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Wildlife Plan Unveiled at Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

"We want to keep coyotes afraid of humans," Lauren Hamlett, director of Pasadena Humane – Wildlife Services and Education, said to the Glendale City Council on Tuesday night. The comment was made as the Glendale Police Dept. (GPD) introduced an Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP) for the city.

The plan is a partnership among the GPD, the California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and Pasadena Humane, which provides the City of Glendale with animal control and care services.

GPD's Lt. Marquez introduced the plan.

"One of the benefits of living and working in Glendale is being able to enjoy the comforts of the city while being close to the natural beauty of the Verdugo Mountains, the Angeles National Forest, and the many parks and open space we have," she said. "With this beauty comes inevitable run-ins with wildlife and that includes coyotes."

The plan aims to offer tools and tips to educate residents and keep them safe, provide a better understanding of what can be done to help minimize encounters and information on safely co-existing with wildlife. The partnership organizations will provide guidance in responding to wildlife concerns with an aim to protecting wildlife and preventing injury and disease in the community; using a preventive approach to reduce or eliminate conditions that attract wildlife; creating a reporting site to effectively track and document wildlife sightings; and helping identify behaviors and hot spots.

Hamlett explained why targeted relocation and euthanasia do not work in response to questioning from Councilmember Dan Brotman.

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Local Schools Hold Promotions, Graduation Ceremonies

By Mary O'KEEFE

Mixed emotions were shared on local campuses by students and parents.

Yesterday was graduation and promotion day for many students in the Glendale Unified School District. It was a time for students that was sprinkled with the excitement of moving along the academic path that was mixed with a few melancholy moments for parents. There were 1,799 students who graduated from GUSD high schools yesterday. Middle schools saw promotions of 1,836 students: Roosevelt 351, Rosemont 605, Toll 658 and Wilson 412.

Crescenta Valley High School's (CVHS) commencement ceremony saw 595 students earning their diplomas. Throughout their years at high school these students ac-

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
On their way to Crescenta Valley High School to study dance, art, history and math are, from left, Sophia Patrikian, Lilianna Avetisyan and Sevanna Safarian.



cumulated 37,117.21 hours of community service. Two seniors shared their thoughts of their high school years. Eric Eubank presented his speech titled "Strive for Failure" and Jack Zackrison presented "Footnotes and Other Clichés."

The CVHS graduating seniors are moving into their next phase

of life supported by family and friends ... and over \$3 million in scholarships.

Clark Magnet High School also on Wednesday evening held its commencement ceremony that had 277 graduates. There were three senior speakers at the event: Leona Dilanyan's speech was ti-

tled "Embracing Memories, Seizing Futures," Vahag Matevosian's speech was titled "Here and Now" and Raesah Israt Alam's speech was titled "Class of 2024 – Taking Flight."

Clark seniors accumulated over 18,000 community service hours.

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GTA Bargaining Reaches Compromise After May 29 Session

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Unified School District Board of Education reached a tentative bargaining compromise with the Glendale Teachers Association (GTA) during their May 29 bargaining session. Negotiations had been stalled, frustrating GTA members.

"As educators and a union bargaining team, we regularly work after hours, conduct emergency meetings with our board, and work hard to be prepared ahead of each and every negotiation session," stated the GTA's written May 29 bargaining update. "All GTA educators know what it means to work under pressure. At a minimum, we expect the same respect from our employer. Thank you for showing your solidarity today by wearing red. When we reach a fair agreement, it will be because of the unity and power of Glendale educators."

The May 29 negotiations proved productive, earning the GTA several of its



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Crescenta Valley High School teachers and supporters demonstrate their support during GTA/GUSD bargaining negotiations.

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Celebrating A Milestone

The Crescenta Valley Weekly has been around nearly 15 years. To me, as its owner, publisher and creator, that is an incredible amount of time. When I think of the people who've worked over the years for the CVW I'm overwhelmed. For instance, we've had some writers (too many really) who have moved on to bigger things. I take pride that I helped them hone their skills so they would be attractive to other publications. (To be honest, it does pain me a little that these gifted writers left us but I am happy to have had them on our masthead.)

We've had some who wrote for us for a while then – poof! – they disappeared, never to be heard from again. Weird.

We've had some ding-a-lings, too; those who could barely write their own name much less write coherently for this paper.

We've also had some people who discovered that writing and photography weren't things they were really interested in and they faded away. I can somewhat understand that; CVW covers a diverse number of topics and sometimes people don't want to write about a non-profit's event or about the accomplishments of local youth. They only want to write "juicy" stuff. But that's not all we do; we try to cover as much as possible so our readers are up-to-speed on local happenings. Sometimes they're juicy; oftentimes they're not.

So while I reflect on our (nearly) 15 years, imagine how impressed I was to celebrate 55 years of J's Maids and Maintenance.

Chris Waldheim, the owner of J's, had a

celebration on Thursday night commemorating 55 years serving the community – heck, the nation! The reach of J's Maids and Maintenance is far and wide and I'm just so grateful that the company calls La Crescenta "home."

During the celebration I had a chance to share with the vast audience that when I was first seeing if the Crescenta Valley Weekly was a viable product I approached local business leaders – Chris being one of them – to gauge their support for the paper.

After listening to my vision for the CVW, Chris pulled out his checkbook and wrote a (sizeable) check for me to start the paper. In many ways, his support has never wavered.

For example, during COVID he began taking out a half page ad every single week not only to promote his own business but the events of non-profits. He understood two very important things: 1) my revenue was hit – hard – because closed businesses don't advertise and 2) non-profits typically don't have a lot of money to advertise their events. By advertising every week (which continues today – see page 23) he helped stabilize my revenue and also provided to the community (that he loves) information on local events that were happening.

So congratulations to J's Maids and Maintenance and Chris Waldheim for 55 years of success. Thanks for sharing.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

"We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land," according to <https://worldenvironmentday.global>.

Yesterday, Wednesday, June 5, was World Environment Day and according to its website it is one of the biggest international days for the environment. This event has been held annually since 1973. The event has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach with millions of people from across the world engaging to protect the planet.

The movement is led by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and events were held throughout the world to call attention to the environment, with a live stream shared by the host country Saudi Arabia.

One of the videos released focused on how Saudi Arabia has worked to protect animals that were/are on the brink of extinction including the oryx, an "Arabian icon."

Veterinarian Naif Ahmed Alhanwsh works with his government to safeguard the "Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's biodiversity by breeding, rearing and releasing endangered native species," according to the UNEP website.

"Established on what was a royal farm in 1987, this [center] is home to some of the most iconic wild animals in the Arabian Peninsula, including large hoofed mammals like the oryx," according to UNEP.

The "national" plan is to "rewild" Saudi Arabia and surrounding areas. The efforts include replanting native trees and restoring vegetation by expanding the country's national park system.

"The deterioration of ecosystems worldwide

effects [40%] of the global population, a number expected to rise in the coming years. The loss of once-productive lands is threatening food supplies, feeding climate change and driving a biodiversity crisis that is pushing one million species towards extinction, say experts," according to UNEP.

Species extinction is a natural thing. About 98% of all the organisms that have ever existed on our planet are now extinct, according to an article in the National History Museum published in May 2021 and updated in February 2023. The article was written by Tammanna Begum. However what is now being faced by many species is not natural extinction but accelerated extinction by human activity.

"Human activity is killing nature at an unprecedented rate. We are now experiencing the consequences in the form of a possible sixth mass extinction," according to the National History Museum (NHM).

There have been five mass extinctions of the planet over the last 500 million years. They were caused by extreme temperature changes, rising or falling sea levels and catastrophic events like an asteroid hitting the planet or huge volcanic eruptions. The reason some scientists feel we are heading for a sixth mass extinction comes down to what humans have done and continue to do to the planet.

"We are experiencing drastic changes to our planet, including extreme weather such as flooding, drought and wildfires. Research, including some led by the [NHM], shows humans are the cause of these changes. Since the Industrial Revolution, we have been putting pressure on nature by using its resources without supporting recovery," according to NHM.

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

CV LIONS CLUB HOLDING FOOD DRIVE

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food drive benefitting the Bailey Center on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Curbside drop off. Enter off of Cross Street (one street north of Foothill off Rosemont Avenue). Monetary donations also accepted.

For questions, including a list of preferred items, contact Diana Tyson at lions91214@gmail.com.

EREWHON COMING TO GLENDALE

The City of Glendale announced that Erewhon, an upscale organic market and café with 10 locations across Southern California, has purchased the former Virgil's Hardware Home Center at 520 N. Glendale Ave. In approximately 18 months, Erewhon will open its 11th location in the building.

Erewhon plans to utilize 18,000 square feet of the 24,000 square feet and lease the additional space to complementary tenants.

The Virgil's site has a long history in Glendale, operating in the city since 1932. The store was famous for being a source of everything from eggs to 50-year-old doorknobs, setting it apart from larger chain hardware stores. The store closed in 2019 and has remained vacant ever since.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR TRAIL SAFETY PATROL VOLUNTEERS

Applications are now being accepted for trail safety patrol (TSP) volunteers that assist the City of Glendale by providing public assistance and resource protection. TSP volunteers enhance the experience of visitors and their safety while in parks. The TSP consists of two units: the Mountain Bike Unit and the Hike Unit.

TSP volunteers must be 18 years of age, undergo a background check and City-mandated trail safety training, be in good health, and devote a minimum of two hours per month. If interested, please send an email to Trails@GlendaleCA.gov.

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Pride Celebrated in the Foothills

On an overcast and chilly morning in Sunland-Tujunga, local community organizers and activists gathered to celebrate, for the fourth consecutive year, LGBTQ+ Pride at Sunland Park.

In 2021, a group of high school students formed the group Sunland-Tujunga Voices United (STVU). In June of that same year, STVU held the first LGBTQ+ Pride event in Sunland-Tujunga with support from the local non-profit ST Forward. Since then, ST Forward and its community allies have continued to organize the event, hosting ST Pride in 2022 and Foothills Pride in 2023.

This year, Foothills Pride was organized by ST Forward, STVU, Somos Familia Valle and Village Poets. Several other organizations were represented at the event including the Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles Dept. of Mental Health, Friends of Rockhaven and the Theodore Payne Foundation.

A volunteer from the California Institute of the Arts organized an interactive craft table for families.

"I think it's really important for queer people to have a community in smaller towns," the volunteer said.

Local politicians came from across Los Angeles to show their support for Foothills Pride. State Senator Anthony Portantino attended for the third consecutive year and presented ST Forward and fellow civic leaders with an certificate before saying a few words to show his commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. State Senator Caroline Menjivar also attended for three consecutive years. Her office presented a local LGBTQ+ graduating senior with a scholarship for future education. A representative from LA City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez's office was also present at the event to distribute resources and show support.

Kevin Perez, president of Somos Familia Valle, has been organizing for the past 10 years events for LGBTQ+ Pride in the San Fernando Valley.

"Keep pushing and keep organizing," Perez advised. "When people get to see the labor of your love coming together, I think that's when you'll see the community investment and the community need."

Shaded by the pine trees at Sunland Park, families from across the foothills gathered to browse the booths of local vendors and to listen to LGBTQ+ poets, singers, comedians and performers.



