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Halt Put On New Projects

By Brian CHERNICK

At Tuesday night's meeting, the Glendale City Council narrowly passed a 45-day moratorium on all new residential development projects in the downtown area.

Brought forth by Councilmember Ara Najarian, the purpose of the moratorium is to allow staff the time to study and present possible amendments to the city's downtown specific plan (DSP) and the incentives provided to developers.

Development in the downtown Glendale area has received pushback over the years from residents concerned about the overdevelopment of luxury apartments, which they state lack aesthetic quality, have a negative impact on traffic and parking and provide limited benefits in the form of investment in public spaces and amenities.

The beginning of Glendale's decade of rapid growth is marked by the opening of Rick Caruso's Americana at Brand residential and shopping center

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Tree Topples in Local Neighborhood Injuring One

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sunday afternoon Glendale Fire Dept. responded to a call concerning a tree that fell and struck a woman who was walking in the 3900 block of El Lado Drive in the Glenwood Oaks section of Glendale.

It was a little after noon when Melissa Walsh and her family returned to her home from church.

"I had seen the woman [victim] walk on the opposite side of the street heading toward the cul-de-sac," Walsh said.

Walsh said she had never seen the elderly woman before but their neighborhood is near Crescenta Valley Park and is a popular walking area. She waved at the woman and then turned her attention to her children who had gone into their home to get their dogs.

"The dogs ran into the street, which they never do," Walsh said.

The dogs running into the street drew the attention of her children for a few minutes — time that didn't seem very im-



Photo by Rachele MILLER

Crews work to remove an oak that toppled onto a car in the Glenwood Oaks area of La Crescenta on Saturday. An elderly woman was injured when the tree fell on her legs, trapping her until emergency personnel arrived.

portant then but shortly would mean everything to Walsh.

Once the children caught up to the dogs, they started walking them toward the cul-de-sac along the same path as the woman when they heard a loud noise.

"I heard this pop. It was a

loud sound, and I looked over to where the kids were," Walsh said.

The woman she had seen was just a few feet from Walsh's son, and her daughter was a little behind him. The woman also appeared to hear the crack that came from a large oak tree and

had just enough time to take a couple of steps back. She covered her head with her hands and the tree fell, Walsh said.

"It was so fast, probably a couple of seconds between the pop and when it went down. I looked in that direction and she

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Photo provided by GPD

Capt. Tim Feeley of the Glendale Police Dept. tackles a leg of the recent Baker to Vegas Relay held over the St. Patrick Day weekend.

Law Enforcement Takes on Baker to Vegas Run

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Annual Challenge Cup/Baker to Vegas Relay took place over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. The relay is a 120-mile race. There are 20 legs that range from a little over six miles to over 10 miles.

Law enforcement agencies, both national and international, compete in this friendly contest that treks through Death Valley on the way to Las Vegas.

The relay was started by Chuck Foote and Larry Moore as a way for officers to maintain physical fitness and build camaraderie with fellow officers. When it began about 30 years ago it included two agencies, Los Angeles Police Dept. and LA County Sheriff's Dept. This year the relay saw 275 teams represented.

"This growth is what I thought would

happen. Over the years it slowly grew [as the word spread] from one cop to another," Foote said in an earlier interview with the CVW.

The runners never know what to expect from the relay. About three years ago they ran in temperatures well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, but that wasn't the case this last weekend.

"It was very cold this year," said Officer Ian Torley of the Glendale Police Dept.

Torley ran leg 16 of the relay. When he started the temperatures were in the mid-30s.

"By the time I ended there were some snow flurries," he said.

Despite the cold, GPD performed well.

"We did great," Torley said. "We beat our

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HAPPY EASTER & PASSOVER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Getting Your Heart Right

Warning: Jesus talk ahead.

This is an exciting week for Jews and Christians. Tomorrow, Friday, night begins Passover. This eight-day event honors the freeing of the Jewish slaves in Egypt from bondage. I had the privilege of attending seder, the celebratory meal, a couple of times over the years. It is a sobering meal because it reminds attendees of the time that the spirit of God passed over the Jewish homes when bringing death to the Egyptian firstborn. But it is also a celebratory meal because it commemorates the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

Some of the commemorative food isn't tasty – bitter herbs, veggies dipped in salt water – but the celebratory meal is fantastic! Turkey, brisket, matzah ball soup and latkes (potato pancakes) were on the menu when I attended seder. Needless to say, no one left the house hungry.

For Christians, this entire week, starting last Sunday – Palm Sunday – is a time for reflection that ends in triumph. At many local churches, palm fronds were given to congregants in memory of Jesus' triumphant en-

try into Jerusalem. Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday (also known as "Spy Wednesday") are typically quiet. Things heat up on Maundy Thursday (tonight) and commemorate the Last Supper when Jesus dined with His Twelve Apostles. Some of the local churches will hold Last Supper recreations tonight and attending one is a good way to prepare one's heart for Easter.

Good Friday, tomorrow, is a time of sorrow when followers of Jesus witnessed Him being betrayed by Judas, condemned by Pontius Pilate and led through the streets to Golgotha dragging the cross on which He would be crucified. Ultimately, Jesus died upon the cross. At most Catholic churches, Good Friday services are three hours in duration – from noon to 3 p.m. – and, through prayer and under the direction of the priest, the Stations of the Cross are used to convey the journey of Jesus' last day on earth.

After the crucifixion, Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and, because the Sabbath was approaching, quickly laid in a tomb. Holy Saturday is a day of anticipation for Jesus' followers.

On Easter Sunday, also known as Resurrection Sunday, it is revealed that the tomb in which Jesus was laid is empty, and his followers celebrate the resurrection of which He spoke.

In many homes, Easter is a day of feasting to celebrate the end of the Lenten fast.

Regarding Easter eggs: there really is no religious attachment to them other than they represent new life. There are no references in the Bible regarding coloring eggs although their appearance can be found throughout history.

To be honest, I don't feel that I have prepared my heart for the Easter celebration in years. Yes, I've prepared the Easter meal and gotten the Easter candy, but this year I think I will take the time to invest my heart and soul in preparing for Resurrection Sunday. For Christians, it is one of the biggest celebrations of the faith. If Jesus was willing to die on a cross for us, shouldn't we be willing to spend some time acknowledging that sacrifice?

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"God writes not in the Bible alone, but also on trees and in the flowers and clouds and stars." ~ Martin Luther

Early Monday morning the Santa Ana winds began gusting across the Crescenta Valley. Not only were the skies swept clear but temperatures also began to rise. Until then, the remnants, i.e. clouds, of last week's storms lingered on, seemingly for our visual enjoyment. Those in winter, and now spring, have appeared bigger, billowier and more beautifully amazing than ever before. The nature of clouds is often an indicator of impending as well as current weather. Meteorologists are on 24-hour watch, watching either from the ground looking up or from satellites looking down.

With winds as the paintbrush and clouds the medium, upon their canvas – the earth – a priceless masterpiece is created. There is science behind the beauty ...

A typical cumulus cloud is about 3,280 feet across and usually roughly cubical, so is 3,280 feet long and 3,280 feet tall as well. At maximum capacity, before a rainstorm, a typical cumulus cloud weighs in at 1.1 million pounds. To be politically correct, the equivocal would be 100 elephants or 2,500 donkeys!

Interestingly, a cloud is less dense than dry air, so it floats. How so? The trillions of tiny water droplets in a single cloud spread out over a very large space. These droplets are so small that it takes approximately one million to make one raindrop. Updrafts of warm air aid in keeping clouds afloat as well.

Cloudless skies and mild temperatures are predicted for Easter sunrise services, Easter egg hunts and Passover festivities. Inland Valley may reach 80s while clear-by-noon fog is expected along the coastline. The formation of a storm to arrive next Friday is under watchful eye.

May the "March miracle" continue on to April showers...



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"Happy Easter"

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The office of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #101, will open at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 30.

HOP DOWN TO FOOTHILL FOR CLEAN UP DAY

The 2018 Foothill Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. This volunteer community service day provides the opportunity for students, families, service organizations, businesses and other groups to do some "spring cleaning" on Foothill Boulevard, aka La Crescenta's "Main Street." Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and to bring work gloves.

For more information, contact Glendale Clean & Beautiful at (818) 415-7104, email contact@KeepGlendaleBeautiful.org, or visit the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce website at www.CrescentaValleyChamber.org.

To sign up to be a volunteer, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ybrc8l9v>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

Share the outdoors at the next "open gate" event at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. ... no fooling! This is a chance to visit the Rosemont Preserve to wander the trail, enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Participate in the Rosemont Biodiversity Project and become a citizen scientist!

Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions.

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, La Crescenta, and then walk north two blocks to enter the Rosemont Preserve. Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes to walk the trail.

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

Rain cancels.

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

BOOK SALE AT LA CRESCENTA LIBRARY

The Friends of La Crescenta Library will be holding it April book sale in the meeting room at the La Crescenta Library. There are plenty of pre-read books at next to nothing prices that need a good home. A "members only" presale (may join at the door) takes place on Friday, April 6 from 3 p. to 7 p.m. and the public is invited on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find a great deal and support the library at the same time!

La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta.

Thousands Turn Out for Burbank March



By Julie BUTCHER

Local March organizer Carly Gilmore planned and prepared for an estimated 500 participants, but when the March for Our Lives started on Saturday down the Chandler bike path in Burbank, one of an estimated 846 marches worldwide, thousands joined in. There were so many people participating – kids, big and little, teachers, parents, and members of the community concerned about gun violence – that the "march" stopped at both ends so marchers could turn around to walk in the opposite direction.

