia Convention in late May 1787. They were charged with amending the Articles of Confederation to balance the power between the federal government and the states. Rhode Island did not send delegates, preferring the status quo. The delegates quickly discovered that it was not possible to rework the Articles and decided to write a new

Constitution. They committed themselves to creating a Constitution that was shaped by the Declaration of Independence. To achieve this, they followed seven principles that would be the foundation of the new U.S. Constitution.

The principle of popular sovereignty comes directly from the Declaration of Independence. It ensures that the government gets its "just powers from the consent of the governed." Federalism is the division of government power between federal and state governments. Under republicanism, voters elect representatives to carry out their desires. The principle of limited government is self-explanatory. The only powers the federal government has are enumerated in the Constitution. All other powers belong to the people or the states.

The genius of the Constitution is the separation of powers, which creates three co-equal

branches of government. The Legislative Branch – Congress – writes the laws. The Executive Branch, headed by the President, carries out the laws. The Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court, interprets the laws to ensure that they are Constitutional. Checks and balances require all three branches to work together to govern the people. Each branch can check the power of the other two. This ensures that at least two branches must agree on all important decisions. Finally, the principle of individual rights protects rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The delegates elected George Washington as President of the Convention. He was joined in leadership by future president James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. Using these seven principles, they led the delegates through the process that created the greatest government in the modern history of the world.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Toothsome Chocolate Emporium Introduces Specialty Shakes for the Season

By Charly SHELTON

Universal Studios Hollywood recently opened its Halloween Horror Nights event. Along with it, Universal CityWalk Hollywood's Toothsome Chocolate Emporium and Savory Feast Kitchen has gotten into the spirit of the season as well. Coinciding with the opening of HHN, a new shake has debuted at the Dessert Foundry counter inside the restaurant. This joins another new shake that has been on the menu for a few weeks that is exclusively for USH annual passholders. CV Weekly was recently invited to experience HHN (you'll find that article from last week on our website www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE) and while we were there we popped into Toothsome to try both new shakes.

The Grave Awakening: A Halloween Horror Delight

First up is the spook-tacular shake in honor of HHN: The Grave Awakening. This wickedly sweet concoction features vanilla soft serve ice cream studded with the colorful crunch of Fruity Pebbles cereal, a bleeding, oozing strawberry sauce and a ghostly white marshmallow swirl for extra creaminess and that classic Halloween candy flavor. This now monster-sized shake is topped with a white chocolate skull that's bleeding from its gaunt eye sockets and nestled in a lair of orange whipped topping, chocolate rocks and Halloween sprinkles. And to make it even better, The Grave Awakening arrives in a souvenir Halloween Horror Nights plastic mason jar, adorned with heat-reactive printing that transforms from a skeletal white to Halloween orange as the bone-chilling temperature drops.

Okay, that's enough Halloween words. But seriously, there's a lot going on in this shake and it's all good. While I never really considered myself a fan of Fruity Pebbles, there's something about it that definitely screams childhood and that, paired with the Halloween candy

flavors of the strawberry sauce and marshmallow swirl, is just a big dose of nostalgia. And sugar. I enjoyed this one even more than I expected to, which is saying something because my standards are high for Toothsome.

It may not be my favorite shake on the menu (there are so many amazing ones that it's hard to pick a favorite) but it's in the running.

Not Your Average Bread Pudding: A Passholder Exclusive Treat

For Universal Studios Hollywood annual passholders, there's a shake that's as exclusive as it is delicious. Not Your Average Bread Pudding is a limited-time creation that is available as part of the Pass Member Appreciation Days at USH. The Appreciation Days are almost over, ending on Sept. 30, but this shake bears mentioning since we're doing a shake review. It has a little less going on than the previous shake but it doesn't make it any less enjoyable.

Not Your Average Bread Pudding is exactly what it says. It's a bread pudding shake. There's literally bread pudding blended into the vanilla ice cream and then accented with caramel and cinnamon. It's then topped with vanilla whipped topping and more caramel, and a hockey puck-sized disc of bread pudding sealing off the top of the mason jar from which the straw pokes through.