Photos by Clare BUCHANAN
TOP: Pickle the Drag Queen performs at Foothills Pride 2024.
BOTTOM: A CalArts volunteer organized an arts & crafts table for attendees of all ages.
BELOW: Among the dignitaries was emcee Alla Arutcheva and State Senator Anthony Portantino.



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JPL: Is the Past Repeating Itself?

By Mary O'KEEFE

In the 1930s, Caltech professor Theodore von Kármán worked with fellow “rocketeers,” including Frank Malina, Edward Forman, Apollo M. O. Smith and Jack Parsons, experimenting on rockets in an open area in the Arroyo Seco, not far from Caltech.

According to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, these men were asked by the U.S. Army to analyze the German V-2 program discovered by Allied Intelligence in 1943. Their mission was to understand, duplicate and improve upon the missiles that were beginning to bombard England in WWII. In their proposal, the Caltech group referred to their organization as the Jet Propulsion Laboratory ... and JPL was born.

At first JPL was all about the military but as time went on these scientists/engineers began turning their eyes to space and soon they

expanded to the U.S./Russia space race.

One of the founding members of JPL was Qian Xuesen, a Chinese national who after graduating from a Chinese university traveled to the United States and ultimately received his master’s degree in aeronautical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He then went to the West Coast and joined von Kármán at Caltech and JPL. He received his doctorate in aeronautics and mathematics at Caltech and in 1943 became an associate professor at the school. Xuesen had become one of the foremost experts on rockets and high-speed flight theory in those early days of JPL. In fact, he has been credited as one of the rocketry group who first used the term “Jet Propulsion Laboratory.”

So, with this amazing rocketeer working at JPL and for the U.S., it is reasonable to think that government representatives would

do everything in their power to value him; however, that’s not exactly what happened.

During the 1950’s “Red Scare,” the U.S. federal government accused Xuesen of being a communist sympathizer. No evidence was presented to support this accusation; however, that didn’t stop the Immigration and Naturalization Service from placing him under a deportation order. For the next five years he and his family lived under U.S. government surveillance and partial house arrest. The plan was to allow his technical knowledge to become gradually outdated, according to JPL.

For an unknown reason the government thought his technological discoveries would end, as if he would not continue to expand his knowledge in preparation of the future. Instead, they returned him to China where he became a national hero and the “father of that nation’s missiles program.” In the 1970s he began developing a space program for China that put that country’s first satellites into orbit, according to JPL.

JPL is federally funded by NASA and managed by Caltech. In February of this year, JPL laid off 530 employees. This number does not include about 40 additional members of the Lab’s contractor workforce. And after a recent press conference with NASA administrators, it appears the layoffs may continue.

It seems the appropriate time to remember Xuesen’s story, of JPLers who did not want to take away from JPL his knowledge but had no choice.

History repeating itself is a topic that was covered in an editorial by former JPLer Jeff Nosanov that was printed in nasawatch.com on Feb. 8.

The piece started with a comment from NASA Watch author Keith Cowing, who shared his surprise in some of the public comments on the website regarding the layoffs. Some are saying “No big deal” and “So what?” while others are happy for the layoffs due to “odd” political reasons; however, Nosanov covered the historic lessons apparently not learned.

“Occasionally in human history a superpower will choose to abandon a position of leadership, or yield dominance of a frontier, in favor of, or because of, internal or domestic conflict,” he stated.

Nosanov covered historical lessons from the time of the Western Roman Empire to when Denmark discovered Canada then turned away, halting exploration until France became the main power in the area. Regarding China, Nosanov pointed out that during the end of the 15th century that country “demolished thousands of its then-globally dominant ships” turning over China’s sea power to European powers.

“The mind boggles at the possible state of the world today had those ships continued their

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journey,” he wrote. “Yet another 500 years later, the United States of America is poised to make a similarly clear, historic and impactful mistake. Congressional budget difficulties and infighting have resulted in the layoffs of over 500 of the world’s brightest and most creative staff from one of humanity’s greatest achievements: the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.”

Nosanov spoke about the importance of keeping technology within the U.S., and specifically within NASA JPL.

“JPL has produced wonders that have explored the farthest (the Voyager space probes left the solar system), dug the deepest (rovers and landers exploring the mysteries of life and the solar system underground on other planets) and lit the darkness (examined objects in space that have never – in five billion years – seen the light of the sun) of any of humanity’s pioneers. It has also employed tens of thousands of people and contributed massively to the aerospace industry of Southern California for almost a century,” he wrote.

He added that in the absence of American leadership in technology, other countries, including China, will happily take the lead.

Representatives Judy Chu and Adam Schiff are following JPL and its future. Next week how more layoffs may be in the future for the Lab.

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Surrounding Areas

Escaping German-Occupied France

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW has been able to interview numerous survivors of the Holocaust. As we have written, reading about history is one thing – but being able to interview someone who was witness to that history is an entirely different matter. The impact of hearing these stories can be seen in the eyes of the students who hear them. These opportunities are because David Meyerhof has made it his mission to have witnesses share their stories of the Holocaust.

Meyerhof's parents and grandparents, all Jewish, escaped Germany and are Holocaust survivors. He knows the importance of sharing these stories of survival. He often shares with students that history can, and will, be repeated if people do not understand the past and recognize the warning signs for the future.

Meyerhof is a retired math and science teacher. He coordinates the Holocaust Survivor Speaker programs for the school districts of Glendale, Burbank and Los Angeles. He took over this responsibility after Sylvia Sutton, from Temple Beth Emet in Burbank, retired.

Meyerhof is also a poet. His presentation is titled "Escape from Nazi Germany: Nobel Prize to Kindertransport," which he recently presented to students at Burroughs High School in Burbank.

"I am going to [share] the story of my father [Walter], mother and my grandfather [Otto]. I am going to be using my father's autobiography," he said. "These are actually my father's words."

He shared the change in his school that his father noticed when Adolf Hitler came into power.

"When a teacher entered the classroom, we had to stand up and give the Nazi salute [and say], 'Heil Hitler.' I just moved my lips and did not say anything," Meyerhof read from Walter's writing.

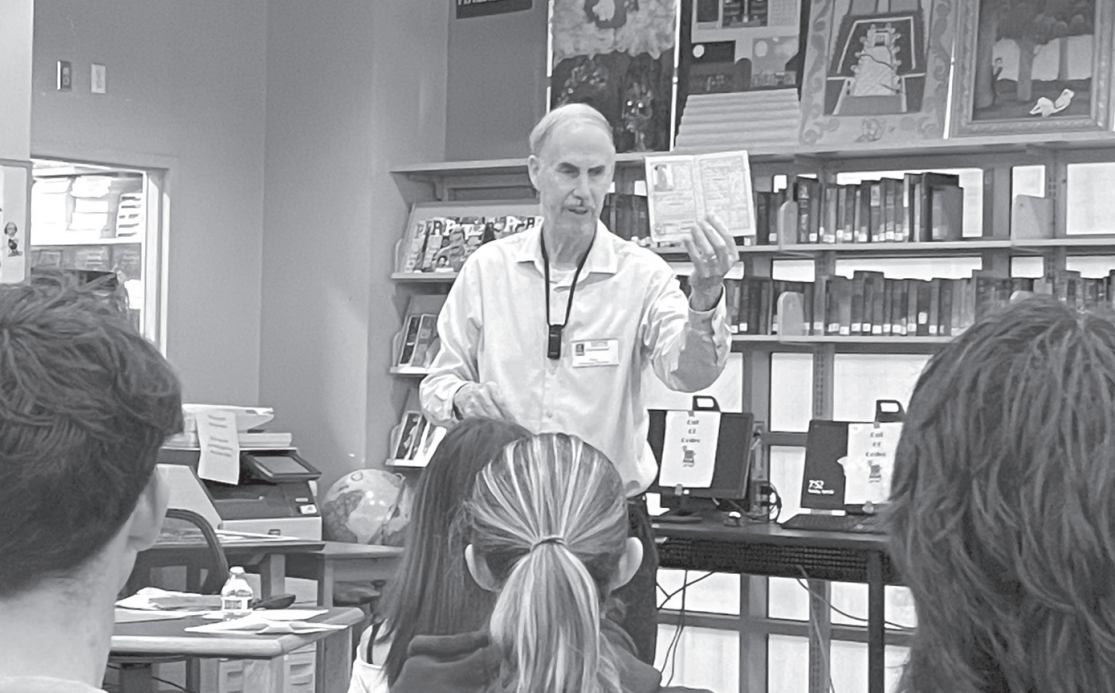
This began in 1933 and by the end of that year a Hitler Youth group had formed at his father's school. One of his fellow classmates was the leader and asked him why he was still at the school. The leader threatened to beat up his father if he returned to school.

"I felt terrorized and turned to my only brother, and he said he couldn't do anything about it," Meyerhof continued to read from his father's book.

The violence and threats were not just from other students, but also from teachers. At one point a music teacher hit his father so hard his nose bled. When Meyerhof's grandparents complained to the principal they were told he was powerless because the music teacher was part of the Nazi party.

"So imagine if your teacher didn't like what you were doing [s/he] could come up and hit you and nothing could be done,"

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
David Meyerhof shares with Burroughs High School students the story of his family's escape from German-occupied portions of Germany and France.



David Meyerhof shares with Burroughs High School students the story of his family's escape from German-occupied portions of Germany and France.

That was the condition of [Jewish] students in 1933 Germany." His father Walter was able to get through school and traveled to France where he attended college in Paris, France. He was about 18 years old at the time and while he was in college the French began their surrender to the Germans.

All German Jews who were in France, males aged 17 to 65 and females aged 17 to 56, were told to bring a blanket, clothing and food to an area where they were assembling. All the men went to a sports stadium. His father described the unsanitary conditions they lived in while they were held there.

Walter was later assigned to an Army camp in Chambaran, France. The conditions there were not any better and in fact he spoke of soldiers being violent toward him and others.

"[My father] had to march 300 miles south of Paris," Meyerhof said explaining the French Army conducted the march. "There was a fear of being overtaken by the German Army, which would mean they would have been sent to a concentration camp," he said.

Walter said the group had to march at night because German fighter planes were strafing anything that moved. He lived in constant fear they would be captured and taken to concentration camps.

Meyerhof shared pencil drawings his father Walter made during the march. The group arrived in the village of La Chambaran where a village school had been turned into a detention camp. His father noticed there was a cave behind the school. He decided to explore and found he could go into the village. No soldier was guarding the back of the school, so he was able to leave. One of his fellow detainees would answer for him every day during the soldier's roll call. This gave him time to escape and go where his grandparents were.

This is where his grandparents and he met American journalist

Marion Fry, who helped anti-Nazi refugees escape France between 1940 and 1941.

Fry was given a list of 200 names, which eventually grew to 2,000. The names were of "intellectuals, scientists, musicians and artists." His grandparents had asked Fry for help. When Fry discovered Meyerhof's father Walter had escaped from his detention camp he told him he had to go back immediately. Fry was working on papers that would allow the family to leave German-occupied France; however, this escape would be in jeopardy if it were discovered Meyerhof's father had left the detention camp.

Walter made his way back to the detention camp and his escape was never discovered. Three weeks later Fry presented forged papers to get him out of the camp. The papers were accepted as real and he was released.

Fry worked out of a hotel where forged documents were created and plans for escape were prepared.

"My father was asked to find a path for the refugees from France across the Pyrenees to Spain," he said.

The Pyrenees is a mountain range between France and Spain.