News crews and police estimates put the crowd at more than 4,000 by the end of the day.

"Just look at these two," one dad said, juggling a baby and a toddler. "They're why I'm here today. To me, this is not blue or red. It's not political. It just makes common sense to protect our children from guns and gun violence in practical, sensible ways."

Greeting a student of hers with surprise, a Luther Burbank Middle School teacher exclaimed, "He's in seventh grade! I'm so glad he's out here. And this next group here," she pointed to the next flank in a continuously flowing group of slow walking demonstrators, "these are teachers and students from Bret Harte Elementary. We're here because we care about our kids, all of them. And they've asked us to support them. It's what we need to do; and I couldn't be more proud to do it."

"This issue, these kids, it's what I've been waiting for, for what, 50, 55 years? Let's call it gun control, shall we? I want these damn guns controlled and I want it now," exclaimed a Sherman Oaks retiree carrying a sign that read, "Amend that Amendment."

"Lacey" from Studio City, a senior at CSUN, said, "It is so important to be here, to stand with the Parkland kids, all the kids, for peace, and for an end to all gun violence. That's why I'm here today."

Cookies and speakers marked the end of the march. Local congressman Adam Schiff was greeted by the crowd chanting, "Thank you, Adam!" Youth organizers, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, and State Senator Anthony Portantino also addressed the large, peaceful rally.

From her front lawn at the corner of Chandler Boulevard and Keystone Street, just across the street from Edison Elementary School, Krista Kline welcomed and waved to the marchers.

"Look at them!" she said. "This renews my faith in human nature and in the future. It gives me hope."



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What's Coming – Empty Buildings Raise Speculation



By Charly SHELTON

Rocky Cola Café closed in December 2012. Today the building stands empty and every few months new rumors start circulating about what's to be done with the property. From proposed new restaurants to changes in business styles, there is no shortage of theories. In fact, there are several empty storefronts in Montrose Shopping Park that give rise to the same kind of speculation as to what they will become.

The most prominent vacancy is the former Rocky Cola Café building, 2201 Honolulu Ave. Although it doesn't currently have a business operating inside, it is under lease, which means that some don't consider it vacant.

"There is a lease there and they are going through permitting processes and are scheduled for a hearing," said Jackie Bartlow, Economic Development coordinator for the City of



Glendale.

According to the City of Glendale Planning Projects Map, the permitting applied for includes a parking reduction from a full service restaurant to a fast food restaurant requirement, and two Administrative Use Permits – one for a fast food restaurant operation and the other for a full bar service license.

Further down the boulevard, the site of the former Montrose Bakery Café at 2325 Honolulu

Ave. is in the process of becoming a new restaurant called The Pink Pig.

"Pink Pig is dealing with some state code issues and so once [the business owner] works through those, then he will go through the city's process," Bartlow said.

The other prominent vacancy is the former site of Landry's Sporting Goods at 2271 Honolulu Ave. And they are officially vacant.

"We subscribe to a real estate search called Costar Properties," said Jennifer Hiramoto, principal Economic Development officer with the City of Glendale. "So based on Costar, 2271 Honolulu Ave. is the only available site listed that is vacant in Montrose."

While these vacant and in-progress storefronts can stir up a lot of discussion, they are – overall – minimal in the face of all the bustling businesses in Montrose.

"In terms of the bigger picture, if you look at Glendale as a

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whole, the retail vacancy rate is 1.7%. That's extraordinarily low," Hiramoto said. "And when you zero-in on Montrose, that rate according to Costar is 0%. So obviously there is one building that we just identified, but

Montrose Shopping Park and its businesses are very vibrant and are doing extremely well. And we look forward to the new additions that they'll be bringing with Pink Pig and at the former Rocky Cola site."

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in 2008, which ushered in years of numerous high density luxury apartments sprouting up throughout the downtown area.

At the March 13 city council meeting, the director of Community Development Philip Lanzafame stated that a comprehensive study of the possible removal or modification of current incentives would take at least a year to complete.

Najarian, who campaigned on

a record of voting against large projects throughout the city, has had a mixed record throughout his tenure voting in favor of a number of projects in 2011 – Verdugo Gardens, Laemmler Lofts, Legendary Towers and Lex on Orange – and voted against similar projects in 2013 and beyond including Altana apartments, Onyx Glendale and Modera Glendale.

Sinayan stood as the sole member to vote against the moratorium, describing it as too broad and potentially harming well-intended projects.

"Clearly there are concerns by residents, there are concerns by council members, including me," Sinayan said. "I'm not sure this is the proper way to deal with [them]. There has to be a way to use a fine tool as opposed to a sledgehammer."

Councilmember Zareh

GPD Training Takes to the Skies



On Wednesday, March 28, the Glendale Police Dept. conducted training in the skies surrounding the downtown Glendale area. The Glendale police helicopter was used to transport officers to the helicopter pads located atop some of the city's tallest buildings. The

training allowed officers and pilots to become familiar with this unique style of officer deployment.

The training took place between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

TREES from Cover

didn't have much time to react," she added. "[The tree] caught her right across her thighs but, if she hadn't moved back those two steps, she would have been underneath the tree," she said.

At that point, Walsh, her children and other neighbors who had come out to the street went into emergency response. The woman began to scream as she was trapped under the large limb. Walsh called for someone to call 911. She kept asking the woman her name but she didn't answer.

"She just kept screaming to get the [tree] off of her," Walsh said.

The falling tree had also swallowed another tree in the area as it fell. Walsh said if they had not seen the whole event play out they may not have seen the woman at all.

Walsh's husband grabbed a pillow and some water, anything to make the woman comfortable,

while they waited for Glendale paramedics.

"They tried to use a jack to move the tree [off of her] but it didn't work," Walsh said. Other attempts at freeing the woman included several neighbors trying to lift it off of her, but nothing worked. Walsh said in hindsight that was probably a good thing because the limb may have acted as a tourniquet.

GFD Engines 29 and 28 arrived and worked to free the woman. They stabilized her and transported her to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Since the incident, Walsh said her children are having a difficult time getting over what they witnessed. They are concerned for the woman and worried that another tree may come down.

"The City [of Glendale] has determined the tree is in Glendale Open Space. The City

will consult with an arborist," said Tom Lorenz, spokesman for the City.

As of press time the city was not certain why the tree fell.

The tree that fell, as well as other trees in the area, is a concern for Walsh and her neighbors, she said.

"We have over 36 oak trees [on our property], half are leaning and we aren't allowed to do anything about it," she said.

Walsh added that she heard from some pedestrians that they don't walk on her side of the street for fear of the trees. She said she and her husband have been in touch with the city and an arborist to find out what they can do but, because of the Indigenous Tree Ordinance, there are restrictions.

"We love the trees," she said. "But it is frustrating."

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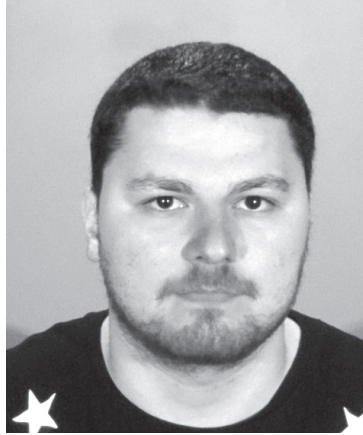
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GPD Surveillance Leads to Two Arrests

On Thursday, March 22, Glendale police narcotics detectives initiated surveillance on a suspected prescription pill dealer in the City of Glendale. During surveillance, detectives observed Jofreh Davtian and Boris Mkhitarian engage in a narcotics transaction with an individual who had driven from Orange County to purchase narcotics from Mkhitarian and Davtian. Detectives detained all parties and recovered \$400 in cash on Mkhitarian's person and a 100-count bottle of Alprazolam (Xanax).



Detectives authored and were granted a search warrant for Davtian's residence located in the northwest portion of Glendale. The search revealed a converted garage where Davtian lived. Within one of the walls of the garage was a makeshift hidden compartment that contained three boxes of the

infamous opiate based narcotic syrup Promethazine w/codeine. A total of (25) 473 ML bottles were recovered and were determined to be pharmacy grade supply. In addition, a large sum of U.S. currency was recovered from a safe and additional pill bottle of Alprazolam (Xanax).

Mkhitarian was arrested on suspicion of sales of Alprazolam

(Xanax) and Davtian was arrested on suspicion of sales of a controlled substance. Both were booked at the Glendale City jail.

Alprazolam (XANAX) is a Schedule IV controlled substance that is widely abused by all ages. In the City of Glendale in particular, young children and young adults are abusing the drug. This in turn has

led to the abuse of much more potent controlled substances such as opiate based narcotics like Vicodin, Norco, OxyContin, and Promethazine w/codeine. Many of these opiate-based pharmaceutical drugs have led to the use of illicit opiates like heroin and Fentanyl. This trend continues to grow and often leads to overdose and death.

Obituary

John Lockwood Hales

Aug. 27, 1940 – Feb. 28, 2018



John Lockwood Hales, M.D. passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 21. He was 82 years of age.

Dr. Hales practiced anesthesiology at Saint Joseph Medical Center for 38 years and was beloved by patients, medical staff and fellow physicians. He was instrumental in starting the first open heart surgery program at Saint Joseph. In addition to his dedication to his medical practice, Dr. Hales was known for his energy and zest for life. He valued his family and many friendships and loved to serve and mentor whenever he saw the opportunity.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marilyn Brimhall Hales, five children, 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Crescenta where Dr. Hales was a longtime member and served as bishop of his congregation for five years.

BAKER from Cover

expected time by over 20 minutes.”