It really tastes like bread pudding that you can slurp. There are not as many flavors and surprises as with The Grave Awakening, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. It does its job, and it does it well. It's bread pudding, but not in the average way you'd have it at any other restaurant.

So whether you're an annual passholder looking for that exclusive sip, an HHN fan who is getting sugared up before your run through the fog or just someone in need of a cooling treat to grab and go on these last few warm days of summer, Toothsome Chocolate Emporium and Savory Feast Kitchen offers a special drink for you.

For more information, visit UniversalStudiosHollywood.com.



Photos by Charly SHELTON

ABOVE: The plastic mason jar that holds The Grave Awakening is adorned with heat-reactive printing that transforms from a skeletal white to Halloween orange as the bone-chilling temperature drops.

TOP RIGHT: Not Your Average Bread Pudding is topped with a hockey puck-sized disc of bread pudding.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Grave Awakening

BELOW: For annual passholders, Not Your Average Bread Pudding is a limited-time creation that is available as part of the Pass Member Appreciation Days at USH.



THEN & NOW

Rakisits House Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » In the 1920s, immigrant Julius Rakasits was building a stone house on Cross Street, nestled amongst orchards and acres of sagebrush. He had a whole pack of children to help him and the building materials – rocks – were free. Note the beautiful arched windows he's creating.

NOW » The stone house at 2270 Cross St. was made over in the '60s and '70s. Designer Bob McDonnell, with his Disney pedigree, added a fantastic Tudor-gothic creation on top of the old stone house. You can still pick out the ground floor arched windows Julius Rakasits built in the 1920s.

Casa 0101 Theater Presents 'Queen Of The Rumba'

CASA 0101 Theater will present the world premiere production of "Queen Of The Rumba," a play by theater founding artistic director Josefina Lopez. The new production will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and on Sundays at 3 p.m. for a five-week run from Sept. 22 – Oct. 22 in the newly dedicated Gloria Molina Auditorium at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E.

First St. (at St. Louis Street) in Boyle Heights.

"Queen Of The Rumba" is inspired by a true story of Alicia Parla, a 21-year-old Cuban-American girl who set the world on fire back in the 1930s with the rumba.

The story begins when Alicia, now a mature woman of 89, is diagnosed with cancer. Set in Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba in the past and present,

Alicia Parlá refuses to stay in the Miami hospital cancer ward she is in because she claims she is ready to die and that she has had a happy and full life.

Alicia's physician, Dr. Sanchez, insists she stay overnight for observation. At night she hears a young girl, Sofia Manzano, a 19-year-old Panamanian-American, crying because she too has a terminal illness with just less than two months to live.

Alicia tries to cheer up Sofia by sharing her story of how she went from a precocious young girl who came to the U.S. from Cuba and ended up introducing the U.S. to the dance style, the Rumba, while having an amazing dance career that took her to Paris and many other exciting places.

Tickets for the five-week run of "Queen Of The Rumba" are \$25 per person for general admission; \$22 per person for Boyle Heights

residents and groups of 20 or more; \$20 per person for students and seniors 60+.

This show is recommended for all audiences. Advance reservations are highly recommended. For tickets, call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email tickets@casa0101.org, or buy online at www.casa0101.org.

For further information, please visit www.casa0101.org.

Announcing 2023 Jewel City Concert Series

The 2023 Jewel City Concert Series, formerly known as the 222 East Concert Series, will take place at the Artsakh Paseo (127 N. Artsakh Ave. in Glendale) from Sept. 30 through Oct. 28. The series of five free concerts will take place on Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. featuring Southern California musicians. Performances run approximately 60 minutes without intermission. Seating is not provided; visitors are welcome to bring a chair. The concerts are sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture

Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture. Visit GlendaleArtsandCulture.org/JewelCityConcertSeries for more information.

On Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. is the Louis Van Taylor Band, led by saxophonist Louis Van Taylor, who has been a staple of the funk music scene. Best known as the saxophonist with Kool & The Gang, Van Taylor is also known for playing in the Billy Vera Big Band, Gerald Wilson Orchestra,

Charles Wright, and the Watts 103rd St. Band.

Founded in 1907, the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Dept. comprises eight neighborhood libraries including the Brand Library & Art Center, a regional visual arts and music library and performance venue housed in the historic 1904 mansion of Glendale pioneer Leslie C. Brand, and the Central Library, a 93,000 square foot center for individuals and groups to convene, collaborate and create.

The department also serves as the chief liaison to the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, which works to continually transform Glendale into an ever-evolving arts destination. Glendale Library Arts & Culture is supported in part through the

efforts of the Glendale Library Arts & Culture Trust.

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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.

SELLEBRATION COMING TO PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTER

The Glendale Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. will hold its annual community rummage sale, Sellebration, at the Pacific Community Center in Glendale on Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Over 200 mothers and daughters will spend 1,175 hours planning, preparing, setting up and working at Sellebration.

The mission NCL Inc., Glendale Chapter of is to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. The Glendale Chapter works with over 20 local philanthropies.

Pacific Community Center is located at 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale.

GIFF SHOWCASES INDEPENDENT FILMS

The Glendale International Film Festival (GIFF), a celebration of the cinematic arts spotlighting local and global independent film and filmmakers, is showcasing independent films from Sept. 28 through Thursday,

Oct. 5.

All screenings and events take place in Glendale; screenings are Laemmle Theatres, 207 N. Maryland Ave.; opening night party is at The Glenmark, 100 N. Brand Blvd.; awards night at Glen Arden Club, 357 Arden Ave.; festival lounge at ace/121 Gallery, 121 N. Kenwood St.

Screenings and events are ticketed and open to the public.

For more information visit <https://glendaleiff.org/>.

'SUBSEQUENT RETROSPECTIVE' COMING TO STEPHANIE'S GALLERY

The exhibit "Subsequent Retrospective" is scheduled to launch on Sept. 28 at Stephanie's Gallery, 466 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

"Subsequent Retrospective" is a journey into the fusion of art and architecture expressed through the vivid abstract lens of Koko Hovaguimian. The community is invited to witness the seamless harmony of colors, forms and emotions in his captivating creations.

Hovaguimian's pieces have garnered praise from art critics and captivated audiences worldwide, making her one of the most exciting contemporary artists to watch.

The exhibit is from Sept. 28 to Oct. 31 with an opening reception on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CAMPBELL CENTER HOSTS 'GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?'

The Campbell Center is hosting the popular "Guess Who's Coming to

Dinner?" on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. This year, there are five dinners and themes hosted at prominent households in Glendale to support The Campbell Center. Tickets are \$100 and can be bought at: <https://thecampbell.org/guesswhodinner/>.

The funds raised will support The Campbell Center, which has the mission to partner with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence and attain their desire outcomes through opportunity and choice. It provides services in supported employment, residential services and community integration programs.

Those who are unable to attend but wish to contribute can call (818) 242-7588 with donation information or email jennifer@thecampbell.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD BINGO

The Knights of Columbus Council 3254, which serves St. Bede's (La Cañada) and Holy Redeemer/St. James the Less Parishes (La Crescenta), is hosting a bingo event on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church - Healy Hall, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose.

Proceeds will be used for appropriate charitable support for the parishes. The cost of the event is \$30 and includes a full book of 10 bingo cards, a dauber, etc. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

3E EVENT INVITES WOMEN TO AWAKEN THE POWER WITHIN

HealWithin, a mind-body-soul

healing and stress management center, invites women in SoCal and around the world to its 9th Annual 3E Event on Sept. 30 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Glendale, 800 N. Central Ave. in Glendale. Tickets are on sale now for a super early bird price of just \$197.

Visit The3Eevent.com to register and to reserve hotel room at discounted rate.