"On Sept. 6, 1940, [my father Walter] and two of his friends set off to find a path for refugees to escape," Meyerhof said.

The friends – Lisa and Hans Fittko – would eventually help over 100 people escape German-occupied France. During their exploration, the Fittkos and Meyerhof's father were discovered by two French border officers who appeared from the woods. The three attempted to convince the officers they were Germans who wanted to escape to Spain, but they were not believed. They were taken to a nearby village and put into prison cells. His father feared again that he would be deported to a German concentration camp. The three spent one night in the prison cells then taken to

court, which was a French café.

"You see, in France things were a little bit looser," Meyerhof said. "Even though they were jailed it was a nice day so [the jailers took the prisoners to] lunch."

While at the café, Meyerhof's father recognized a customs officer who his family knew. He had paper in his pocket so he wrote a note to the customs officer explaining they had been arrested and needed help.

They left the café and the next day Meyerhof's grandparents were in court to support Walter and his friends. The judge, who knew Meyerhof's family, was also a socialist and anti-Nazi. He heard the border officer's story, said thank you and released the prisoners.

About 10 months later the Meyerhof family was able to obtain the proper, forged, papers and made their way to Spain. Walter was able to then make his way to America where he became a professor of physics at Stanford University.

Meyerhof's grandfather Otto was a world famous scientist who won the 1922 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine. He received recognition for his discovery of the fixed relationship between the consumption of oxygen and the metabolism of lactic acid in the muscles.

Meyerhof shared his story of how the life of his grandfather as a professor at a university in Germany changed as Hitler came into power. He reminded students that, in a short time, all Jews were kicked out of their businesses, jobs and homes and that many perished due to the Nazis "Final Solution," which was the government's program of genocide against the Jews. He also told them to stay aware of what was happening around them because history can – and often will – repeat itself.



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Glendale Police Officer Charged with Assault Under the Color of Authority

On Monday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed a charge of assault under the color of authority against Glendale Police Officer Gonzalo Zendejas.

The filing was based on an incident that occurred on Saturday, June 5, 2021 when Glendale police officers responded to an in-progress retail burglary

involving multiple suspects inside a Glendale Galleria store. Officers were able to locate the suspects before they left the mall. When officers attempted to detain one suspect, he resisted and a struggle ensued. Officers used force to subdue the male and arrested him.

Due to the details surrounding the incident, the Glendale Police

Dept. immediately began an internal investigation. All officers involved in the use of force were placed on administrative leave.

Simultaneously, the Glendale Police Dept. requested the assistance of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for a thorough

and transparent review of the incident, including any potential criminal actions.

The Glendale Police Dept.'s internal administrative investigation remains ongoing as the outcome was pending the completion of the criminal investigation.

From the onset of this

investigation, the Glendale Police Dept. provided the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office with all reports, statements, audio and video to aid in its process. This was done to be fully transparent and assist in a complete and thorough investigation of the facts and evidence surrounding the incident.

Fire Hydrant Thefts on the Rise

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. (LASD) Century Station detectives are actively investigating the thefts of several fire hydrants from various locations within the community.

In 2024, there were a total of 85 stolen fire hydrants in the unincorporated area of LA

County. In the City of Lynwood, 14 fire hydrant thefts occurred in 2024. Both areas are patrolled by Century Sheriff's Station.

These incidents significantly threaten public safety and disrupt essential emergency services, according to LASD.

Due to the severity of the

incident, Century Station is partnering with the Major Crimes Bureau to investigate the matter. Investigators are working to identify and apprehend those responsible for the thefts. Fire hydrants play a crucial role in ensuring effective fire response and public safety, and

their removal can have serious consequences.

There is no additional information available at this time. The public is urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity related to the fire hydrants. Those who have any information regarding these thefts should

contact LASD Century Sheriff's Detective Bureau at (323) 568-4935 or provide anonymous tips through Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477, use a smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" mobile App on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Increased Patrols Planned by Sheriff's Station

The sheriff's station that serves the City of La Cañada Flintridge and La Crescenta are ramping up efforts to keep local neighborhoods safe. It is doing this by preventing residential burglaries by increasing patrols.

This will help ensure the security and well-being of everyone.

Residents will see more uniformed patrols in local neighborhoods. The deputies will be looking for suspicious activity that could be linked to

burglary crews. They will be conducting vacation checks, investigating suspicious activity and conducting traffic stops when appropriate. Over the coming weeks, the station will also be conducting a public safety

campaign via social media to give residents tips on preventing and reporting crime. This multi-point approach is geared among the station, the city and the community to stop crime and safely apprehend the criminals

involved. Residents are urged to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity, call our station at (818) 248-3464. If it is an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

CRIME BLOTTER

June 1

2800 block of Altura Avenue in Montrose, a man reported that his girlfriend's grandmother asked him to leave her residence, which he did. According to the man, when he left the house the grandmother was in possession of his car keys as well as his real ID card. The next day his girlfriend returned to the grandmother's house and stated her uncle's friend was inside her boyfriend's vehicle. She also saw the vehicle panel boards had been removed and the "friend" was apparently attempting to reprogram the key

fob. When approached, the friend left the area.

According to the grandmother, she found the man's car keys near the vehicle and placed them on the windshield. That was the end of her knowledge of the keys.

Another informant reported that his mechanic had "helped himself" inside the vehicle and that he was trying to get a hold of the victim. The deputies took possession of the car keys.

The initial incident occurred between 11:05 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

May 31

2600blockofFoothillBoulevard in La Crescenta, a person reported that he believed his car keys were stolen while he was inside the store at the location. Surveillance video confirmed the informant was not a victim of theft from his person as he first thought; however, as he completed his transaction at the self-checkout register and was walking toward the exit the keys fell out of his pocket onto the ground. The footage showed that a man/suspect, described as White, about 20 years old, wearing a black shirt, black pants and tan cross strapped bag, had finished

his purchase at the self-service key kiosk and saw the set of keys on the ground. He held the keys in his hand, briefly looked around as though searching for the owner, then left the area out of view at 10:37 a.m.

May 13

3100blockofFoothillBoulevard in La Crescenta, a resident/victim of Burbank was contacted by her bank concerning suspicious withdrawals from her account that had been made with her debit card at several banks including those in La Crescenta and Montrose.

The bank representative told the victim that according to banking records someone had called and ordered a new debit card. The card was to be delivered to the victim's Burbank address. The bank manager in Montrose reported that a man had entered the bank with the debit card and personal identification that matched the card. The victim did not know this man. It is believed the suspect stole the debit card, which she did not order, from her mailbox.

The theft occurred between May 13 and May 16.

GRADS from Cover

Over 80 students graduated cum laude, earning a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of between 3.5-3.99; 50 students earned magna cum laude with a cumulative GPA of 4.0-4.19 and 40 students earned the recognition of summa cum laude with a cumulative GPA of 4.2 and above. During their final year Clark seniors work on a senior project then invite members of the community to

judge their projects.

Clark Magnet High School has been recognized by the state as a California Distinguished School, and each year U.S. News & World Report ranks schools across the country. In this year's report the publication ranked Clark Magnet in the top 1% of all schools in the nation, and it was among the top 45 best schools in California and in the top 341 schools in the

entire U.S.

Over 600 Rosemont Middle School eighth grade students also took part in a promotion ceremony on Wednesday. Students Sareena Quiboly, Elijah Bucci, Ashley Heo and Quinlan Iwasaka all presented speeches at Rosemont.

This story was written prior to the graduation ceremonies at Crescenta Valley High School and Clark Magnet High School.


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The Passing of Porto's Icon

By Mary O'KEEFE

Raul Porto Sr. died on May 22; he was 92 years old. Raul, with his wife, was a founder of the very popular Porto's Bakery & Café found throughout the southland.

Raul immigrated to the U.S. with his family from Cuba in 1971 to escape Fidel Castro's rule.

"Before Castro, people lived a regular life," said Beatriz "Betty" Porto (Raul and Rosa's daughter) in an interview with CVW.

Raul and his wife Rosa were living a happy, middle class life prior to Castro's Communist takeover; however, everything changed when he came into power.

Raul was sent to a mandatory labor camp and Rosa lost her job. Raul was only allowed to visit home on some weekends. Rosa began selling her baked goods to help support her family.

"We left Cuba legally," Betty said. "My family had to put up money for the Freedom Flight program and we got out in 1971."

The first stop for the Portos was in Miami, which was the first stop for the majority of people emigrating at the time from Cuba. They went through the screening process and then headed to California.

"We had friends and family in California," she said.

Raul immediately began taking English lessons and attended school. He soon found part time work at Van de Kamp's Bakery. The company had a system back then that workers would start as part time, working for over a year and then would be offered full time employment. Raul would work for 10 to 12 hours then would get called back to work. Displaying a strong work ethic he was offered a full time position, Betty said.

Rosa went to Van de Kamp's as well to find work but purposely failed every test; she wanted to stay home and continue baking. Porto's Bakery was started in her home and soon her cottage industry outgrew her home.

"We ran out of space," Betty said. They moved in 1976 into a 600-square-foot building on Sunset Boulevard in Echo Park. Raul quit his job at Van de Kamp's in 1980 to help the family full time with Porto's.

Rosa and Raul were partners; Rosa was the baker and Raul took care of the front with sales and going to the market for supplies, Betty said. This partnership worked well because each of them had their own expertise. Soon Betty joined her father to help at the front of the house.



The Porto family with Betty (center left) standing next to her father Raul and mother Rosa.

When asked if her parents realized how successful Porto's was becoming Betty said they were both working so hard they didn't have time to think about that. However, what they did prioritize was family. The idea of family was broad: those who moved up the ranks to operate and expand Porto's, the family of employees, and the family of customers.

Both Rosa and Raul retired and watched as their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren moved the bakery forward, which now has expanded to six locations.

"When we [children] came on board

and really went through a growth period, [my parents] were very proud," Betty said.

Betty described her mom and dad as generous and loving.

"My mom was all about the food," she said.

She was always baking and cooking for her family; she loved her grandchildren and loved spoiling them.

Her dad was "very generous."

"He would do the shopping for all of us," she said.

This was something he had done in Cuba as well; he would make sure

there were plenty of supplies and her mother would cook and share with the family.

"I think I want to remember [my dad] as a family man and a grandfather," said Betty. "He was a generous man who helped so many friends and family – not just in the U.S. but also in Cuba."

The foundation of the importance of family and giving support created by Raul and Rosa continues in every aspect of Porto's today. The family is generous to their community and has customers who are considered part of their family.

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Another Successful Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival



By Mary O'KEEFE

The Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival hosted 242 vendors who took part in the two day Festival that saw an estimated 40,000 people enjoying the event. Sunday

seemed to have the biggest crowd.

In addition to a variety of vendors, music was heard on nearly every corner. On the main stage at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue fan favorite The Ploughboys and Beatles tribute band Ticket

to Ride. Additional artists included Georgic Avanesian, acoustic guitar artist who often plays at the Montrose Harvest Market.

"We kept hearing 'Best one ever' from our vendors as well as from our shoppers," said Dale Dawson, Montrose Shopping

Park Association administrator/events coordinator. "One shopper stated, 'I've been coming for over 30 years and this was the best one yet.'"