The team came in 45 overall out of 275 teams and placed fourth within their district/category of a division of 300 employees or less.

He added the toughest part typically about the race is the

weather. There was no way to train for the cold and the snow but he said he is ready for next year's relay.

Lt. Mark Slater, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.-Crescenta Valley Station, knows how the

weather can change during the Relay. He has run the race 13 times in the past.

“One year I ran at 2 a.m. and we got snow,” he said.

CV Station partnered with Altadena Station this year for

their leg of the Baker to Vegas Relay. Slater said the planning that goes into participating in the Relay is intensive and includes support personnel that each team brings with them, and the officers and traffic control that has to be in place for teams to run on highways and through Las Vegas.

Each team has a strong support group that follows in vehicles, making sure there is enough water for runners and keeping everything on schedule.

“It is amazing what it takes to put on this race,” said Slater.

Torley added it was nice to meet with fellow law enforcement members and talk about what they have in common, seeing their differences and similarities. Slater was able to spend some time with fellow officers from New York City.

The recent race was intense but that didn't seem to deter anyone.

“That's the fun part,” Slater said. “It starts in the afternoon and ends in the morning.”

CRIME BLOTTER

March 23

5500 block of Alta Canyon Road in La Cañada, a man reported while he was in his home he heard his wife yelling. He ran outside and witnessed a suspect, described as a male Hispanic, 30 to 35 years old, 6'1" to 6'2" tall and weighing about 250 lbs., was standing next to his vehicle. It appeared the suspect was attempting to open the resident's car door. He yelled at the suspect who fled the area in a white older model Chevrolet pickup truck. The truck was described as having market wheels, clear tail light lenses and peeling paint along the truck bed and tailgate.

The incident occurred at 2:40 p.m.

March 22

900 block of Coral Way in La Cañada, the rear passenger window was shattered and a purse with personal information was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

5500 block of Terrace Drive in La Crescenta, a resident received an email from Amazon stating that it had delivered a package to her home. When she arrived at home the package was gone.

The theft occurred between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

2000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a man reported that he was working as a volunteer at the church and was in charge of taking the collection. The donations were put in a basket that he placed on the piano in the chapel. The man

took some items to a storage closet and when he returned the collection basket was missing.

The theft occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

March 21

1500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a five-piece wicker patio furniture set and a four-piece black iron patio furniture was stolen from a business overnight.

March 19

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a four-by-four foot glass window was broken at a church. It appeared the window was broken by a rock that was thrown at it. The rock was found inside the church.

The vandalism occurred overnight.



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The Montrose Vietnam War Memorial

For 50 years now, a solitary volunteer has each day carefully swept the ground around the Vietnam War Memorial, tended the flowers planted there, and taken care of the American flag that flies over the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in the Montrose Shopping Park. That spot, with its open area and benches, has become a community center of sorts, a gathering spot. Kids eat ice cream, teenagers sell goodies for fundraisers, musicians play tunes and pass the hat, protesters gather with homemade signs, politicians make speeches at the yearly Memorial Day event, and shoppers, dog walkers and parents with strollers pass each other, all enjoying our beautiful Montrose. Most don't read the words on the memorial in the center, and even fewer read the names there. How that monument came to be is a story of a community pulled together by tragedy.

In 1968, America was deeply and violently divided over the war in Vietnam. Seemingly half the country strongly supported our military mission there while the other half strongly felt it was misguided and immoral, and our society convulsed with the struggles between the two camps. Caught in the middle were our young men who joined our military, or were drafted, and did their best in the face of a determined enemy. They answered their country's call, and all too often gave their lives. Our own small community had been traumatized by the loss of six young men in Vietnam by early 1968. There was no outlet for our grief and no place where those men could be mourned. The community leaders of Montrose recognized that need and, in February 1968, put together a plan for a memorial in the center of Montrose. They called on it to be built by the community with small donations and local labor. The cause was championed and

coordinated through our local paper at the time, the Ledger. A total cost for a monument and flagpole, along with six memorial plaques, was put at \$1,000 and in February the call was put out for donations. Before a month had passed, the goal had been reached. Individuals, community groups, churches, businesses and elementary school classes were all sending in donations. Quickly the donations doubled again and kept streaming in until finally the paper had to put out a call to stop sending donations! It was clear that this monument was something that was desperately needed. Soon a design for the monument was penciled out by local architect Jack Simison and local builder Bob Genofile constructed the slab and base and erected the flagpole. On Flag Day, June 14, 1968, with the shot that killed Bobby Kennedy still ringing in our ears, our community came together to dedicate this monument.

In the years following, 18 more names were added, bringing the total to 24 local boys lost. It was, as far as we know, the first such monument in the U.S. dedicated to the sacrificed lives in the conflict in Vietnam. Although that war is becoming a historical side-note to the younger generation, to those who were alive during it, the memory is often still an open wound. But no matter how we felt about that war, it's the memory of these 24 men that is important. There is a sentiment that although we die in the traditional sense when we cease to breathe, we truly die when someone speaks our name for the last time. Our true death comes when we are completely forgotten. Let's not ever forget the 24 men whose names are on that memorial. They lived here in our peaceful valley but died violently in a foreign place far away. In the next few weeks leading up to the 50th anniversary of

the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial in June, I will bring you brief biographies of each of these men. When you are at the flagpole in Montrose, eating ice cream, watching happy shoppers, you can look at the names on the plaques there and you will finally know who they were. You will remember them and they will be kept alive in your hearts.



Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applauds Schiff

Congressman Adam Schiff is thorough and thoughtful in identifying the risks and offering guidance for President Trump's meeting with Kim Jong-Un to discuss North Korea's denuclearization ("A High Stakes Gamble by the President on North Korea," March 22). Mr. Trump, already counterproductively impulsive and bellicose (Rep. Schiff's words), has now made his inner circle even more extremely hawkish than it was just a week ago. The logical response must be for Congress to assert their Constitutional authority and remind Trump that the power to wage war rests with Congress alone. With this President we can't leave it up to a hope that he will agree with both Winston Churchill and Adam Schiff, that it is better to "jaw-jaw than to war-war."

Roberta Medford
Montrose

Thanks Extended to LCF Residents

Foothill MWD received an outstanding public response from customers refraining from outdoor water use to accommodate the inspection of an imported water pipeline. The inspection covered about 10,000 feet of pipeline starting near the Rose Bowl and ended in La Cañada Flintridge. From March 19 to March 23, a robot utilized high-definition cameras and electromagnetic sensors to measure the steel wall thickness of the pipe and log other data points as it traveled. "The results from the inspection will better inform our Capital Improvement Program moving forward," stated General Manager Nina Jazmadarian. "Ensuring the reliability of our pipelines through planned maintenance and rehabilitation will be less costly than an emergency repair." During the inspection, local

water agencies were unable to access normal imported water deliveries and relied upon local groundwater, water already stored at reservoirs throughout the City and a minimal amount of water from the City of Glendale. "The inspection is complete and customers can resume outdoor irrigation," stated Water Program Technician Dan Drugan. "However, residents should continue with water efficient practices. During these spring months, most landscape can be irrigated just once or twice a week. Now is a good time to check your irrigation timer settings to ensure optimal operation. Additionally, spring rain showers offer a great

opportunity to shut off the sprinklers for a few days." According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, most of California is experiencing abnormally dry-to-drought-like conditions. Southern California's water year, which runs from October 2017 to September 2018, is seeing one of its driest starts in decades. As of March 27, 2018, rainfall for the local area as recorded by the LA County - Descanso rain station totaled only 8.13 inches so far this season. "It's apparent that there could be a significant draw from water reserves to meet all demands in Southern

California this year," added Jazmadarian. "So while we thank our customers for their cooperation last week, we should continue to build on conservation as a way of life in the foothill area." Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill. Foothill MWD
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Lincoln Hosts Jogathon

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Lincoln Foundation annual jogathon was held on March 12 on the campus of Lincoln Elementary School. Students from each class ran for 20 minutes over the course of the day at assigned times. Despite off and on inclement weather, parent volunteers cooled down the runners by spraying them with water bottles as they made their way around the temporary track. Volunteers also helped set up, break down, and mark off completed laps on the backs of the runners.

Special thanks were extended to the Korean Parents Club for providing the fruit for the runners at the end of their jogathon, as they do every year, in addition to manning the water stations and distributing popsicles. According to Rachelle Miller, Lincoln Foundation co-president and jogathon emcee, the money collected from the jogathon will be used to benefit student programs at Lincoln.

"Foundation pays for the primary music program, classroom and schoolwide enhancements, individual classroom grants and grade level grants – field trips, guest speakers, and assemblies," said Miller.

Miller said that about \$24,000 has been collected thus far and money is still being collected through this



ABOVE: First grade teacher Melinda Burkhart with some of the students at the popsicle station.

BELOW: Avery Griffin rounds the curve.



ABOVE: Principal Williams, center front, gets ready to lead the way.
BELOW: Classroom assistant Miss Tai runs with Ashlynn Goldsworthy.



week.

To make a donation, checks can be made out to the Lincoln Foundation and dropped or mailed to the school

at 4310 New York Ave., La Crescenta.

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Rosemont Middle School Reflection Winners

Rosemont Reflection winners Nicholas Cabalo and Megan Lee were recently awarded and recognized throughout Glendale and, of these, 22 were recognized by the GUSD at a recent meeting. Megan's submission has advanced to the state level competition with results coming in May if she has advanced to the national level.

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SPORTS

Spartans Soccer Kicks Off with Dual Wins

By Brandon HENSLEY

With Rosemont Middle School having a dominant year in sports so far, it's now up to the boys' and girls' soccer teams to carry on the established dominance.