Hosted and produced by Liza Boubari, clinical hypnotherapist and founder of HealWithin, 3E guest speakers include award-winning actor Maurice Benard, Nancy Matthews, co-founder of WomensProsperityNetwork.com, Allyn Reid, founder of Woomanity, and co-founder, facilitator, producer and community cultivator of Secret Knock and Lawrence Zarian, Red Carpet fashion expert, lifestyle expert, professional stylist and actor.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT BARNES & NOBLE

Author Patty Paul will be speaking about her new book "Exploring Other Lifetimes - Memoir of a Soul's Journey" at the Barnes & Noble - Media City Center in Burbank on Sept. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Described as "inspiring," Paul relates the stories of more than 30 of her other lifetimes and the living, breathing relationship each one has with the lifetime she is now living. The ties that bind them are the unresolved issues and suppressed emotions they have in common.

Barnes & Noble is located at 731 N. San Fernando Road in Burbank.

ADAMS HILL ARTS FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS GO LIVE

The second annual Adams Hill Neighborhood Association Arts Festival will be held Oct. 8 on Park Street in Glendale and will feature local artists, vendors and musicians. In anticipation of the event, the application for musicians and artists has been released.

All Glendale residents are welcome to apply.

Here is the application link: <https://forms.gle/N1dWr33tjrgnYXRAS>.

TGHS GALA & BENEFIT

The Glendale Historical Society's Gala & Benefit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This year's celebratory and fundraising event will be held at Barker House, a 1958 Mid-century Modern home with breathtaking city views. Designed by architect and builder Edward A. Kirtlan, Barker House is listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources.

The evening under the stars will include classic cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction fundraiser (live and online). Proceeds benefit TGHS's preservation efforts.

Tickets for the Gala & Benefit are \$150 for TGHS members and \$175 for nonmembers.

RSVPs are due by Sept. 29. Event address will be provided to confirmed attendees a few days prior to the benefit.

Tickets can be purchased tickets online through the TGHS website at GlendaleHistorical.org/events. To order tickets by mail, please send a check to TGHS, PO Box 4173, Glendale CA 91202.

The Gala & Benefit is black tie optional.

THE LONE WOMAN OF SAN NICOLAS

In 1835, when her people were removed from Haraasnga (San Nicolas Island), a lone indigenous woman was left behind. She lived alone on the island for 18 years. At the Oct. 14 program at the Bolton Hall Museum, attendees will learn about the circumstances of her abandonment, her subsequent rescue and more recent discoveries made on San Nicolas.

The presenter for this program is local historian Craig Durst who will share his research on San Nicolas' indigenous people and their relationships to local Tongva, founders of the village of Tehunga. An abbreviated screening of the film "Island of the Blue Dolphins," based in the story of the Lone Woman, will follow the presentation.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

The presentation is on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

CV HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 PLANS 50TH REUNION

CVHS class of '73 is planning a 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Clearman's North Woods Inn in San Gabriel. Reservations are required. Menu choice includes steak, chicken, cod or vegetarian. The event begins at 5 p.m. Make out checks to Luanna (Koury) Lindsey and mail to 2210 San Gorgonio, La Cañada, CA. 91011 or send payment via Venmo to Laurie (Huber) Garcia @countrychick55. Additional information available at 'CVHS Class of '73' Facebook page, or email luannalindsey@me.com or laurieahgarcia@gmail.com.

Clearman's North Woods Inn is located at 7247 Rosemead Blvd. in San Gabriel.

In addition, the class is holding a mixer on Friday night, Oct. 13 at Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar, at 2201 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose at 5 p.m. All CV alums from any year are invited to mix and mingle.

Gus & Andy's offers a full menu and full bar. This event is in addition to the formal 50th reunion dinner being held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Northwood's Inn, which requires pre-paid reservations.

KIWANIS CLUB OF BURBANK PREPS FOR FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the Kiwanis Club of Burbank's annual Family Fun Day and Golf Ball Drop on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burbank High School athletic field.