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY

GCC from Cover

"People say 'Just get rid of them,'" she said. She went on to explain that it is very expensive and not an effective long-term solution. Coyotes are extremely resilient, omnivorous and adaptive – "Our dogs' brilliant cousins." Utilizing evidence-based research, the best response is community hazing aimed at making coyotes more afraid of humans, to keep them wild and "less habituated."

Pasadena Humane Chief Veterinarian Dr. Maria Pyrdek added that it takes a community to keep coyotes wild.

"It can't be just one or two people," she said. "It has to be the whole community working together."

In other Council business, the overall city budget was on the agenda and scheduled for a vote by the full Council. However, Mayor Elen Asatryan

asked that the final vote on the budget be delayed until June 25, the next time there will be five councilmembers present as Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian was traveling during this week's meeting and the mayor will be heading to Armenia for the next two weeks, along with mayors from across the country, on a trip organized by the Dept. of State.

The Council approved two labor agreements covering the management and rank-and-file officers of the police department. The MOU for 234 police officers and sergeants will cost the city \$25.6 million over the three-year term and provides wage increases of 4.5% in July 2024; 5.5% in July 2025; and 4% in July 2026 as well as other improvements in pay and benefits. The contract with police managers, 17 lieutenants

and captains, includes similar improvements and pay raises and is expected to cost \$2.5 million over three years.

A public speaker urged the Council to reject the agreements as a statement condemning public pensions.

Councilmember Ara Najarian responded, "Do I wish that in 1999 CalPERS didn't extend such generous benefits? We're in a competitive environment. Even cities like LA have given up hiring a full contingent of officers as it's so hard to find them and hire them and keep them. My goal is to keep every single police officer that we have on the force, keep them motivated and happy so they spend the rest of their lives with Glendale, and we don't lose them to other jurisdictions. They learn our city; they learn our residents."

"We're not just policy makers;

we're employers, and ensuring our employees retire with dignity should be as important," Mayor Asatryan opined. "Talk about all the senior services we end up creating to help our community members having a hard time making ends meet – that's because of the lack of a proper retirement system in the private sector."

Earlier in the meeting, Councilmember Najarian reported that the Burbank Airport, which is co-operated by the cities of Glendale, Pasadena and Burbank, is forming a Citizens Advisory Committee to advise the Airport Authority on issues of noise, particularly noise from airplanes taking off. Each city is being asked to appoint three members to the committee.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian commended the Cars for Cops event that took place over the weekend. He also urged the city to turn on the fountain at Glendale City

Hall, and reported on a briefing regarding Rockhaven. He encouraged the GWP to "bring utilities to each building" and for the city to "find funds for the facility." Gharpetian further expressed his concerns about the safety of street vending and wants the pilot traffic-calming project on North Brand to end early.

Allan Durham announced a free screening of the Disney classic "Pinocchio" on Saturday, June 8 at 1692 Brand Park Drive in front of the Doctor's House. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m.

"Bring a picnic, blankets, lawn chairs," Durham advised, adding the event is sponsored by the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association, the Alex Film Society, Brand Associates and the Glendale Historical Society, with "generous technical support" from the city's department of recreation and parks. There will also be free popcorn.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Walk Through Montrose in 1929 (Part 8)

Let's continue our time travel adventure. We've gone back to 1929 and we're walking west down Honolulu Avenue. In our last episode, we went inside the Crescenta Cañada National Bank (now Starbucks) and marveled at the spectacular architecture of that building.

We have stepped outside the bank lobby onto the sidewalk on the southeast corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. Looking at the intersection we see that it is a four-way stop with stop signs rather than the traffic lights we have in 2024. We look across the street to the southwest corner (where Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf is today) and see a small gas station – Richfield Hi-octane according to the sign on its roof.

We decide to cross Ocean View and as we do we look south.

Amazingly, we can see the ocean in the far distance, giving credence to the street's name Ocean View. But as we cross the street, a car chugs along Honolulu, putting out a choking cloud of blue-grey exhaust and we realize that the view of the ocean will soon be obscured by a new phenomenon – smog.

We hit the corner where the gas station is and note the price – 21 cents a gallon! Then we cross Honolulu to the northwest corner. Prominent on this corner is Valley Pharmacy, advertising ice cream and soda on its sign. All the pharmacies had a soda fountain and served ice cream treats in that era. We also note the elaborate brickwork on the building itself and a wide awning shading the front. (This is Froyo Life frozen yogurt today. The brickwork is still there, hidden under a layer of stucco.)

We hear a liquid gurgling sound coming from the gutter on Ocean View and step over to the curb to take a look. There's a stream of light brown liquid flowing down the gutter. And the smell! It smells like some kind of alcohol – maybe whiskey. What the ?

We look up Ocean View to see where the liquid is coming from. There's a huge crowd in front of the next building up from the pharmacy so we walk up there to check out what's going on. As we reach the building we see that this is the Montrose Sheriff Station (now Simplee Boba and Je t'adore Pet Salon).

There's a crowd of well-dressed men gathered at the curb. In front of them are several five-gallon metal containers turned on their sides. The tops have been screwed off and each container is gushing this light brown

liquid into the gutter where it flows down Ocean View. It's moonshine!

We see a tall slender man in a three-piece suit, hands in pockets, looking pleased. We recognize him from old photos. That's Judge Dyer, the local judge. We ask him what's going on here. He tells us that this is illegal alcohol that has been confiscated in a big raid just yesterday. It seems that federal Prohibition agents swooped in on a huge operation in one of the canyons of the Verdugo Hills, just off Honolulu. Confiscated in the raid was a 200-gallon still and 500 gallons of homemade whiskey. That's what we see being dumped in the street in front of us. The moonshiners got away as they must have gotten a heads up from some local in the know. Also confiscated in the raid was a supply of creosote that was used to color the freshly made alcohol to make it appear to be a fine

whiskey.

As the containers empty, more are brought up and tipped over until a fine stream flows down the street. Besides Judge Dyer, several others look on, including a couple of news reporters busily scribbling notes on small pads. A photographer stands in the street to take photos of the spectacle.

Across Ocean View is an icehouse where trucks deliver ice to household iceboxes around the valley. Two of the workers look on at the alcohol pouring into the street and sadly shake their heads.

We turn back down Ocean View to Honolulu to continue our 1929 adventure.

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IEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Planning In A Vacuum

If you have been paying attention, you may have noticed a flurry of activity in the City of Glendale in the last year. Not only have school board and Glendale City Council meetings become livelier than ever, but there are action plans being developed that will affect all levels of transportation, housing, recreation, preservation, environment, utilities, taxes and even council districts (or not.) There is so much going on that it is hard to keep up.

My particular area of interest is land-use in Glendale as it relates to our valley, and that led me to join the Crescenta Valley Community Association in 2009. That year, one of the biggest concerns discussed by neighbors had to do with the Chamlian Armenian School, a private school located at 4444 Lowell Ave. The school had grown significantly beyond the enrollment numbers

the previous public school had, and the neighbors were frustrated by the additional traffic and noise.

Despite years of neighbor complaints, in 2011 Glendale Planning approved a proposal for Chamlian to build a new gymnasium with the promise that student enrollment would remain capped at 500 students and school events using the gym would be limited. By 2014, the use variance that permitted a private school to operate in a residential zone expired. During the renewal hearing, the school requested an increase from 500 to 700 students with the promise that the additional students would be bussed to and from school, and families would carpool to limit traffic impacts. The variance was approved with a list of 29 conditions. Over the next 10 years, the school did not adhere to many of the required conditions and Glendale didn't check for compliance or reverse its variance approval. The neighbors continued to contact the City about loud Chamlian events, the disruptive car line process and dangerous pedestrian crossings.

In 2023, the owner of Chamlian Armenian School, the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, also purchased the property across the street at 4459 Lowell Ave. The acquisition was announced and promoted as an expansion of the Chamlian School, both in press releases and on its website. Plans have since been completed to build a "state-of-the-art" preschool there and furthered plans to use the church.

In April 2024, the use variance for Chamlian School expired once again. At the renewal hearing last month, as expected, the school claimed that everything would remain exactly the same in spite of the fact they had not followed several of the 2014 conditions for approval and planned to expand its campus. Many neighbors who continued to be fed up with the school's flagrant disregard of the

requirements spoke against the approval of the variance. Chamlian also claimed the project across the street was "completely separate" while asking for a lighted crosswalk for students to cross the street to get to it. Chamlian also stated that the variance process was a hardship for them and therefore requested that the variance be approved, this time with no expiration date. Neighbors were not surprised when the Planning Commission appeared enamored with students and parents praising high educational achievements with one commissioner exclaiming, "I want to go to Chamlian School!" The Commission again completely ignored the neighbors' concerns and the planned preschool expansion and voted 4-0 to renew the variance. And of course, it was made permanent. Unbelievable.

It is time for the City of Glendale to stop liberally approving projects and variances without any consideration of past history or the context of the surroundings. This area where Sunland-Tujunga meets Glendale is busy and Lowell traffic has been a problem for a long time. The expansion of Chamlian School will negatively affect the neighborhood for years to come. Glendale must acknowledge this fact and reverse the decision. Lowell is a major access point for the 210 Freeway as well as In-N-Out, a shopping center, a public storage facility, a water district facility and a church. In the pipeline is an already approved mixed-use development (34 residential, four large commercial units) at 3950 Foothill Blvd. in addition to being a well-established residential corridor. Naturally, the neighbors have appealed the poor decision by the Planning Commission and are awaiting a hearing date.

Stay tuned. Let's see if Glendale also approves the new "unrelated" preschool!

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CVHS Seniors Lauded at Awards Ceremony

By Clare BUCHANAN

On the evening of May 22, family and friends gathered in the MacDonald Auditorium at Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) to celebrate the many accomplishments of graduating seniors at Senior Awards night. Parents, siblings, and loved ones congregated to watch the seniors emerge, seated neatly on the stage, adorned in their caps and gowns, graduation cords, sashes and pins.

The ceremony began with an opening from the senior class president and the senior class vice president, followed by a moving presentation of colors, and the choir's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." The introduction was given by CVHS Principal Christine Benitez who beamed proudly as her

students accepted a number of awards throughout the night.

Principal Benitez wrote kindly to the seniors and their families in the awards night pamphlet: "Your journey throughout high school has been a testament to your resilience, determination and unwavering spirit."

Several rounds of awards and recognitions were announced during the Senior Awards night, including the President's Education Awards, National Merit Scholarships and Advanced Placement certificates. Awards were also given out from specialized departments, such as the languages, theater and cinematography. Community service also proved to be a defining part of the seniors' experiences as many awards were given to honor the countless hours seniors spent serving their



Photo by Clare BUCHANAN
Outfitted in their senior robes, CVHS graduating students took to the stage during Senior Awards night.

community.

The night came to a close by recognizing the colleges graduating seniors have committed to, often with accompanying scholarships. According to Principal Benitez, around \$3 million was awarded to

graduating seniors from the colleges they applied to. CVHS graduating seniors committed to an array of colleges across the country, ranging from the University of Puget Sound and the University of Alabama to universities in California such as

UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and Stanford.

As the school year rapidly comes to a close, congratulations are in order for the graduating class of 2024. In the words of Principal Benitez, "Go forth, Falcons, and soar to greater heights!"