So far, so good. Both Spartans teams won Wednesday against Toll Middle School on Rosemont's field. The boys won 2-0 with a great defensive effort, something Coach Henrick Thamasian was proud of. Thamasian, who is in his second year as Rosemont's boys' coach, high-fived players and shook hands as they left with their parents. He was most happy with his team's effort.

"We had more strikers and midfielders dropping back and helping with the defense," he said. "That was good."

Thamasian noted that the games last season were all competitive, so even if Rosemont could boast a larger roster – over 40 for Rosemont, maybe half that for Toll – he knew the game would be close.

"The boys' games are always close," he said. "Every game we played last year was a one or two-goal difference. I knew

going in it would be tough, so we tried to start strong and then I could bring in my seventh graders."

Thamasian, who also coaches the JV girls at Crescenta Valley High School, said he had 48 seventh graders show up for tryouts, and 30 of them deserved to be on the team. He doesn't like cutting players because he believes in giving everyone an opportunity to compete.

The team hasn't had much practice in preparation for the season – four tryouts and three practices – and that means Thamasian recognizes he has to adapt his game plan, at least for now. He wants the Spartans to pass the ball quickly, and utilize the entire field. On defense, they must play together and "shrink" the field, so that it makes the opponent have fewer opportunities to penetrate and score.

"We don't have time to teach the skills right now. It's all about making the team work together," he said.

Both Rosemont teams are on the road next Thursday. Kickoff for the first game begins at 3:30 p.m.



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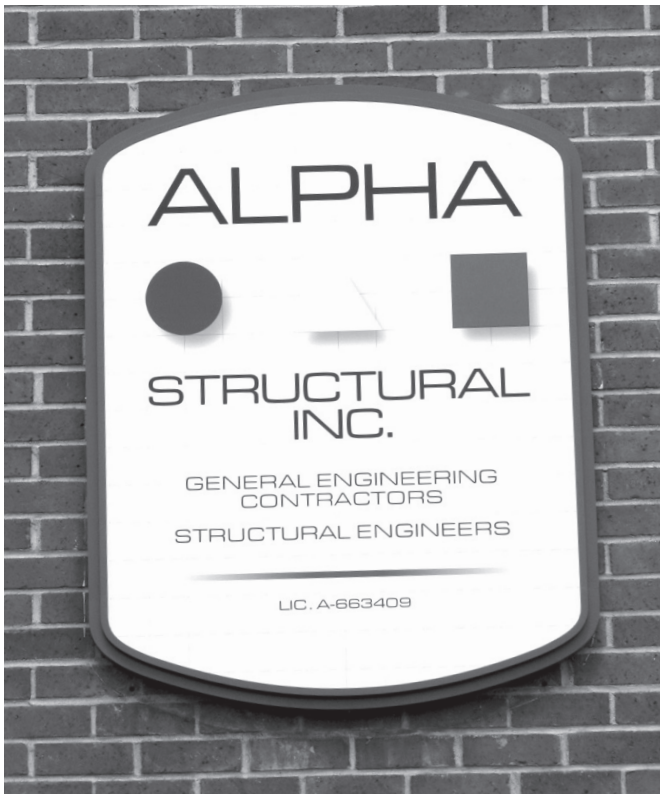
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By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Alpha Structural has moved west – and the community of Sunland-Tujunga welcomed the company’s arrival with open arms.

Alpha Structural, which has been based out of Eagle Rock for the majority of its 25 years, looked west to Sunland-Tujunga when deciding to expand its facilities.

“We were pretty tight at the other facility,” Ben Reinhart, VP of Marketing, said at the company’s ribbon cutting and grand opening held on Saturday at its new facilities at 8334 Foothill Blvd.

According to Reinhart, company founder David Tourjé knew that many of the company’s 130 employees lived in the foothills and surrounding areas and kept that in mind when searching to expand his business. When he drove by the long-closed Security Pacific

bank building, he knew he found the business’ new home.

In addition to building a thriving engineering contracting firm, Tourjé is also an artist and, according to Reinhart, brought that passion to the new building. During a tour of the new facilities, Reinhart pointed to several art pieces that Tourjé created.

“Art is his passion,” he said, “and he transferred that passion to the business.” Not only is the new building structurally sound, it is also aesthetically pleasing.

Several local residents checking out the new home for Alpha Structural voiced their pleasure at the revamped facility.

“This looks like an awesome place to work,” said Vick Madenian of Sunland. “It looks like a very trendy place.”

Madenian added that the care and respect that Alpha Structural has for the community was apparent in

the way that the remodel was handled.

“David tried to honor the community by restoring many aspects of the building,” he said pointing to a vintage Security Pacific sign that he refurbished and installed on an interior wall near the entrance to the building.

In addition to the many office spaces, Alpha Structural now boasts a full kitchen and game room open to staff members and their family. A throwback to an early project – the building of a bridge in Malibu in the late ’90s – is found in the installation of a beam from the bridge in one of the common areas. Photos from that massive installation can also be found displayed on the company walls.

The transformation from an abandoned bank building to a state-of-the-art structural engineering contractor firm took about six months and Tourjé oversaw the entire job, according to Reinhart.

While that level of attention might be surprising to some, Reinhart said that is the foundation that Alpha Structural is built on, whether tackling commercial or residential projects.

“We make sure to deliver what the homeowner or business owner wants and needs,” he said.

To learn more about Alpha Structural, Inc. visit www.alphastructural.com.

LEFT: Alpha Structural can now be found in Sunland-Tujunga.

ABOVE: Among the additions that the bigger facility provides is a game room for staff members and their families.

BELOW: Tools belonging to founder David Tourjé are on display.



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Celebrating Easter

On April 1, Christians will be celebrating Easter, the day on which the resurrection of Jesus is said to have taken place. The date of celebration changes from year to year.

The reason for this variation is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. So, in 2019, Easter will be celebrated on April 21, and on April 12 in 2020. Easter, which falls in close proximity to another key point in the solar year: the vernal equinox (around March 20), when there are equal periods of light and darkness. For those in northern latitudes, the coming of spring is often met with excitement, as it means an end to the cold days of winter.

Spring also means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world. Given the symbolism of new life and rebirth, it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this time of the year.

Reprinted in part from an article by Brent Landau, lecturer in Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin



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March 31 Holy Saturday (No Morning Masses)
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April 1 Easter Sunday Masses
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Celebrating Easter & Spring 2018

The meaning of Easter –the resurrection of Jesus Christ – gives believers the opportunity to examine their faith while celebrating the “Good News.” Throughout the Crescenta Valley, many local churches and houses of faith open their doors to extend a special invitation to the community to come together and celebrate this special holiday.

The Parable of the Butterfly

By Ralph F. Wilson

As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, “You’ll never get me up in one of those things.” Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you’d think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead.

But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully-formed butterfly emerges. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colors to the bright blossoms. .

Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection. On Easter morning the disciples saw Jesus’ graveclothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has left to soar free. “He is risen as He said,” an angel told the incredulous disciples. Later that day he appeared to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even “Doubting Thomas” didn’t doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead.

A few weeks ago I lost a friend who had become dear to me. Where she had been so full of life, now her body lay still, composed ever-so-carefully by the morticians. I looked at her and thought about my own mortality. One day I too, like her, may fight a losing battle with pain, and die.

What do we Christians say in the face of death? There are many mysteries. But two things we know for sure. First, death is an enemy. Away with the sentimentality that vainly seeks to disguise death’s insult! But second, and more important, Jesus’ resurrection from the grave is God’s proof to us that death is not the end. The empty tomb and Jesus’ Spirit within us testify that Easter morning is God’s triumph over death. And ultimately, Jesus promised, God will raise from the dead us who believe in His Son.

Why do Christians gather on Easter morning? To show off their fine clothes or give a ritual tip of the hat to religion? God forbid! Rather we gather to celebrate Jesus’ victory over death itself. For since He is our Lord and our Savior, His victory is our victory. In celebrating His resurrection we celebrate our own assurance of ultimate triumph over death.

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For their annual train adventure, Eric Kruegermann and Ivan Tyler, both freshmen at CV High School (pictured in front of the Amtrak station Portland, Oregon), rode the Coast Starlight from Portland to Burbank. They enjoyed staying in the sleeper car at night and the observation car during the day for this 32-hour train trip, enjoying every second of it.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

Veterans Corner March 2018

VA Education Benefits Changes

By Blake HYFIELD

This article is an extract from a recent Veterans Affairs posting on its website.

The VA sent an email on Feb. 1 to students eligible for VA educational benefits informing them that they no longer have a time limit to use these post-9/11 benefits:

"This email is to make you aware that you may be impacted by recent legislation, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48, Section 112), commonly known as the 'Forever GI Bill.' This law removes the time limit for using the Post-9/11 GI Bill for certain veterans and dependents. If you are currently using your education benefits, please be aware

that letters produced by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs' (VA) automated systems may incorrectly advise you that you have an end date to use your benefits. We are working to update our automated systems in order to resolve this issue in the coming months.

"Individuals who no longer have a time limit to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill:

- Veterans with a last discharge or release from active duty on or after Jan. 1, 2013, provided such discharge was from a period of service of at least 90 days in length.

- Spouses utilizing transfer of entitlement (TOE) benefits when the transferor has a last discharge or release from active duty on or after Jan. 1, 2013, provided such discharge was from a period of service of at least 90 days in length.

- Children of deceased service members who first became entitled

to the Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry scholarship on or after Jan. 1, 2013.