There will be a car show, information booths, food, games, entertainment and more. Free to attend.

Visit <https://www.burbankkiwanis.org/golf-ball-drop/> for more information.

Burbank High School athletic field is located at 902 N. 3rd St. in Burbank.

LA CRESCENTA WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDING SHOE DRIVE

The La Crescenta Woman's Club is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls on

Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clubhouse (4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta).

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My Sollevare wine cooler doesn't work. Can I get my money back?

Laura Lowry's Sollevare wine cooler doesn't work, and neither does the replacement. Who does she talk to about a refund?

Q Last year, I bought a Sollevare wine cooler from Lowe's that was supposed to have a reversible door. It was one of the main reasons I bought this particular unit. The cooler I received had no means of reversing the door. We finally got a hold of customer service at Sollevare, who then shipped us out the correct door.

Within three months of the purchase, the unit started losing temperature and shutting off. I contacted customer service again and I was able to get a new unit sent to me with the assurance that a new reversible door would be shipped separately.

The door never showed so I contacted customer service again. What I did notice was the new unit sent to me was different from the original. It appeared to be an updated model. I let customer service know that the unit was the same model but appeared to be updated. I wanted to make sure the correct reversible door showed up at my

doorstep.

Well, the old model door showed up. I contacted customer service again and was told there was a backorder and it would take about three months.

During this time, the new model started to get ice build up in the rear of the unit. I contacted customer service again and was told the only thing they could do was send another replacement.

It's almost a year later and I'm exhausted with trying to continually get a response from Sollevare. Now I have two units that have crapped out. My confidence level has dropped and I still don't have the reversible door for the most recent unit.

I'd like a refund. Sollevare tells me if I purchased through a retailer I would have to get the refund from it. Lowe's, of course, says it's too late and I have to deal with the manufacturer. This has been going on for close to a year. I have been unable to locate the names of anyone in upper management.

I'm exhausted and at a loss at this

point. I want my money back. Can you help?

—Laura Lowry, Port St. Lucie, Florida

A: It looks like you bought the wrong wine cooler. And at first I thought that was strange because if you look up Sollevare wine coolers on the Lowe's site, they look like they're highly rated (four stars and above). But pay attention to the number of reviews. There are only a few reviews, perhaps published by Sollevare employees or their friends. Who knows? But there aren't enough reviews to be a reliable source of information.

Maybe you should have taken this up with Lowe's as soon as it became a problem, just to keep them in the loop. Lowe's might have found a way to replace the faulty cooler or repair it. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Lowe's customer service managers on my site Elliott.org. I also have a guide to getting

an appliance repaired, replaced or returned. You'll find that helpful if you ever run into trouble with Lowe's again (which I hope you don't).

We've had several Lowe's cases recently. The company does not seem to like consumer advocates getting involved in customer disputes. But that's never stopped me from trying.

I contacted Lowe's on your behalf. The company didn't respond (big surprise), so I contacted it again. And again, no response. Finally, you