Lincoln Scholarship Recipients

The annual Lincoln Scholarship Awards Assembly was held on Friday, May 24 just prior to the Lincoln 500 races. All of the Lincoln student body gathered in the school's auditorium to welcome back the 28 12th grade seniors who had attended Lincoln Elementary and had earned a scholarship from their elementary school.

The seniors were given scholarships from a variety of organizations that support the school. The seniors were introduced one at a time by Principal Barbara Fariss, and each recipient got to reminisce about their favorite memories at Lincoln including who their teachers were and what their future plans were for school.

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Members of the Class of 2024 now embark on a new journey after earning acceptances to colleges across the country and abroad, including to the most prestigious universities. As women of great heart and right conscience, these graduates are prepared to make a positive difference in the world.

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Members of Immaculate Heart's Class of 2024 recently posed together on campus in anticipation of their June 4 commencement at the Hollywood Bowl.

school's Catholic identity is rooted in service to others and social justice. Last year, students contributed more than 14,000 hours of community service. Students engage in leadership and ministry roles through more than 30 clubs and organizations. A third of all high school students also play at least one IH sport, including basketball, cross country, diving, equestrian, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field and volleyball. For more information, visit www.immaculateheart.org.

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RAMONA CONVENT COMMENCEMENT HONORING THE CLASS OF 2024

Ramona Convent seniors were celebrated with a beautiful traditional ceremony. The sun shone brightly as did the spirit of our graduates, families and friends. Ramona was honored to welcome back Danielle Cendejas, Class of '00, as commencement speaker. After graduating from Ramona Convent, she attended Gonzaga University where she studied Political science and applied communications. She is currently a political strategist with more than 15 years of experience working with candidate and advocacy campaigns and was recently appointed to Gonzaga University's board of regents.

To start the ceremony, she stepped up to the podium and welcomed the Class of 2024 to the Ramona alumnae sisterhood and congratulated them on their hard work, dedication and resilience. She reminded graduates, "Your Ramona education is a competitive advantage. Remember that you've earned these opportunities. You belong. Know the value you bring to these spaces. When you have an opportunity to recruit a team, reach out to your sisterhood. Open the door for other women to join you on the journey. Be a mentor so that younger women can follow in your footsteps."

Sidney Nicole Barrientos, Class of '24 and Ramona salutatorian, shared, "Starting high school under full lockdown seemed impossible but everything turned out fine. We don't know what college will look like for each of us but no matter what, remember that change is good. Embrace change. Try new things. Keep on growing. Be brave, because all of us are capable of such great things."

After each graduate received her diploma, an impressive list of honors and awards was read for each student. The college prep and selection process is a four-year journey of exploration, self-discovery, hard work and growth. Members of the Class of 2024 earned over 6 million in Merit Scholarships and have been accepted to more than 170 colleges and universities across the United States, each student finding the school that's the best fit for her.

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As our students make their way through the application process, it might be that they are seeking a much larger school than they have experienced at Wesley or that they would like to continue in a smaller environment. They may be interested in exploring an all boys or all girls school, in visiting those schools that have very competitive athletics programs, those with traveling robotics teams, those with a wide range of performing arts electives, or any other number of areas of interest. The opportunities are endless and are as varied as our students. Our job is to help our students and their parents manage and stay on top of the process and feel supported all the way through to the point of making their final decisions.

By the numbers: 36 of this year's 41 students were offered admission to their first choice school. Most of our students had multiple offers, many making a "clean sweep" - getting into every school they applied to.

We couldn't be more proud of the Class of 2024 and wish them an amazing transition to high school. We can't wait to have them return in future years as alumni of The Wesley School! Congratulations!

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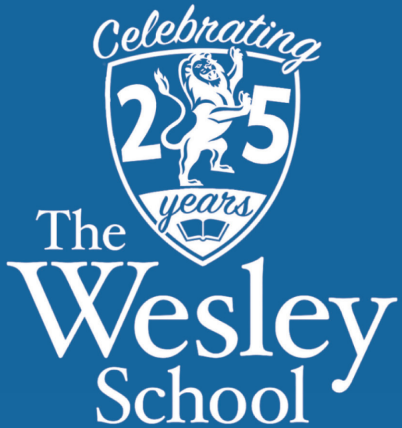
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*In addition, two students applied to 11 out of state schools (located in Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Canada) and were offered admission to all of them.

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Members of the Class of 2024 earned over 6 million in Merit Scholarships and will be continuing their journey at the following schools:

Sidney Barrientos '24, Salutatorian
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| California Baptist University | Chapman University | San Jose State University | University of San Francisco |
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

GEF Celebrates Donors & Honors Diamond Awardees



By Ruth SOWBY

Glendale teachers didn't want a big banquet they had to go home and dress up for. How about a free celebration with a sandwiches and fruit buffet at the Glen Arden Club Lounge at the end of their workday? No fuss, no muss. The money saved from the pared-down party on May 30 could go to students of the Glendale Unified School District. Hosted by the Glendale Educational Foundation, the event included an informational

meeting on the community schools program. "This is a celebration of all of you!" said interim executive director Bethany Harrington in her opening comments. She then described the purpose of the community schools program, which is to "strengthen connections" between schools, students, parents and community organizations so that students will develop leadership. One example of leadership and creativity were the student-made centerpieces at each table that included donation envelopes

that supporters could fill when taking home a vase and flowers. Additional speakers included Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson, and Shant Sahakian, president of the GUSD board of education that represents 25,000 students. Sahakian pointed out that GSUD high schools rank in the "top third" of U.S. high schools, according to the U.S. News & World Report. The heart of the program was the recognition of the two 2024 Rose Diamond Award honorees.

Dr. Suzie Abajian, a Glendale High School graduate, began her career teaching math in K-12. Today, she teaches in higher education. Heather Abrams is a senior analyst at Salesforce and the president of Friends of Falcon Robotics. She runs robotics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs at Crescenta Valley High School. Abrams thanked GEF for providing funds for GUSD STEM students. The two-hour program and buffet ended with a champagne

toast celebrating the successful partnership between the GUSD and the Glendale Educational Foundation.

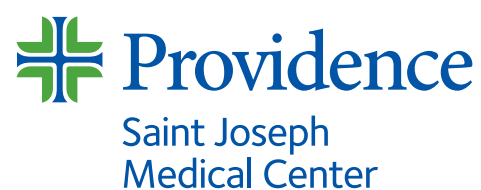
Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: At the podium, Bethany Harrington, Glendale Educational Foundation interim executive director (left), presents Dr. Suzie Abajian (right) with the 2024 Rose Diamond Award. They are joined by Glendale Arts CEO Maria Sahakian.
RIGHT: A champagne toast ends the Glendale Educational Foundation's Diamond Awards celebration. Ingrid Gunnell, front right, is the recently elected GSUD board of education vice president.

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Beyond the Finish Line - 34th Angel Gala Celebrates Record-Breaking Win



Cancer Support Community – Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSC) announced that its 34th annual Angel Gala raised a record-breaking \$415,000 to fund its free programs for anyone impacted by cancer.

This year's event, held on Sunday, May 19 at the historic Santa Anita Park, was aptly themed "Dapper Derby Soiree" and transported 350 guests to a bygone era with feather dancers, live swing music, swing dancers and horse racing. Attendees dazzled in their derby finest with many donning stylish hats, bowties and pearls, adding to the sophisticated and festive atmosphere.

The evening began with a VIP Race and Reception in honor of individual honorees Karen and Tom Capehart, followed by a popular Tack Room Speakeasy experience, gourmet appetizers and

a silent auction that adorned the Chandelier Ballroom with unique opportunities and experiences. After the race and reception at sunset, guests indulged in dinner and enjoyed a program in the downstairs clubhouse led by master of ceremonies Lian Dolan, famous Pasadena author, podcaster, speaker and longtime supporter of Cancer Support Community.

Special guest Bill Plaschke, LA Times sports columnist and National Sports Media and California Hall of Fame member, made a notable appearance to honor Tom Capehart. Plaschke, who authored a moving article on Tom Capehart's life and his determination to graduate from USC at the age of 85, highlighted the evening with his tribute.

The lifetime achievement honoree Marguerite Marsh was unable to attend, but her son Chris

Marsh accepted the award on her behalf. In her speech, which was presented by Chris, she shared, "To the particular people whom I have worked with – who are the best – thank you for sticking with this slightly crazy woman that dreamed of building a Cancer Support Community. Thank you for helping to show friends, relatives, neighbors the goal of living with cancer successfully and to face the negative with humor, compassion and love."

The Oak Tree Racing Association, the corporate honoree and corporate event sponsor, was celebrated for its generous support of Cancer Support Community. Oak Tree Racing Association hosted the fall thoroughbred race meet at Santa Anita from 1969 through 2012. From its founding and continuing today, Oak Tree Racing Association and Oak Tree Charitable

Foundation have supported various horseracing related initiatives and local community organizations.

CSC selected USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center as this year's healthcare partner honoree to celebrate its partnership with patients' physicians and medical teams.

"A cancer diagnosis is devastating to anyone. While the doctors take care of the body, Cancer Support Community provides psychosocial support so that patients and their loved ones are fully supported in the cancer journey, wherever they may be – from newly diagnosed patients,

to survivors, to those bereaved," stated Alison Wong, Ph.D., Program and Clinical director.

Several government officials attended the gala, including Congresswoman Judy Chu, Savannah Moore from the Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Arcadia mayor April Verlatto, and former Duarte mayor Jody Schulz.

For more information, visit cancersupportsgv.org.

Photos provided by CSC
LEFT: Judy Chu, Serge Melkizian, Patricia Ostiller.
RIGHT: Rachimah Rae Magnuson, Pete Siberell, Patricia Ostiller.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Reverse Mortgage Confusion

Dear Phyllis,
I enjoy reading your column and have learned a lot about reverse mortgages. I have moved in with my parents, who are in their late 80s. My father has been the one who handled all the bills and budgeting. Lately, I have noticed that he has been very frugal with money, which is not like him. He finally admitted that he got a reverse mortgage two years ago and can't tap any more equity out of the home. They have lived in their home for 40 years and I just assumed their mortgage was paid off. Now he thinks he should sell it and move to a condominium in a more affordable county like Ventura. I know he gets a pension and social security. But apparently he doesn't get any income from the reverse mortgage. This doesn't make sense as I thought the purpose of it was to pay the borrower. I feel like I am missing part of the puzzle. Do you have any thoughts? DB

Dear DB,
There is a lot of confusion over reverse mortgages. Perhaps your father chose to obtain a reverse mortgage to pay off his existing loan. From your scenario, this appears to be the case. Although he doesn't have a mortgage payment, he is still responsible for property taxes,

maintenance, and homeowners' insurance. And, of course, daily living expenses.

As your parents are in their late 80s, their next move may likely be to assisted living. It seems that they are really in a pickle. Perhaps you can sit down with your father and go over their monthly expenditures and learn if they can make any reduction in their expenses. There are other options, but they have drawbacks.

He likely has a lower interest rate because he obtained the loan a few years ago. So, it doesn't make a lot of sense to refinance and get another reverse mortgage (assuming they have the equity) with either a lump sum or monthly payments.

I don't know if selling is the best option for them either. Having purchased the home more than 40 years ago, your parents will have considerable taxes due to capital gains – both federal and state. Selling their home and buying another will have costs on each side of the transaction. They really should discuss the tax ramifications with their CPA.

I don't know if I really offered you any viable help, and I am sorry for that. I wish you and your parents the best.