- Any spouse entitled to the Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship."

Additionally, the VA recently updated its website advising opportunities for veterans to potentially restore and utilize their educational benefits. This would apply to those student veterans whose benefits were wasted at schools that abruptly closed to seek restoration of those benefits.

For additional information about eligibility or to apply for benefit restoration, please visit the following VA website:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/restoration.asp>.

Blake Hyfield is the post service officer for the local VFW and American Legion posts. He can be reached at bhpegleg@yahoo.com.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

King Tut Has Limited Engagement at California Science Center

By Charly SHELTON

“Come for my soul, you wardens of the sky! May it see my corpse, may it rest on my mummy, which will never be destroyed or perish.” ~ Spell 89, *Egyptian Book of the Dead*

The Egyptians were great believers in the afterlife. Those who could afford it were buried in ornate tombs filled with lavish stores of food, weapons, servants and texts to use in the next world, and then sealed inside. The Egyptian Book of the Dead was the key among all texts buried with the deceased because it was a guidebook to the underworld. It not only told the path of how to get there, but also had spells and tricks to help one pass the ultimate tests to prove a soul's worthiness. Like the Grail Diary from “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade,” it told the reader when to kneel, when to fight and when to rise in glory, using bits of scripture as spells. This indispensable book has been found in tombs across Egypt, and now serves as a guidebook to illustrate the treasures of the most well-known Egyptian pharaoh – King Tutankhamun.

At the grand opening of the exhibit at the California Science Center, Dr. Zahi Hawass, Egyptologist and former minister of state for Antiquities Affairs, spoke about the find, now nearly 100 years after its discovery, and the legacy of Tutankhamun. Dr. Hawass has written 12 books on the life of Tutankhamun and is continuing to work in the Valley



Photos by Charly SHELTON

Over 150 artifacts are featured in the exhibit “King Tut: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh” currently at the California Science Center.

of the Kings where the tomb was found. Dr. Hawass even teased out the possibility of some news coming very soon from one of his digs in the Valley of the Kings. But most importantly he wanted to express that Tut is always available in Egypt, and the country welcomes the world's visitors with open arms.

“Since he came here in 2005, there've been lots of things happening with King Tut. We found out that he had a tutor to teach him; we didn't know this before. [Through] his DNA and a CT scan we found his family; I found the mummy of his father and the mummy of his mother. Also through a CT scan I found out how he died; he was not murdered. All these new things add to our knowledge that this king is unique.

Every year there is something new about him,” Dr. Hawass said. “This exhibit is important because it will tell the people in LA that Egypt is safe, this is the message that Tutankhamen is here for. We need people to come back because it is safe. When Americans come and they see my excavation in the Valley of the Kings, this will encourage people to go home and tell the world that Egypt is safe, and that is why King Tut is in town.”

“King Tut: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh” debuted at the California Science Center last week as the kick-off to the centenary world tour, leading up to the actual 100th anniversary on Nov. 4, 2022. The treasures will be in Los Angeles until Jan. 6, 2019,

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From Beethoven to Sorabji: White Traverses Extremes of the Piano

By Néstor CASTIGLIONE

It could be argued that Beethoven's art exploded like a dazzling supernova in the musical firmament, his art spreading disparate elements far and wide that eventually would coalesce into various independent and clashing galaxies.

The nebula in which the music of Kaikhosru Sorabji (1892 – 1988) inhabits is a solitary and forbidding one, dimly lit by the most esoteric tendencies of late Beethoven, Liszt and Busoni.

Despite his attractive post-Scriabenesque idiom, Sorabji remains beyond the reach of all but the most die-hard pianophiles. The composer's self-imposed seclusion and decades-long ban on performances of his work bears some of the blame. But the sheer echorrhea of his scores, their length analogous only, perhaps, to the films of Béla Tarr or certain novels by William Gaddis, are unlike anything else in music and preclude wider popularity.

His most famous work, “Opus Clavicembalisticum” from 1930, is an exhaustive and exhausting exploration of the grammar of pianistic expression, pouring out in an unbroken torrent lasting approximately five hours. A comparative miniature next to later scores, such as the “Sequentia cyclica super Dies irae” and the “Organ Symphony No. 3,” each clocking in at seven and eight-and-a-half hours respectively.

But a very niche band of pianists brave the dangers of his music. Even delight in it.

“I grew up obsessed with piano music of exceptional difficulty,” pianist Brendan White recounted recently.

White will be performing the composer's “Djâmi,” an early work lasting about 20 minutes, next Wednesday at the Glendale Noon Concerts. The piece is one which he has singled out as a favorite and will be his first public performance of the composer's music.

“He said that he was very proud of this work. It is a kind of a halfway step in what he called the ‘perfumed garden night’ atmosphere he cultivated, a fantasy of Middle Eastern sound.”

White said that among the challenges a pianist must face with Sorabji is compelling listeners to ignore the legend and notoriety of its creator, and instead focus on the music.

“[Sorabji's music] is a whole different kind of psychic landscape. [It's] almost like it has something socially maladjusted about it. A performer has to get beyond the notes,” White said. “Sorabji inhabits an island of his own. That's what he wanted.”

But White does find parallels and influences from Beethoven's “Piano Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Op. 111,” the composer's last essay in the genre. He'll be performing that work at a Music at Noon concert in Pasadena on Wednesday, April 11.

“I actually think of Beethoven's Op. 111 as inhabiting a pretty similar atmosphere of [Sorabji's] music. It has this quality of sounding as if it emerged from deep within the composer's mental landscape. It's also the work of a recluse, albeit not a self-imposed one, as Beethoven was by this time totally deaf. I think it's incredible that he could dig deep within himself and create something so sublime.”

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THEN & NOW | SW Rosemont Foothil

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » This charming barn-style house stood for decades at the southwest corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The house was first owned by a lawyer by the name of Fisher in the '20s and '30s. In the '40s, the Atwater family lived there. Their story was tragic as the father died in an auto accident in Wyoming where the family owned a vacation home. His death was followed in succession by the death of the mother and the daughter, both in separate car crashes, leaving Buddy Atwater the sole survivor of the family. The home was an antique store in the '80s, and was abandoned through the '90s.



Now » The quant little home was demolished in 2001 and this office building was erected in its place. Several other office buildings over the years have taken the place of charming little structures along Foothill.

St. Patrick's Day at the Tam

By Charly SHELTON

Saturday was St. Patrick's Day and that meant food, drink and music, all of which were found in abundance at Tam O'Shanter on Los Feliz. As one of LA's oldest restaurants, the Scottish pub set in an English Tudor-style cottage is steeped in history, and one can feel the age as soon as the threshold is crossed. The old-fashioned pub, with dark wood panels and deeply recessed alcove seating, is the perfect setting for a traditional St. Pat's celebration. The carving station served up mounds of corned beef and brisket, boiled cabbage and roasted potatoes to delighted celebrants throughout the day and into the evening. And, while the bar had all manner of spirits, on the most Irish day of the year Guinness and Irish whiskey

reigned supreme.

Outside in the parking lot, a festival area was set up underneath a giant tent that served as the concert space. The house band, The Ploughboys, played into the evening and then Whiskey Sunday took over for the night shift. And, of course, there were two bar stations so nobody had to look too far for their next Guinness. For VIP ticket holders, the work-in-progress patio area was a private refuge to get a drink and take a break from the hundreds of people who descended on the festival and a chance to get a peek at the project. The patio will be completed later this month and will embody the spirit of the original patio, which was put in place in the 1930s, then demolished to create a driveway some 40 years later, while updating the space to be



comfortable for modern diners.

I've been to every Irish pub in LA over the past few years and I can confidently say that

this is the best St. Patrick's Day party in LA. When it's time to make plans for next year, I suggest Tam O'Shanter.

For more info on upcoming events, visit TamOShanter.com.

Vaughan Williams' "Sixth" Addresses New

By Néstor CASTIGLIONE

In 1948, English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams was riding high upon the crest of international fame. His "Sixth Symphony" had been premiered by Sir Adrian Boult that April and the work immediately seized the public's imagination on both sides of the Atlantic, garnering over a hundred performances in the following year – a remarkable achievement even then for a living composer.

"This is music that will take its place with the greatest creations of the masters," Leopold Stokowski confidently declared before its New York City premiere.

Yet nearly 70 years later, the score and Vaughan Williams' reputation has dwindled significantly in America.

Andrew Manze, currently recording a cycle of the composer's symphonies for the Onyx label,

will be performing the "Sixth Symphony" this weekend with the Los Angeles Philharmonic – the first time the orchestra has performed it since 1981.

Dr. Byron Adams, professor of musicology at UC Riverside and a distinguished composer in his own right, is one of the international authorities on British music and on Vaughan Williams in particular. His work in this regard has earned him the profound admiration and respect of many, including the composer's widow, Ursula Vaughan Williams.

Dr. Adams talked about this symphony in a recent interview and why we may be seeing the beginnings of an American Vaughan Williams renaissance today.

Crescenta Valley Weekly: Can you give our readers an idea of just how popular Vaughan Williams was with the American public in the mid-20th century? Why, with

the exception of one or two works, has he been largely ignored here since his death in 1958?

Byron Adams: It's interesting to hear about [Eduard] van Beinum's assistant [at the Los Angeles Philharmonic, John Barnett] performing this work shortly before Vaughan Williams' death. He had many [American] champions at that time. Dimitri Mitropoulos, who recorded the "Fourth Symphony," was one. When Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic inaugurated Avery Fisher Hall, Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music" was included in the program. When he visited here in 1934 and 1954, his lectures gained national attention. He went to Cornell, Bryn Mawr, Eastman School of Music, University of Michigan, UCLA, and UC Santa Barbara. Stravinsky was very honored, for example, when Vaughan Williams came to sit next to him at the premiere of the former's "Canticum Sacrum." Of course he hated it – he turned off his hearing aid after the first movement.