contacted the California Attorney General's Office, which reached out to Sollevare. The company apologized to you and issued a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com September 18, 2023 - September 24, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19
Aspects indicate a time of great focus on your career. You're like a laser now, sensing the best time to advance yourself. Although it may require you to work more, asking for additional responsibilities shows your employer that you're someone to be trusted. From there, asking for a bump in salary becomes a lot easier. Make your case without emotion or drama. You know your abilities and are sure of their value.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20
You're a fiery individual, intent on the discovery of truth. This week this search assumes a new dimension. You want to travel, even on a bad day, but now traveling, education, and languages of all kinds are begging for your attention. Grab a close friend or colleague and turn it into a research trip for work. If it's possible to combine business with pleasure, you'll be the one to do it!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20
For you, this week is going to bring a lot of responsibility to your working life, and a lot of reward. Look for opportunities that involve sharing your creativity. Financial rewards come when you take a chance and show that you're all they expected and more. Don't take criticism personally. Every challenge you overcome changes you a little more for the better.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22
It's a tense week for you. Consider learning something new by attending a formal course of education or using travel as a form of schooling. Putting some thought into what you're curious about allows your mind to move in a decidedly positive direction. It's important to see how you're rooted. Putting your trust in staid financial institutions isn't necessarily a bad thing.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22
You're being given an important chance this week. This gives you time to be proactive about what you owe and find an amicable way to pay it off. But your friends and social groups may not be the best place to find reliable financial information. No offense to them, but they have different goals from yours. You may need to go your own way.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22
This week you'll no doubt want to spend a lot of time with loved ones, if possible. Talking about your goals together provides a way to bring you closer. Just make sure you're on the same page financially to avoid issues down the line. Your family, kids, and romance are highlighted. It's a week to spend on the finer things in life. Just make sure you stay within your household budget.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
This week you may be thinking about changing where you live and spending more in this area. You want more from your home. It isn't just your dwelling but also a place to hopefully entertain friends and colleagues again at some point and express who you are. A supportive aspect shows that it isn't such a bad idea to put some more of your cash into your castle.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your creativity is high this week, so figure out how you can incorporate more of this wonderful trait into your working life. Part of you really hungers to be seen for your ideas and not just your salesmanship and multitasking abilities. A harmonious aspect means your words have the power to persuade. You can easily convince others you're worth more, in person or through the written word.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
For you, this week is all about your money life really perking up. You're moved to try all kinds of new avenues to bring in more dough. With a focus on your career, you're showing others what you can do. Communication in particular becomes important as you assume the position, role, and salary you're meant to have. What you've been working for is about to happen. Own it.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
You're a force to be reckoned with this week. This may result in your usually abundant energy becoming that much greater, especially when it comes to influencing others. Your energy level is high and you're looking for opportunity. Meanwhile, you're also very communicative. Your words can be used to your advantage. Let people know who you are and what you can do, and the money will quickly follow. Speak your mind in a diplomatic yet creative way.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
You're full of great ideas on how to make more cash, which is always great. But you're also teeming with creative plans in the investing and saving realms. Don't laugh! You're pretty organized when you want to be, and you have the kinds of ideas that will secure your future for a long time. If you find you could use more advice, think about hiring an adviser to help you diversify.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
This week you're the social center of your world. You're talking, taking calls and generally being popular. It's nice to be you! Social groups, politics, and getting your work out to a larger audience are important now. With all this personal power at your fingertips, it's time to advance a pet project by raising some money to get started. Even a little capital will get it underway.

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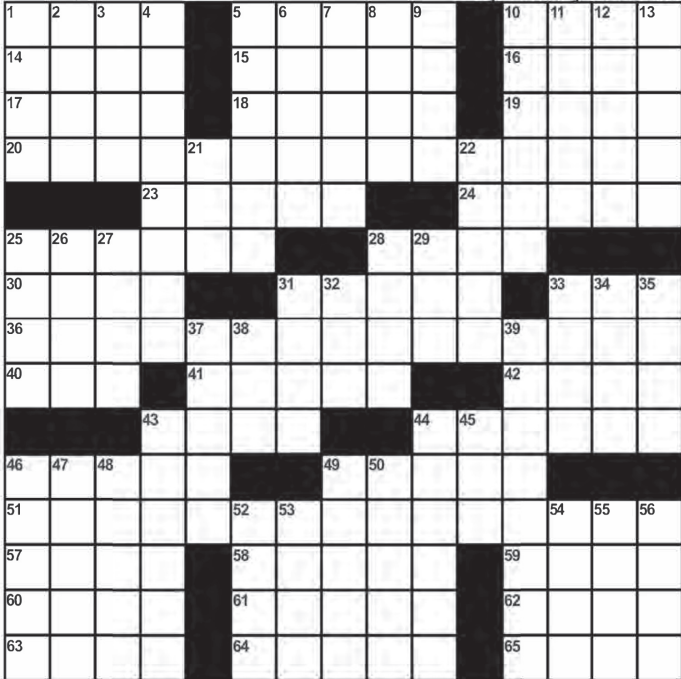
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- 30) What a good pilot knows how to do
- 31) Den drug of old
- 33) "7 Faces of Dr. ___"
- 36) Project for homebuilders
- 40) The avant-garde's Yoko
- 41) Judicial orders
- 42) ___ spumante
- 43) Bit of perspiration
- 44) Larry Bird was one
- 46) Salesperson's pitch
- 49) Harmful bacteria
- 51) Bad GPS revelation
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- 58) Extra
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- 60) Convene
- 61) Sailor buddy
- 62) Long fishes
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DOWN