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Local Woman Recognized

Shelley Rae (Powell) Niemi was selected as dispatcher of the year by the president and CEO of Southwest Airlines. The recognition event was held at the OMNI hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Shelley was born and raised in La Crescenta, attended local elementary schools and graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in 1988. She went on to receive her AA degree from Pasadena Community College and her BA degree from UNLV. She has been with Southwest Airlines for 32 years having been assigned to various positions throughout the country. She presently is assigned to Love Field in Dallas, Texas.

A dispatcher handles a number

of planes within a certain geographical area and is considered the equivalent of a pilot on the ground. The two are constantly in communication and discuss everything from weather conditions, fuel consumption and rerouting changes, to name a few. She recently saw a need for dispatchers and pilots to communicate more frequently in a classroom setting and as result created a curriculum to address these issues. The class has been well received by the pilots – most of who have attended.

Niemi is on the board of dispatchers worldwide as well. The board meets regularly throughout the year at various venues both in the states and in foreign countries.



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – June 2024

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Our local theaters have lots of new offerings. It's time to treat yourself to the magic of live theater by going to see a show!

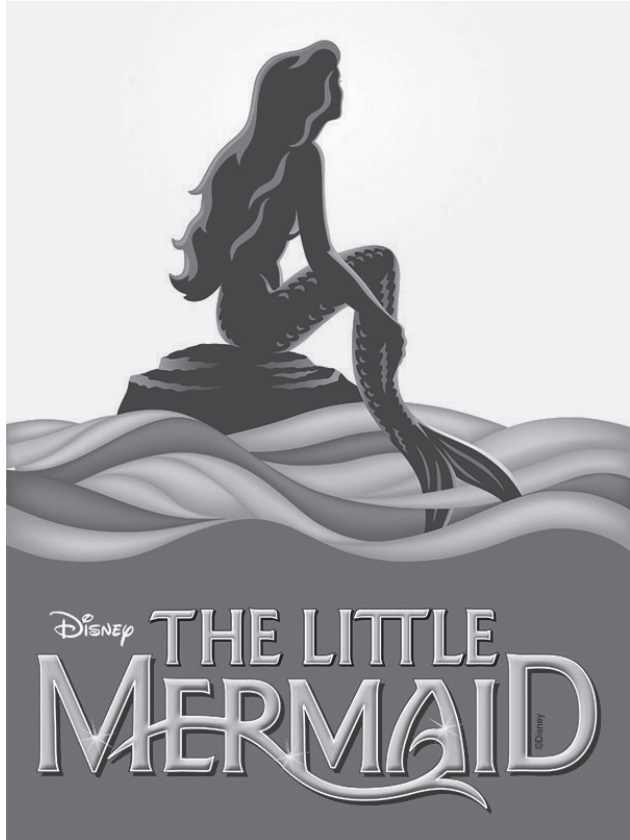
COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

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

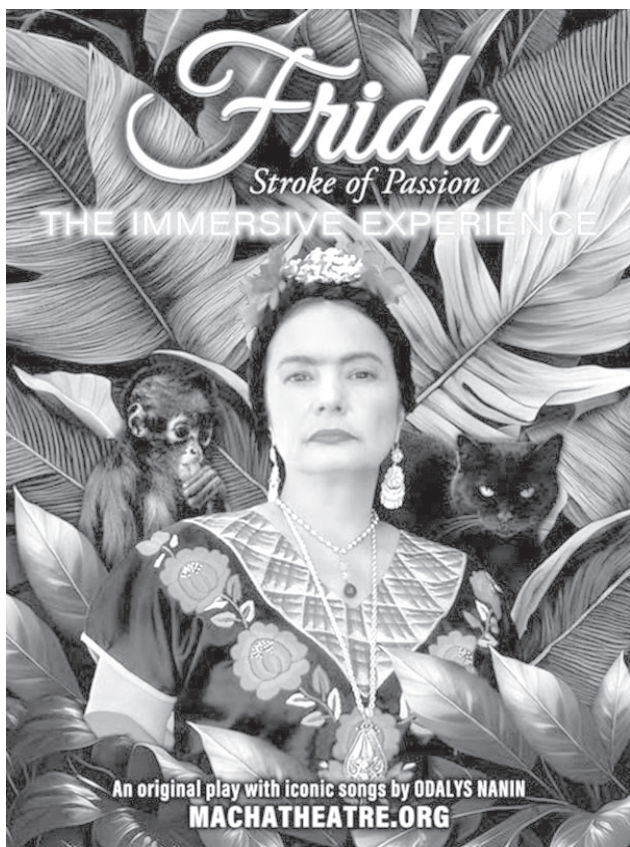
Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running:

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, "Disney's The Little Mermaid" is a gloriously magical love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy® Award winner Alan Menken, this perfect-for-the-whole family, fishy-fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

Written by Doug Wright, with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and directed by Glenn Casale, it runs through June 23 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts in La Mirada. For tickets, call (562) 944-9801 or visit www.LaMiradaTheatre.com.

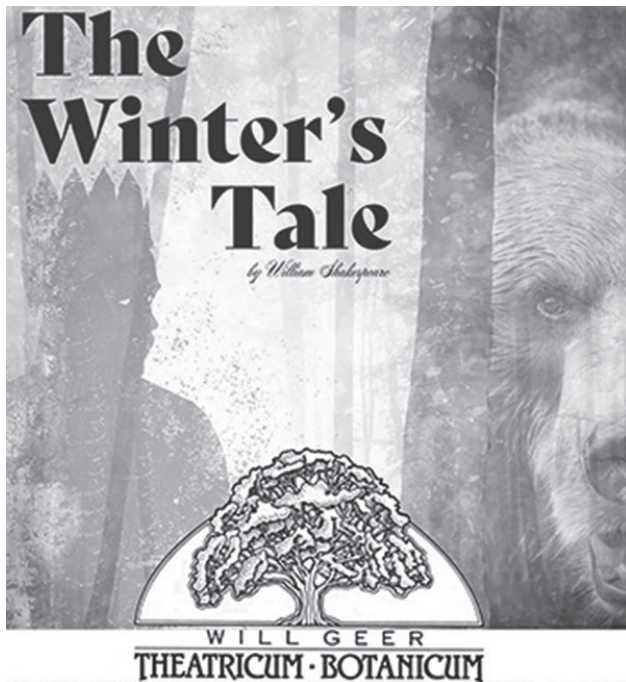


"Frida – Stroke of Passion: The Immersive Experience" The play begins on July 7, 1954 – Frida's 47th birthday. She will die exactly one week later. The narrative will explore the mysterious circumstances surrounding her death. (There is an official account of her cause of death, but how did she die really?) This is not all,



however. It is the story of a woman living as vibrantly as she can despite dwindling health and a world of pain. She attempted to continue painting. Partially anesthetized by a mixture of tequila and painkillers, she is visited by many lovers, male and female, singer Chavela Vargas, movie star Maria Felix, Communist politician Leon Trotsky, entertainer Josephine Baker, Cuban spy Teresa Proenza, photographer Tina Modotti, and Frida's husband, painter and muralist Diego Rivera. Some are physically present in her room; others are recreated and present in her vivid memory. The relationship between Frida and Diego is deeply complex. Diego is incapable of sexual monogamy, so much so that he practically pushes Frida into the arms of other lovers. Yet their emotional attachment to each other is surpassingly deep and a thing of wonder.

Written by Odalys Nanin and directed by Corky Dominguez, it runs through June 23 at the Casa 0101 Theater in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit www.machatheatre.org.



"The Winter's Tale" Containing one of Shakespeare's most famous stage directions ("Exit, pursued by a bear"), "The Winter's Tale" is a tragedy in its first third and a comic pastoral in its second, then finally resolves itself in romance. In a jealous rage, King Leontes (Aaron Hendry) falsely accuses his wife Hermione (Willow Geer) of adultery with his best friend King Polixenes (Max Lawrence). Their baby daughter Perdita (Sophia Dawson), cast out to die, is adopted by an old shepherd (Earnestine Phillips) and secretly grows up in Polixenes' kingdom as a shepherdess. When Polixenes discovers that his son (Christian Jordan Smith) has fallen in love with Perdita, he forbids their marriage and the lovers flee. Through the inadvertent help of a comic pickpocket (Gerald C. Rivers), a clown (Daniel Ramirez) and two shepherdesses (Aubrey Sage and Liza Rash), the lovers and their parents are reunited and old wounds are healed through the forgiving power of love.

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Ellen Geer, it runs through September 30 at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit www.theatricum.com.



"Holmes & Watson" Prepare yourself for a fast-paced, thrilling and suspenseful story that will keep the audience guessing until its final moments. In this worthwhile addition to the Sherlock Holmes canon, there are more twists and turns than a rollercoaster! The legendary Sherlock Holmes is dead. Or so it is assumed. When a telegram arrives informing his loyal companion Dr. Watson that there are three men who each claim to be Holmes, it's left up to the famous sidekick to take on the case and try to discover if one of the mad men is actually the real Sherlock Holmes.

Written by Jeffrey Hatcher and directed by David Ellenstein, it runs through June 16 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit www.lagunaplayhouse.com.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Shakespeare's most entertaining and beguiling comedy, Theatricum audiences insist

on its return every summer. Once again, the venue's wooded stage will morph into the enchanted woods of Athens where mortal lovers chase and are chased, players prepare, and fairies make magical mischief.

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Willow Geer, it runs through Sept. 23 at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga Canyon. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit www.theatricum.com.



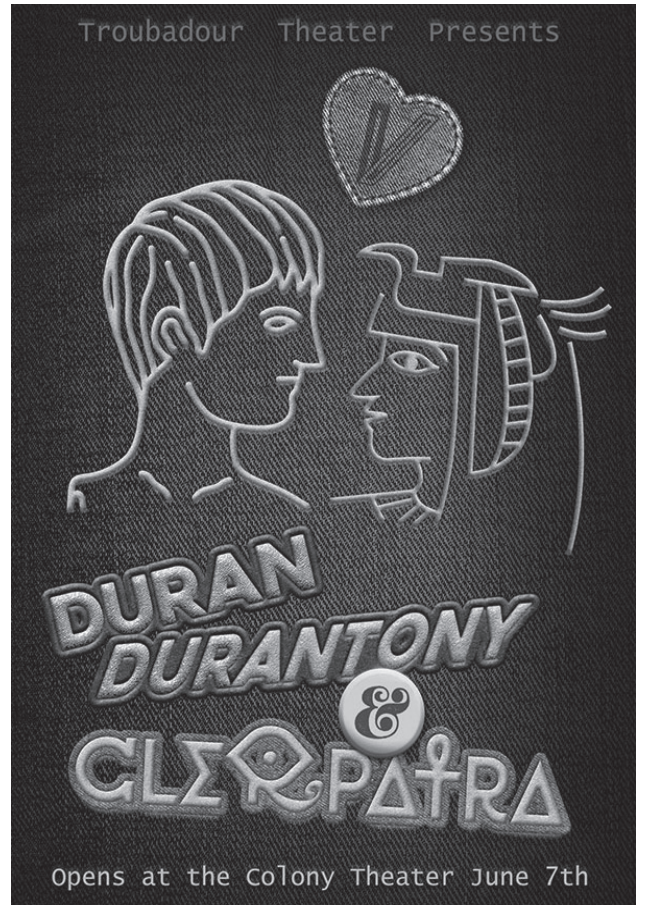
"The Batette Follies of 1939" This latest parody follows the revue format seamlessly blending vintage aesthetics with contemporary flair. It showcases characters from the Dark Knight universe incorporating live music, dance, burlesque, cabaret and circus, all infused with his subversive take on pop culture. Attendees must be 18-years or older to enter.