What did eclipse his reputation were several things.

One was the rise of propaganda on behalf of Benjamin Britten. There was also the ascendancy of Boulez and serialism. Vaughan Williams' music seemed [to his critics] like the most conservative thing in the world.

The other thing is that Vaughan Williams meant so much to the British during [World War II]. But when the war was over, they didn't want to think about the war anymore. They wanted to move past that. So their major young conductors didn't take it up.

[The British] are also very insular and that's the next thing that happened. They want him recognized as a great composer but, at the same time, they want to control everything about [his reception]. They have this feeling that only British people can understand his music. This is nonsensical.

The final obstacle is the immense amount of badly performed Mahler that has a stranglehold on the American repertoire.

CVW: You mention this "Mahlerization" of the contemporary symphonic repertoire. Do you believe the rise of Mahler has marginalized composers whose works function and express themselves very differently?

BA: Absolutely! Vaughan Williams was determined not to [follow Austro-German expectations of how music ought to sound and operate]. He had an ambivalent relationship to Beethoven, for example... But German influence was overwhelming in England and America. Take [former Los Angeles Times music critic] Martin Bernheimer. He hated British and French music. You couldn't even perform Ravel here. Ravel! Some composers have escaped this. Stravinsky, for example. Even then he retained his prestige by experimenting with serialism, thereby earning Boulez's good graces and all that. Vaughan Williams, on the other hand, could have cared less for fashion.

The other problem is American critical discourse around the terms "pastoral" or "pastoralism," which have been often associated with Vaughan Williams, and which, for Americans, means something spineless, pretty, limp, lax... But the "Sixth" has nothing to do with [any of that]. [His] music really belongs with the modern masters. Vaughan Williams was always forward-looking... You have [here] an important modernist composer.

CVW: When critic Frank Howe declared that the work was a war symphony, the composer crankily replied to the effect that the "Sixth" was pure music. What are your thoughts on the alleged subtext of this score?

BA: Howe got things right, but Vaughan Williams rejected that. Except, in fact, its scherzo was about the bombing of the Café de Paris [in London] during the Blitz.

Ursula Vaughan Williams told me that personally. A jazz band led by Ken "Snakehips" Johnson was obliterated in that bombing. That bombing was a wound that has persisted in the British imagination, it was seared into [their] memory of the Blitz.

CVW: Do you believe that there will be a resurgence of American interest in Vaughan Williams' music? And does his "Sixth" continue to be relevant today?

BA: I honestly believe that will happen over the next 20 years. I really do. Because the music is just too good.

Think of it – here was a composer who was an ambulance orderly in the First World War, who experienced the unbelievable horror and butchery of the trenches, was out at dusk to retrieve not just the dying, but as many body parts he could find to bury. Then he lives through another war. He bravely continues to teach even though at one point his train leaves Waterloo Station moments before it was bombed. He was someone born into relative comfort who subsequently experienced, totally and utterly, the range of warfare, the encroachment of fascism and totalitarianism, and responded to it as a great artist.

This is why I say that Vaughan Williams will become ever more relevant because he doesn't just console us, he warns. And this is an important aspect of his [art]. There is never any sense of easy consolation. If we want a better world, his music seems to say, we're going to have to work for it.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic under guest conductor Andrew Manze will perform Vaughan Williams' "Sixth Symphony" in a program with works by Bacewicz and Mozart at Walt Disney Hall (111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles) starting today, Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m. through Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. To obtain tickets and more information, visit www.laphil.com or call the Disney Hall box office at (323) 850-2000.

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and then head off to Europe for an eight-city tour. After the tour is over, the artifacts will return to Giza and be placed in the currently-under-construction Grand Egyptian Museum, where they will remain from then on. This is Tut's artifacts' farewell tour.

While Tutankhamun's mummy and iconic golden coffin aren't part of the exhibition, many of his grave goods are – more than ever before. Whereas the 1978 King Tut tour featured only 55 artifacts, this tour features more than 150 artifacts, 60 of which have never before left Egypt. It is honestly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the treasures of his tomb in LA.

From the Canopic jar topper (ritual jar to protect the removed liver) to board games to a recurved bow and a model boat, all of these artifacts were buried with Tut to help him through the underworld. Above each display, a spell from the Book of the Dead is associated with the artifact to show why this was interred and takes guests through Tut's journey, meeting some of the gods and monsters he encountered in the underworld. It's a unique and beautifully reverent way to showcase these treasures to a public largely unfamiliar with Egyptian burial practices.

At the grand opening, LA

Mayor Eric Garcetti commented on the nostalgia of Tut. Garcetti recounted his visit to see the exhibition in 1978 as an impactful moment for him and now, to have it back, he hopes it will come to influence young minds to appreciate the history of the boy king and of history overall.

"Perhaps it will inspire [a young girl who comes to the museum] to become an archaeologist, to follow in your footsteps, Dr. [Hawass], as a historian who first writes with a shovel as she excavates. Then a brush, as she moves the dust off a relic. And finally a pen, as she brings blurry history into sharp focus. This is the legacy – not just to see the wonderment of these incredible pieces of art," Mayor Garcetti said, "but it is also about the mark they will leave, long after those are gone, on our city and all those who walk through our doors."

The show is open now and runs through Jan. 6, 2019 at the California Science Center. Tickets are available online but a sell-out is anticipated, so tickets should be purchased soon. Be sure to see the accompanying "Mysteries of Egypt" IMAX film, which can be bundled into the Tut exhibition ticket for an extra \$5.50. It's worth it to get both.

For more info, visit CaliforniaScienceCenter.org.



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White also explained that the technical challenges in performing late Beethoven are some ways "harder" than Sorabji's.

"Essentially they're theoretical and even impossible as they can never sound as good as [Beethoven] may have imagined it. It comes down to that spiritual aspect of the work. He's not even concerned with the earthly in this music anymore. It's so personal yet greater than all of us."

Brendan White will be performing Sorabji's "Djâmi" along with Debussy's "Masques"

and "Pagodes" as part of the Glendale Noon Concerts series at the Glendale City Church (610 E. California St., corner with Isabel Street) on April 4 from 12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. He will follow this with a performance of Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Op. 111" on April 11 at Pasadena Presbyterian Church's (585 E. Colorado Blvd.) Music at Noon concerts. Admission at each of those concerts is free to the public. For more information, visit www.glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com or www.ppcmusic.org.

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The series of classes are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. through April 3 at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church cultural hall, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose. The cost for the 10-week series is \$90.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information call Dianne at (818) 445-2390.

JEWEL CITY KNITTING NEWS

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Scholl Canyon Estates, 1551 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale. Membership is free. Knitters, crocheters and those who wish to learn are welcome. For more information, visit www.jewelcityknitters.com or email susandietel@yahoo.com.

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit & Crochet on Saturday, April 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale (818) 548-2046. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation. For more information, visit www.jewelcityknitters.com or email sandra.canfield@yahoo.com.

RUSSIAN LEGENDS ON MUSIQUES ROSTER

The next presentation of Salon de Musiques is on April 8 and is titled, "Russian Legends." It is an exquisite program for strings and piano that will celebrate genius masters including Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin, Glazunov, Liadov, Napravnik and Shostakovich.

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Tickets are \$45 for students, and \$85 general admission that includes high tea buffet and drinks. To reserve a ticket, visit LeSalondeMusiques.com or call (310) 498-0257.

The performance takes place at 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, fifth floor, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

LEARNING ABOUT CHUMASH PEOPLE, MEDICINES

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Group presents James David Adams, associate professor of pharmacology at USC, with his program about the Chumash people on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library.

Professor Adams regards himself as a medicine man and healer, having been taught by the Chumash for 14 years, and continues working with these people in the San Fernando Valley. He will speak about the history, culture and religion of the Chumash people and will bring plants to teach how to make them into medicines. His book on plant medicines will be available for purchase.

The program follows news of conservation and outings. This program is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Wayne Fisher for information at (818) 353-4181.

La Crescenta Library, at 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

SUNLAND WOMAN'S CLUB MONTHLY LUNCHEON

All are invited to the Sunland Woman's Club monthly luncheon held through May on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The next luncheon is on April 11 and takes place at the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta. Each meeting will have an informative speaker

or musical entertainment and the food is excellent.

Those looking to be part of an organization of women who care about our community are encouraged to come. Learn more by checking out the Facebook page Sunland Women's Club.

There is a \$10 donation for lunch. RSVP to Laney Cleverger-White at (818) 353-6628.

Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta

BRAND ASSOCIATES HOST MUSIC SERIES

The Brand Associates is sponsoring a series of concerts. All concerts are free and open to the public. A reception will follow each concert.

On Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. (note special concert time) Karine Poghosyan, piano. All Khachaturian program from Karine's recent Naxos CD.

The Brand Associates promote the Brand Library & Art Center as an arts, cultural, educational, and historic resource for the region. More information is available at <http://www.associatesofbrand.org>.

Brand Library & Art Center is located in northwestern Glendale at 1601 W. Mountain St. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. There is ample free parking. Call (818) 548-2051 for more information.

ANDREWS AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Saturday, April 14 at 5 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse hosts an appearance by author Jesse Andrews for his upcoming release, "MUNMUN." Andrews is the New York Times bestselling author of "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl."