- 1) Instrument with 47 strings
- 2) Good's opposite
- 3) Large butte
- 4) Prevent from happening
- 5) Declare firmly
- 6) Watts of Hollywood
- 7) Takes huge drinks
- 8) Four Corners state
- 9) "Buona ___" (Italian "Good evening")
- 10) Fancy cracker topper
- 11) Choice invitees
- 12) Automaton
- 13) Itsy-bitsy
- 21) Long, long, long time
- 22) Pound the ground
- 25) "But wait, there's more"
- 26) Bounding site?
- 27) Not deceived by
- 28) Lubricates
- 29) Double header?
- 31) "Ars Amatoria" poet
- 32) Family member who may eat off the floor
- 33) "___ we forget"
- 34) Naysayer
- 35) Applying to ears
- 37) Took up residence
- 38) Historic time
- 39) Avoid work
- 43) Wild creatures
- 44) Some New York-style hotdogs
- 45) Big game
- 46) Gunk
- 47) Tough puzzle
- 48) Less cordial
- 49) Related maternally
- 50) Like many hams
- 52) Doctrines
- 53) Australian gemstone
- 54) Fake butter
- 55) Lash mark
- 56) Eliot of the Untouchables

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By Timothy E. Parker



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTHA JUNE MILLER (A.K.A JUNE MILLER) CASE NO. 23STPB10208

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of MARTHA JUNE MILLER (aka JUNE MILLER)

A Petition for Probate has been filed by DARIN MILLER in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION for Probate requests that DARIN MILLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
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NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT First Filing No. 2023187527 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LITTLE HANDS AND HEARTS CLUB, 2326 JAYMA LANE, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214 LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): KELLY CALLAGHAN, 2326 JAYMA LANE, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214. This business is being conducted by: an INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct signed KELLY CALLAGHAN, Title: OWNER.

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cameras reduce crashes by 54% in urban cores, especially high-injury and fatality crashes. That's why seven other states, with both Democratic and Republican governors, have authorized or expanded the use of speed cameras this year. Red light cameras were punitive and came with a criminal \$500 penalty and points on your license. This program is different. Speed camera tickets will start at \$50 and apply only to drivers going at least 11 mph over the speed limit. Points are never added to your license. Tickets can also be reduced by as much as 80% for those in financial need. And the first ticket you get will be a warning! Speed cameras

are about slowing down drivers and saving lives, not about punishment.

Supporting Workers

And finally, the ongoing strikes have had a serious impact in our community and on our economy. I've partnered with my colleagues to provide a safety net for striking workers during a prolonged labor dispute. I co-authored SB 799, a bill to provide striking workers with unemployment benefits. In addition, I've introduced AB 1017 with Assemblymember Chris Holden, a bill to provide striking workers with financial assistance through zero-interest loans to help cover their housing expenses. These bills offer

much-needed protections and would prevent employers acting in bad faith and weaponizing the threat of homelessness against their employees legally fighting for their rights.

It's been a busy year and I'm looking forward to continuing the work as we head toward 2024. In the months ahead, I'd like to hear from you about the issues you care about. What are your priorities for legislation or budget investments? As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

LETTERS from page 9

Regarding the portable generators: The DOE wants the carbon monoxide levels on "smaller" sets by 50% and "larger" ones by 95%. No definition of smaller and larger was listed. My previous generator set used an eight horsepower, 4-cycle engine that was fueled by gasoline. My new set is dual fueled and can run on propane or gasoline. Adding catalytic converters, fuel injection many other systems can cut down the CO emissions but at what costs? Also, what about the added weight? A portable can stop being portable very quickly with lots of added

weight. And how much running time will be required? So far the electricity Armageddon has not occurred because our one nuclear plant is still in service and without much notice the state is running natural gas-fueled generators to keep us in electric power.