Written and directed by Russall S. Beattie, it runs today, June 6 through July 14 at the Montalbán Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.batettefollies1939.com.



"Duran DurAntony & Cleopatra" Watch the award-winning Troubies come undone as a twisted tale of love, lust and sharp objects is told where the Rio Grande becomes the Nile in Troubadour Theater Company's latest world premiere musical comedy event.

Written and directed by Matt Walker, it runs today, June 6 through June 16 at the Colony Theatre in Burbank. For tickets, call 818-558-7000 or visit www.troubie.com.



You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

'Jelly's Last Jam' Previews at The Pasadena Playhouse

By Ruth SOWBY

On May 29 the first preview performance of "Jelly's Last Jam" opened ahead of its June 2 schedule at the Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino. Bathed in theatrical haze and strobe lighting, the musical follows the ups and downs of career musician Jelly Roll Morton who proclaimed himself the "inventor of jazz."

Wine Wednesday accompanied the preview for Playhouse members who had bought tickets to all five shows of the season. Although the socializing on the Playhouse's brightly lit patio took place before the show, the performance started on the dot at 8 p.m.

With a book by George C. Wolfe, music by Jelly Roll Morton and lyrics by Susan Birkenhead, the musical grabbed hold and never let go until its standing ovation at show's end. John Clarence Stewart, starring as Jelly Roll, took the lion's share

of the bows.

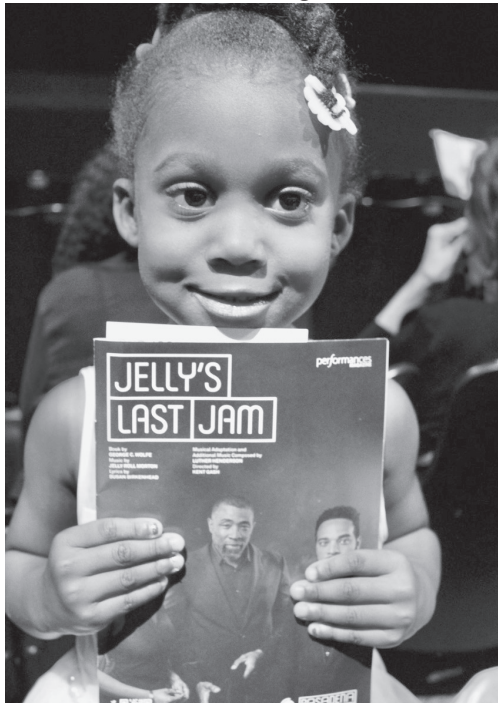
The Pasadena Playhouse has the reputation of producing classic American musicals in its intimate setting of 686 seats. During its "golden era" between 1920-1945, the Playhouse was known as a "star factory" due to the many celebrities who were discovered there. Each of the newly established major film studios at the time had scouts assigned to cover the Playhouse productions.

"Jelly's Last Jam" will play through June 23. Tickets are available at <https://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/event/jellys-last-jam/>.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Little Pasadena Playhouse fan Nyma Oubre, 5, poses during the show's intermission. She's her grandma's "date" for "Jelly's Last Jam."

RIGHT: La Crescenta resident and Kathy Rands used her college graduation gift of a ticket to see "Jelly's Last Jam" at the Pasadena Playhouse.



THEN & NOW *Dumping Moonshine in Montrose* Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: During Prohibition, the Crescenta Valley was close enough to Los Angeles to be convenient for illegal alcohol production but still isolated enough for the moonshiners to hide out in the canyons. Stills and speakeasys thrived here in the '20s, and occasionally someone got caught. Here we see local Judge Dyer and County Constable Harris supervising the dumping of confiscated homemade whiskey from five-gallon containers. They are standing in front of the Montrose Sheriff Station on the west side of Ocean View Boulevard just above Honolulu Avenue.



Now: The building that housed the Sheriff Station is still there, but the beautiful brick work is now hidden under stucco. Dog Gone Cute, a dog grooming service, now occupies that site.

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The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon.

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.

'JELLY'S LAST JAM' AT PASADENA PLAYHOUSE

The life and times of Jelly Roll Morton, the self-proclaimed "inventor of jazz" from the back alleys of New Orleans to the sparkling stages of New York, is a display of song, dance and music. It is being performed now through June 23 at The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave. in Pasadena.

For information, call (626) 356-7529 or visit pasadenaplayhouse.org.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and

Crochet gathering on Saturday, June 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is having an adult beginner belly dance for those ages 18 and up on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., June 12-July 31. The cost is \$180.

On Fridays from June 14-Aug. 9 (note there is no class on June 28), CCLCF is having ballroom line dancing from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Students will learn the basic steps of many ballroom dances (e.g. Foxtrot, Cha Cha, etc.) in a line dance format.

On Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. traditional ballroom dancing is taught. The cost is \$50.

CCLCF with CS Productions present "Mean Girls: High School Version" based on the 2004 film. Showtimes are Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$15 for students. Opening night tickets are \$30, which includes admission to the reception.

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Class is held on Tuesdays from June 11 to July 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$140.

Finally, youth and teens summer camps begin next week! 10 weeks of summer camp are available for

registration. Programming in sports, art, ceramics, cooking, STEM, and Dungeons and Dragons.

Register at CCLCF.org or call (818) 790-4353.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

GYO HOLDING AUDITIONS

The Glendale Youth Orchestra will hold auditions by appointment on Saturday, June 15 for the upcoming 2024-25 season. The GYO performs three concerts each season at the Alex Theatre. The GYO was founded in 1989. Members range in age from 12-23. Students must participate in their school music program (if there is one). Generous scholarship program available and each season there is a concerto competition for orchestra members.

All audition information and application can be found on the GYO website: glendaleyouthorchestra.com.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta - an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before - don't worry; we will teach you! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

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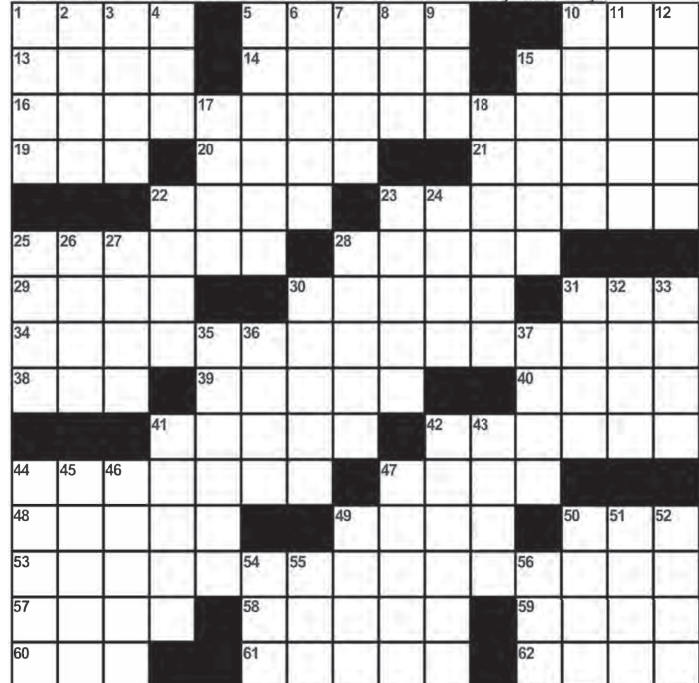
ACROSS

- 1) Word hyphenated with "ran"
- 5) Sudden gush
- 10) Liquid in a trunk
- 13) Within striking distance
- 14) Relieves, as pain
- 15) Pimples, collectively
- 16) What tourists do
- 19) Anger or fury
- 20) Like some futures or cheeks
- 21) Celebrity bit part
- 22) British Conservative
- 23) Three-legged stands
- 25) Ages, as cheese
- 28) Brief period of time
- 29) A god of war
- 30) Showy adornment
- 31) Capturing-of-thoughtwaves skill
- 34) Gives an exaggerated reaction
- 38) They loop the Loop
- 39) Hospital employee
- 40) Appliance with a door
- 41) It can show you the world
- 42) Calculating
- 44) In an abrasive manner
- 47) One of "Wrath" in a "Star Trek" sequel
- 48) Conscious
- 49) Torque wrench, e.g.
- 50) In vitro items
- 53) "I promise you"
- 57) Pilot and flight attendants, collectively
- 58) With hearing organs
- 59) Nevada's second-largest city
- 60) Men and boys
- 61) Orderly grouping
- 62) Cannon's sound

DOWN

- 1) One who hasn't turned pro?
- 2) Jet-set jet
- 3) "For heaven's ___!"
- 4) Valuable mine rock
- 5) Spanish gents
- 6) Legendary country singer Cline
- 7) Like a post-eruption landscape
- 8) Ball elevator
- 9) Laser center?
- 10) Schmendrick
- 11) Wanted in on a poker hand
- 12) Mexican currency
- 15) Open-mouthed in shock
- 17) Monopoly board circler, once
- 18) It's formed in mid-drip
- 22) Some wallet bills
- 23) Comanche group
- 24) Mini stream
- 25) ___ into the sunset
- 26) Statue that's sacred to some
- 27) Slapstick staples
- 28) Supporting beam
- 30) Quick, sudden attack
- 31) Place for 18-Down
- 32) Alter
- 33) Remain undecided
- 35) "O Canada" is one
- 36) Hardly thrilling
- 37) Having trouble deciding
- 41) In a crooked position
- 42) Rundown
- 43) Time for a marching band
- 44) Be egged no longer?
- 45) Cognizant
- 46) Tends to the fall fall
- 47) Divided Asian country
- 49) Unit of pressure
- 50) Common cookie
- 51) Italian wine
- 52) Molecule member
- 54) Thumbs-up vote
- 55) Failed negotiation result
- 56) Sphere

GENEROUSLY NOT GENEROUS By Timothy E. Parker



see ANSWERS on page 20

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

June 3, 2024 - June 9, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Aspects in the area of your chart associated with employment and health urge you to make necessary changes and get checkups. Because the Universe reveals things formerly buried under the surface, you might find that someone is intent on blocking your path to success. Looking to your house of past lives and karma will show you that you will now reap what you've sown.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This week is about the activity in your house of money, where it's slowing down what you currently earn. It may feel like you can't get anything going, but know that it's only temporary. The Universe restricts not out of cruelty but as a way to encourage you to be more careful and responsible with your cash. Look to your friends, acquaintances, and co-workers to help you out of any scrapes.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It's time to pay attention to the way you present yourself and your skills to the world. This may mean investing in a more professional wardrobe or having a pro rewrite your resume. Putting your best foot forward is important because of the activity in your career sector, which desperately requires your attention now.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The good news is that you have activity in your house of daily work, which can bring many new opportunities to expand your presence or make your work stand out. The Universe tends to change things, but sometimes changes them back just as quickly. Move fast to take advantage of the gifts you're given. Meanwhile, it's best to cooperate on the job lest someone lose his or her cool.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You have several challenging aspects affecting your money house this week. Activity in your house of money returns you to simpler times. But also affected is your house of other people's money, or debt, challenging you to pay it off or borrow so you can expand your business activities.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The Universe is indicating a need to address personal appearance. Your personal and professional relationships are most affected. Take concrete steps to reconnect with old acquaintances or deepen existing professional friendships.