"MUNMUN" is set in an alternate reality where every person's physical size is directly proportional to their wealth. The poorest of the poor are the size of rats, and billionaires are the size of skyscrapers. Andrews' groundbreaking new Young Adult (YA) novel tells the story of one poor, tiny kid who struggles to get munmun, get big, and get safe in a world of giants.

For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at (818) 790-0717.

Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse is located at 1010 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway. For more information, call (818) 790-0717.

SPECIAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018 PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE

The Pasadena Showcase House of Design is offering a variety of packages for those who want to see the 2018 Showcase House in a unique way. Whether attendees want to avoid the lines or personally meet the designers, this year there are three special packages from which to choose that range from \$75 to \$500.

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Regular tickets go on sale in early February and will be available online at pasadenashowcase.org or by calling (714) 442-3872. The 2018 Pasadena Showcase House of Design will be open to the public April 22 - May 20.

Special Package Tickets can be purchased online only at pasadenashowcase.org.

FUNDRAISER BENEFITS NEONATAL UNIT

The USC-VHH Women's Council is

hosting a Wine & Canvas Night on April 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. benefiting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The event is in the fourth floor council rooms A and B at the hospital.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes sips and nibbles, supplies and art instruction. RSVP to Barbara.Jordan@vhh.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226 by April 23.

USC-VHH, 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale/La Cañada/Montrose

50PLUS PROGRAM AT DIGNITY

Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital 50plus Program offers monthly health and fitness lectures and classes and special discounts for those age 50 and older.

"Bringing the Hospital to You" will be presented next by Amanda Magrum on April 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John Stauffer Auditorium. Learn the importance of contacting 911 in order to expedite the initiation of treatment. Discussion includes FAST for stroke, hands-only CPR and a refresher for CHF training. RSVP by April 20. Lunch will be provided and seating is limited - first come, first served.

For more information, call (818) 502-2378 or email GMH-CommunityRelations@DignityHealth.org.

Held at Glendale Memorial Hospital Cancer Center Auditorium, 1420 S. Central Ave. in Glendale.

INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse celebrates Independent Bookstore Day with activities for all ages, including a reading in conjunction with National Poetry Month and author appearances in conjunction with Earth Day, plus other author signings and special story times with visits from therapy and rescue dogs. There is also a book drive for La Cañada Flintridge elementary school libraries, lots of giveaways, and a drawing to win a tote bag full of books!

To see a full listing of events visit www.flintridgebooks.com.

Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse is located at 1010 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway. For more information, call (818) 790-0717.

SUNLAND TUJUNGA PREPARES FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club is again hosting the Sunland Tujunga 4th of July Parade. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 on Foothill Boulevard at Summitrose Street. The parade will run down Foothill Boulevard to Sunland Boulevard, and is free of charge for both participants and spectators.

Applications for entry in the parade are available at the club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sunlandrotary/>. The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating Our Heroes" and the club will honor the first responders, the firemen and police officers, who helped our communities through two major wildfires in the past year.

For further information, contact Sabrina Godinez at (310) 488-3030.

LOCAL YOGA CLASS

Gentle/level one yoga classes continue on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains Church.

This class will improve joint mobility, flexibility, muscle strength and balance and will include some restorative yoga poses to help the body heal its own aches and pains by engaging the parasympathetic system. Sessions will be 75 minutes. Instructor is experienced in many forms of yoga. Please bring mat.

Cost is \$15 cash.

Questions and to RSVP, contact maiedell45@gmail.com or call (818) 298-4589.

ZACK LOUIE



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com
March 26, 2018 - April 1, 2018

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You can probably do more exercise than you're willing to admit. Don't fall prey to hypochondria. You may scare yourself by thinking that the slightest symptom could be something awful. Soon you'll feel more relaxed. For now, be willing to move outside your comfort zone.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may dread a disease that you have no chance of catching. Aspects are affecting your health zone. Don't imagine the worst-case scenario. Use your imagination to see yourself in radiant good health and free of any disease. It may be a subtle shift, but it's an important one.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The Universe is encouraging you to explore your feelings and get to the heart of those that may be contributing to health issues. The dark and bitter thoughts are the ones that need the most processing. If you can work through them, you'll feel lighter, happier, more energetic, and free of symptoms.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

It's time to increase your awareness of your body and your relationship to it. The Universe suggests that by taking the time to learn to love your body, feed it the right food, and exercise it in the way that feels best for you, you're going to develop a much more intimate knowledge of its needs.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Don't let mental tension cause stiffness and other stress-related symptoms. You're going to be working hard now and you may face a challenge or two. It will be nothing overwhelming, but enough to cause you to tighten up. Get a massage, relax in a warm bath, and make time to unwind. It's necessary for good health. You'll have more energy and focus if you do this.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It may help if you reduce your intake of dairy products for a while. This will help lower the amount of mucus in your system. Mucus can be a breeding ground for bacteria, and it tends to block the system and keep it from removing toxins. If you focus on eating and drinking fresh vegetables and juices, you'll feel renewed inside and out. Take responsibility for your diet now.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Taking up a practice like meditation helps calm the mind, encourages inner peace and tranquility, and is excellent for your health. Half an hour every day is enough to reduce stress and tension, revitalize your system, and give you a boost. Studies have shown that it can help lower blood pressure, too. Think about it!

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

If you're troubled with a sore throat, it's likely due to something minor. But if you're worried, you may want to visit your health professional. The Universe is boosting your energy level and leave you ready to conquer any challenge. You may find competitive sports appealing now.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The focus on your health zone is helping you think about how to bring your life into greater balance and harmony. You may find this period unsettling. It's possible that a health issue may reappear due to stress. If so, it's even more important that you cut out the activities that cause these problems in the first place.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Take it easy if you're doing any do-it-yourself projects now. A minor accident could inconvenience you for a while. Be extra careful when hammering nails, and try not to drop anything on your toes. Take a look at the health of your parents and see if you're falling into the same patterns. If so, it's time to change.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

With a focus on your home, this might be a good time to note any areas that cause you to have an allergic reaction, including foods and plants. Are there any places where you feel particularly uncomfortable? Even your bed could be harbor allergens. A few changes might be needed.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Financing your health may be something of a problem now. You need to do something about it. If you don't join a gym because you can't afford it, think of some other ways to exercise. You could hike, bike, swim, dance, or jog. Even housework burns calories. Find enjoyable ways to lose the pounds without spending much money.

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RELIGION

Question:

I'm chair of a non-profit. Several months ago, when I called one of our members to help with an event, I was told abruptly that the individual was quitting the organization because they had better things to do with their time. I asked if this was because of something I or other members had done, and the person said, "No. I just don't want to be a member anymore."

Recently, this person sent a note saying they apologized for the way they spoke to me without regard for my feelings. I really don't want to respond to the note, but I'm not sure. Should I?

-Perplexed

they had wronged you and the desire to make amends! It is sad that this doesn't happen more in today's world. The Bible says you will be rewarded if you honor their repentance and will be counted among the righteous.

The Scriptures are also very strong in expecting us to forgive one another. Jesus says in Mark 11:25 that we should forgive "so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins." He says similar things in the other accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus. As challenging as this is, it only makes sense that we should not expect God to do for us what we are not willing to do for others. And I have found that when I have pushed through and forgiven people who have hurt me that it helps them and me. I hope you find the strength to do that.

I will pray for you and this situation. Please contact me if you think I can help you in any other way.



Reese Neyland
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Dear Perplexed,
I have a question for you. Do you want to remain friends with this individual? Why are you asking the question, "Should I respond?" For whatever reason, this person has decided to move on from your group. This is a loss to you and your cause and it is always vexing

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking answers personal questions and concerns from a spiritual perspective. Local religious leaders taking part in the discussion include Rev. Elaine Cho - La Cañada Methodist Church; Pastor Jon Karn - Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian - Holy House Ministries; Rabbi Simcha Backman - Chabad of Glendale; Rev. Steve Marshall - Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church; Levent Akbarut - Islamic Congregation of La Cañada Flintridge; Anthony Nelson RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP Emeritus, Sandra Shields, RscP, Kim Winders, RScP and Rev. Beverly Craig - Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta; Carolyn Young, LCSW; Rabbi Janet Bieber - Jewish Community and Learning Center of the Foothills; Rev. Mark Yeager - Verdugo Hills Four Square Church; Sharon Weisman - Atheist/Agnostic/Secular Humanist/Free Thinker; Holly Cardone - Postulate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church; Rev. Mary Morgan - Center for Spiritual Living-Redondo Beach; Reese Neyland - Lifeway Church in Glendale, Senior Ministry Leader; Pastor Dabney Beck; Pastor Tim Beck; Pastor Randy Foster - Christian Life Church; Pastor Bill Flanders - First Baptist Church at La Crescenta; Joshua Berg - Humanist Celebrant; Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey - Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills; Lucinda Guarino - Leader, Social Responsibility, Spiritual Services, YMCA of the Foothills; The Rev. Fr. Kirby Smith - St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Rev. Terry Neven and Laura Neven - The Gathering; Rev. Ellen Contente, Global Truth Center; Rev. Karen Mitchell, Speaker - Musician, www.karenmitchellmusic.com; Rev. Kyle Sears, La Cañada Congregational Church; Pastor Scott Peterson - Lutheran Church in the Foothills.

We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at spiritual@cvweekly.com.

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

and unsettling when someone leaves something you put so much into. Please see that the abrupt and hurtful style of the reply on the phone call was misplaced and not meant for you. This fact is demonstrated by the note of apology.