When our learned legislative superiors finally decide we must go 100% renewable, it will be the portable generators that keep our food from spoiling and the gas furnaces running. That is if we still have working gas furnaces.

Tom Suter
La Crescenta

NOTES & NODS from page 4

Community Primary Children's Musical Presentation

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a special Community Sacrament Service on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the red-brick church located at 1830 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The program will be comprised of children singing and sharing messages about Jesus.

Everyone is invited!

For questions, contact Todd Reynolds at (818) 919-0297.

Community Family Carnival

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to an old-fashioned Fall Carnival on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in its parking lot. Entry to the carnival is free and all the games are free to play. There will be live music throughout the day, including the local women's vocal group Monday@JoJo's, the Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles, the LCPC Barbershop Quartet, Music with Max and DJ Ryot. Food will be available for purchase from the In-N-Out Burger truck, as well as favorite carnival snacks and drinks.

The carnival/church is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. Free parking is available on Montrose Avenue.

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.

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 today, Thursday, 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

Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

Walk and Word

In September, 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 Sept. 24. 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.

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kick off to start the game and had a very impressive drive going, getting inside the Falcon 15-yard line. Just then, senior defensive end Lachlan Blunt tipped a pass that was intercepted by teammate Andy Saryan, who took it back all the way for a touchdown, giving CV an early 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing possession, La Cañada again marched deep into Falcon territory, but CV's defense once again stood tall and junior defensive lineman Jesse Flores recovered a critical fumble, ending another promising La Cañada drive. The Falcons wasted little time capitalizing on the turnover. On the next play, offensive coordinator Dennis Gossard, who was a young 26-year-old assistant coach for the Falcons' 1973 championship team, dialed up a long bomb from the playbook. Senior quarterback Jacob Deno hit Saryan streaking down the sideline for an 80-yard touchdown strike giving CV a commanding 14-0 lead. Saryan added yet another touchdown just before the half to give

the Falcons a 20-7 lead going into the break.

After the half, the Falcons would score twice more, on a Deno 20-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Xavier Thompson and again on a Deno QB sneak to put the Falcons ahead 33-7. La Cañada scored two touchdowns in the final minutes but it was too little too late. The Falcons were victorious 33-21, avenging a painful loss from a year ago and making the 21 members of the 1973 team proud.

"It's hard for me to truly grasp that it has already been 50 years since it happened," said Coach Dennis Gossard. "It doesn't feel like that long ago."

Saryan finished the night with three total touchdowns and numerous tackles on defense, and Deno finished the night nine of 15 with 174 yards passing and three total touchdowns. The Falcons improved to 3-1 on the season and face Hoover High on Friday for their final game before League play begins.

Submitted by Jerome SILVERMAN

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Proving his point, he projected old photos of Valley sites, many of which are now repurposed buildings such the 100-year-old building that houses the new restaurant Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar on Honolulu Avenue in Montrose. Lawler also reminded his audience that the "mother" of the Historical Society of La Crescenta Valley is the LCWC. The Society was founded by LCWC members and had its original meetings at their Club.

As a "thank you" from the Club, LCWC Treasurer Bob Mortimer presented Lawler

with a large mockup of a \$150 check.

Upcoming at the Club is its annual Soles4Shoes. On Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., pairs of gently used men's, women's and children's shoes will be collected at the Club's parking lot, 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta/Glendale. The shoes will be donated to the Soles4Shoes organization. Collected well-worn athletic shoes will be recycled by grinding them down, rebuilding them then giving them to needy children. Last year, 1,300 pairs of shoes were collected and donated.

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