Money follows.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This week is about the clash of energies that may leave you feeling tense and unsupported. You're building structure in your family and romantic life. Your job may be calling to you, as some change is clearly required. The question is, what change?

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week you have a few challenges ahead as you try to find the best approach for the next month or so. Aspects affect your house of debt, agitating to get you moving toward repayment and refrain from further spending. Your family and romantic life will be your primary motivating factors now.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's a week of development in your house of relationships. This could mean that someone you've hesitated to approach is all ears now, or that you have the supportive energy to take something deeper, whether it's personal or professional. If you've sought a business merger, the Universe can help. Meanwhile, your home life needs attention and some additional spending.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This week activity in your house of work indicates that your job is likely to be easier now. The Universe provides the energy you need to get things done and advance up the ladder while getting your work noticed and appreciated. At the same time, you need to take on more responsibility before more money can come your way.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have some tension in the air this week. The activity in your house of money and values shows you that it's time to determine whether the way you currently earn money is working for you. If not, this aspect strongly urges action toward a better solution. Don't leave it to chance or assume someone else will do it for you. Life can be the way you want it to be.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This week you get a strong message from the Universe. With all the tense energy flying around, you need to look for answers in the area of your chart governing personal transformation. What do you want your look to say about you? You can call the shots now.

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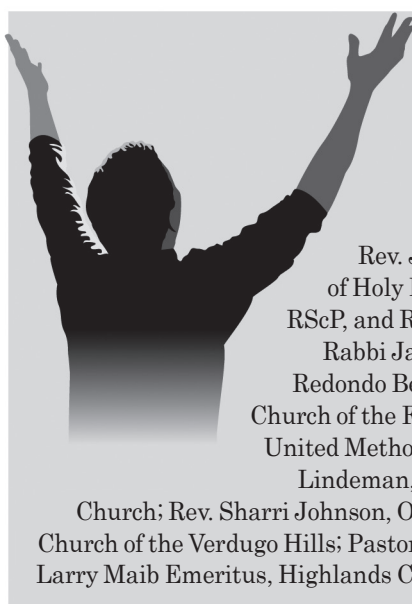
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: My daughter-in-law is not speaking to her mother. From what I understand, there is a disagreement about politics. My son is at his wit's end because always in our family we believe it's okay for people to have their opinions. Because of this their family is missing out on family gatherings that include their two young children. The kids miss their grandma and we just tell them that soon everything will be okay.

Please help us sort this out in a way that's helpful to everyone.

Signed,

Anxious Mom

Dear Anxious Mom,
 Most of the world is torn by politics, so your family is not alone. My only suggestion is to email everyone involved and say that talking about politics is not going to be allowed at family gatherings and that everyone needs to agree to disagree. Be sure to mention how much the children miss seeing grandma!

Carolyn Young, LCSW

Dear Anxious Mom,
 I don't blame you for feeling anxious about the situation. It's never helpful when someone responds to disagreement with the "silent treatment." Interestingly, my church was just part of a conference that taught people how to listen and respond in the midst of contentious issues and disagreement. It is possible to truly listen to people we disagree with and still hold to what we believe – without cutting out people from our lives.

Unfortunately, your daughter-in-law does not seem to have developed these skills with her mother. Granted, the political issues of today's culture are increasingly divisive. And your daughter-in-law may have a history of

unforgiveness or a pattern of not being heard by her mother. Either is a huge block to having a healthy relationship.

As a Christian, my first response would be to pray, asking God to bring a softening of hearts and a willingness to listen and understand one another. That's

all you can really do.
 When it comes to your son, the advice I would recommend is first to not cater to his wife's childish behavior. He should interact with his in-laws as much as he can as if everything is fine. Second, he should find the right moment to gently confront his wife's behavior. Family is more important than any political topic.

If the problem is a two-way street with his mother-in-law imposing her views where they are not wanted, he should help his wife negotiate acceptable boundaries with her mother – things like agreeing to disagree, or agreeing not to discuss certain issues for the sake of peace.

If it is any comfort, you are not alone. The reason our church conference chose our topic is because the divisive issues of the day are affecting many of our relationships.

Shalom to your extended family.

Father Rob Holman
 St. Luke's Anglican

NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST EVENTS

For those seeking a unique way to connect with their faith and community, Lutheran Church in the Foothills is offering a scenic escape as part of its Wednesday evening fellowship series. On June 12, the church will lead a community hike culminating in a sunset view at La Cañada's Cherry Canyon. The event is open to all ages. Hikers should meet at the Hampstead entrance to Cherry Canyon at 6 p.m. and bring water, a snack and a camera. The hike itself is one mile to the view point. Comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes are recommended.

LCIF also reminds the public that online registration is open for its upcoming Vacation Bible School, to be held June 17 through June 21 from 9 a.m. - noon for children ages 4 through sixth grade. According to the church, this year's VBS will include singing and skits, crafts, games and lots of fun, all centered on learning about God in new ways.

Visit lcifoohills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/

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

MT. OLIVE OFFERS COMMUNITY LUNCHEON, BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that all are invited to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Dr., Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied. The church also hosts a community luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month through May. There is "wonderful food and amazing entertainment." Cost is just \$5.

All are invited.

ALL INVITED TO SUPPORT GROUP

Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets monthly on the first and third Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24;

church narthex. 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.

WALK AND WORD

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 June 9, 16, 23, & 30. 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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We have seen natural landscapes destroyed by development, soil degradation through agriculture, deforestation and biodiversity loss.

"Naturally, extinction occurs over hundreds and thousands of years, which allows nature to slowly replace what has been lost. But humans have sped up this process to a dangerous rate," according to NHM.

The positive in all of this is there are people, beyond the voices of scientists, who are taking this threat seriously and no longer deny human-caused climate change. The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is one of those positive programs that is not only calling attention to the issue but is moving forward with action.

This effort is lofty (to say the least) but it is a movement forward. For so long scientists have been talking to a group of scientists about this climate threat at events like the World Climate Conferences, the first one held in 1979. But earlier, in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson was given a report titled "Restoring the Quality of Our Environment" that focused on the role humans played in the changing climate. The report included predictions including Antarctic ice melting, rising sea levels and rising temperatures in both the land and sea.

The information was at first taken seriously. President Johnson reported the credible threat to Congress but (like what happens so many times) special interest lobbyists, including those from fossil fuel companies, wanted this information discredited, so a disinformation campaign was launched. Scientists who dared to speak on human-caused climate change were fired, climate research groups were dissolved and organizations like the Global Climate Coalition were created to lobby against any fossil fuel reduction. Exxon was part of this Coalition; the company's knowledge of the threat of human-caused climate change and its efforts in disinformation have been well documented by numerous media publications and investigations by attorneys general in California and New York as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission.

But now, as what happens often, it comes down to the people – boots on the ground, so to speak – who are dealing with the extreme changes and are now leading the way to help save the Earth.

In my non-profit life I have found the more normal things appear the less a distant threat is taken seriously. If it doesn't affect people directly they are able to believe that it is someone else's problem – whether a murder at an after-prom party, which was the inspiration for Prom Plus, or a young man's overdose death, which is the foundation of the Chase Impact Foundation and the CV Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition/CV Cares. It is a belief that if it hasn't happened lately to them or someone they know, it is just a fluke. But just because it doesn't happen within the small circle of an individual's life does not mean the threat has vanished.

Human-caused climate change continues to be a threat to us all and many people are not waiting for the water to come up to their own door or having a fire outside their house to take action.

For us, warming is in our future though not as extreme as in other Southern California areas.

According to NOAA, we will still be dealing with the persistent June Gloom marine layer through next week. This may bring drizzle in the mornings but should burn off in the afternoons. Our temperatures will be mild – in the lower 80s – through next week.

GTA from cover

stated demands, including the passage of a 4% wage increase, an extension of the MOU for traditional kindergarten classrooms and a one-year agreement securing an extra adult in each kindergarten classroom for extended-day kindergarten.

As of publication, the GTA and the school board were still in negotiations. Last year, an ongoing 5% wage increase was granted during negotiations with room to come back and ask for more at a later date. GUSD teachers have received a 5% increase in pay this year, based on last year's negotiations. As of June 4, GUSD has proposed a total of 4% ongoing wage increase, on top of the 5% increase from last year totaling nine percent.

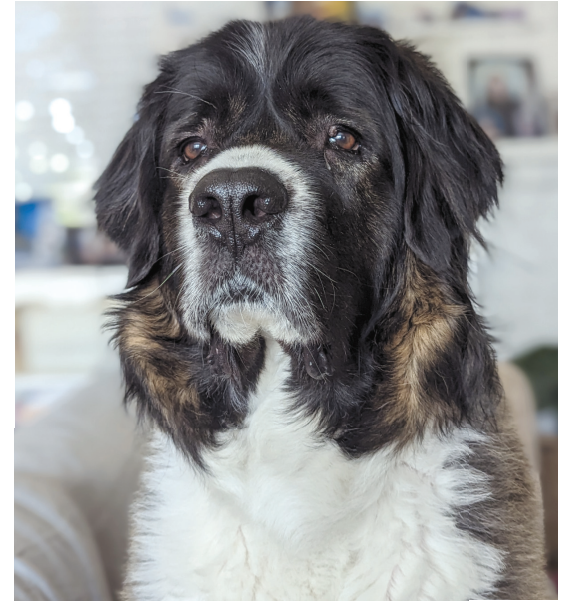
This year GTA is asking for an additional 9% increase, according to a spokesperson from GUSD.

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Then each introduced their "kindergarten buddies" who are now sixth graders.

Special thanks are extended to Angelina Thomas for organizing this event each year. Congratulations to this year's recipients: Mr. Williams Scholarship: Perri Derian, Savannah Hardy; Mrs. Kalish Scholarship: Zeleste Felipe, Emily Felipe; Korean PC Scholarship: Grace Kim, Christine Kim; Lincoln Staff Scholarship: Sean Dillon; Mrs. Duncan Scholarship: Andrew Miller, Rebekah DeBoskey; Armenian PC Scholarship: Lucia Arzoumanian, Alex Movsesyan; PTA Scholarship: Abby Owens, Emmaline Enright, Serina Munoz, and Jayden Alday; Foundation Scholarship: Erin Blackley, Adam Parker, Ingrid Herman, Haley Krohn, Kyle Aidan Moreno, Elina Patel, Elizabeth Yun, Lukas Newman and Punik Papelian; 6th Grade Scholarship: Gavin Borden, Avalon Masters Burzynski, Oliver Valentino Correa Merino, and Adamari Polanco. Submitted by Nicolas JAMES

PET OF THE WEEK



This is Biscuit. Biscuit is a 9-year-old Saint Bernard and Russian mountain dog mix. She loves going for long walks, playing fetch and afternoon naps. She has lived in Montrose her whole life...and loves her family.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

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Advertisement for California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser. Includes CPK logo, 'PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE' text, donation details (20% of food & beverage sales), fundraiser dates (June 13th and 14th 2024), location (Pasadena/Glendale), and a QR code to scan.

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