A reply is not necessary. However, if you want to reply with a note or if you run into this person and want to say something, say thank you for the consideration the man or woman had to send the apology, thereby letting you know it wasn't you who prompted the brusque reply, but something else. It is our human tendency, especially when the human being is one with a heart of compassion and connected to those around her or him, that when weird unexplained turns occur like this, we tend to ruminate until understanding is achieved. Unfortunately understanding isn't always attainable. Time to let this

one go.

Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Question:

Our daughter is going through a difficult divorce and often her about-to-be-ex, who can well afford child and spousal support payments, withholds the payments. This will all be settled in court but, in the meantime, our daughter is coming up short with money for living expenses. My wife and I both work, we have substantial savings and we are helping her out without expectation of repayment.

Our problem is she tells us how badly she feels about us helping her and she feels like a loser having to go to Mom and Dad for help. What can we say to her to help her let go of those feelings? We've told her, "This too shall pass and we want to be here for you."

-Caring Parents

Dear Caring Parents,
I'm so glad that you are there for your daughter and can help her financially. I went through a

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF
All are invited tonight, Thursday night, March 29, at Lutheran Church in the Foothills to commemorate Maundy Thursday with a service at 7 p.m. Pastor Scott will preach on "Love and Life." Then come back Friday, March 30, to remember Good Friday with a service led by the Anthem Chorale at 7 p.m.

Celebrate Easter with Lutheran Church in the Foothills on April 1. We'll Brunch is at 8:30 a.m. followed by an egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. then a celebration worship service at 10 a.m. Pastor Scott will preach on the topic "Fly, You Fools!" and the choir will lead the "Hallelujah Chorus." The community is invited and it's all free!

Lutheran Church in the Foothills, the "touchdown" church, is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. For more information, call (818) 790-1951 or visit www.lcifoothills.org.

CVCHURCH Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

CVCHURCH is having its annual free Easter egg hunt at Two Strike Park on Saturday, March 31. There will be two hunts - one at 10 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m. Free pictures available with the Easter Bunny, too!

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

'The Passion of the Christ' at Bethel Church

Bethel Church on April 1 is hosting an Easter sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. with free fellowship breakfast at 8:45 a.m., worship and praise service at 10 a.m. followed by a free children's egg hunt. All in the community are welcome.


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similar situation years ago and know how hard it is for everyone. Your daughter is going through a grieving process of a failed marriage and, whether or not she feels like a loser for asking for help, she would probably feel that way anyway, along with guilt, anger, helplessness, sadness, etc. This is all part of the process that she needs to go through. I think that you are saying the right things.

Would it help if you told her she could pay it back when the court settled? Know that whatever you say she needs to go through these feelings. Divorce is like a death and, in many ways, worse since the person is still alive and, in this case, making her life and her children's life worse. I've always said that people bring casseroles and flowers after death but not after a divorce!

I wish there was a group of divorced women that your daughter could attend and talk with other women with similar problems, but I don't know of any in this area.

Hang in there for her!



Carolyn Young
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Dear Caring Parents,

I am always deeply moved when I see selfless examples of sacrifice, caring and concern born out of parents' love for their child. I perfectly understand the love you have for your daughter that not only desires she be supported financially during this challenging period of transition for her and her

children but also desires her to be supported emotionally, with peace of mind and a hope for a better and happier future. It is true, as you pointed out, the one certainty we have in life is the certainty of change and that the trying times in our lives, like bad weather, will always pass. The sunny days have not ended for her.

Now to specifically address your daughter's feelings.

It is also understandable that when any person goes through a divorce, there is a side of them that feels like a failure in life. Combine that with financial challenges accompanying most breakups and having to rely on one's parents (or anyone) when you feel you should be at a point in your life a fully functioning, self-sufficient and self-reliant adult. It's pretty clear why one might think and feel they could be a loser and even somewhat powerless over their own life.

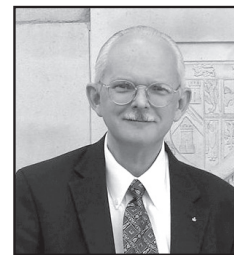
Here is the truth. Your daughter is not a loser nor is she powerless. It is the winners who survive life's failures and disappointments. One chapter in her life is now coming to a close. A new chapter is both beginning and unfolding out of all the painful challenges she is now experiencing over letting the old chapter go. The good news (and she may not fully realize it yet) is she has the power to choose going forward, how her own story will unfold. She can choose the good over the bad and how her story is going to end. We all have that gift of that power of choice.

As Ernest Holmes, founder of the Science of Mind once pointed out, one merely needs to claim the good they desire for themselves, believe it is theirs, and await its certain arrival. Everything is ours for the asking if we can but recognize and,

more importantly, believe it so. The gift of this power is a gift of Divine Grace, and it is available to all without judgment or prejudice. Sometimes we do not realize, or are blinded to the fact, that all of us are living lives of Divine Grace; of never ending Divine support. The old hymn says it best: "Streams of Mercy, never ceasing." "Grace" is that which is "given." It is not earned. It is not an occasional reward. It is just given. Not just once, but endlessly given, "never ceasing." Even the help you give your daughter, from a spiritual point of view, can be said to be a clear manifestation of God's grace through you, as a Divine channel. You are expressing the Divine givingness born out love and mercy. Jesus once said, "Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matt 6:26 (NIV).

Clearly, God sees great value in your daughter, as do you. The moment she sees it in herself the chains of self-hate and the limiting belief in herself as a failure are forever broken. The Universe with all its potentials and blessings stands open to her choice and power of her word to command forth her good.

As Jesus once said, "Ask and ye shall receive." I am excited for the good that awaits her new beginning.



Anthony Kelson, RScP
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Hunting for Fun



Those are the hunt for Easter eggs have plenty of places to search.

On Saturday, CVCHURCH is hosting its seventh annual Easter egg hunt at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. An estimated 25,000 colorful eggs filled with candy and toys will be ready to be plucked from the park's lawn. The Easter Bunny

will also be on hand for pictures. Two hunts: one at 10 a.m. and the other at 10:30 a.m. Free to attend.

Lutheran Church of the Foothills, the "touchdown" church, is having an Easter egg hunt on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch. Plenty of eggs for everyone! Following the hunt is worship service at

10 a.m. Lutheran Church of the Foothills is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada.

Following the 10 a.m. worship service at St. Luke's of the Mountains, an Easter egg hunt is being held for worshippers. Hunts for eggs at the iconic stone church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

BUSINESS

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It's Almost Hometown Country Fair Time

It's that time of year again, folks! The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding its 13th Annual Hometown Country Fair on Saturday, April 21! The fair features a car show, live entertainment, dog parade, pie-eating contest, petting zoo, traditional and ethnic food, karaoke contest, lots of inflatables and a wide variety of vendor booths providing fun for people of all ages!

The Chamber hosts the fair each year to foster cohesiveness in the community, to allow various groups in the community to exhibit, and to raise funds for the Chamber's many projects throughout the year. Nonprofit organizations

may have a booth at no charge. Best of all, admission is free.

Vendor booths are still available on a first come, first served basis. Get in on the action while there is still time! This event attracts thousands of people and is a great way to sell your wares! Vendor booths are available for just \$75 or \$95 for a fully set-up booth. Call the Chamber office for more details at (818) 248-4957.

We also have sponsorship opportunities available. There are six levels of sponsorship that will promote your business and show your support to our community. Again, this event draws thousands of people and is a great way to advertise your business. Business and

community support is essential to its success.

We offer packages ranging from \$3,500 (Title Sponsor) to \$125 (Banner Sponsor). For more information, please see our website at www.CrescentaValleyChamber.org/fair/.

For those of you who consider yourself a car enthusiast, or just love to see all those vintage vehicles, we have a classic hot rod car show! The parade of cars starts at 11 a.m. and all car participants will be introduced as they enter the fairgrounds and then will be guided to their parking space where they will remain until 4 p.m. Wow! How awesome is this? I don't know about you, but who doesn't love

to see classic cars? They just don't make 'em like they used to.

So, if you want to show off your hot rod and/or classic car, and enjoy a beautiful day at the fair and a barbecue meal (for car show participants and guests only), there is still time. Call Dwight Sityar at (818) 395-4312 or email him at DSityar13@yahoo.com for more details.

We also have a special "Thank You" planned for all our first responders. This begins at 10:15 a.m. I'm sure you won't want to miss this opportunity to thank the brave men and women who protect and serve our community. This includes personnel from the police, EMS,

sheriff and fire departments. So come out and show your support for these heroes. You'll get goosebumps when we honor them!

The Hometown Country Fair will be on Saturday, April 21 at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta. The fair is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hope to see y'all there!

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» MONTROSE VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Heart of Lending in the Heart of Montrose

Several people who have admired the building but had not yet been inside recently got a firsthand look at the office located at 2445 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

On Wednesday, March 21, a small crowd gathered

in the midst of the pouring rain for the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Heart of Lending. And the rain was in no way a deterrent to the support from other business owners, organizations and our local dignitary reps

who came out for the ribbon cutting. We gathered for the introduction of owner Susan Avakian-Koroghlyan and her team, along with the official scroll presentation to Heart of Lending by Vickere Murphy, district representative for State Senator Anthony Portantino, representing Senate District 25; Blake Dellinger, field representative for California State Assembly member Laura Friedman, District 43; Jason Maruca, field deputy for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District.

Victoria Malone, your MVCC executive director, presented to Susan the Glendale City scroll on behalf of Glendale Mayor Vartan Gharpetian, as well

as the MVCC membership plaque.

All those in attendance learned firsthand why the name of the business is Heart of Lending.

In Susan's own words, "My philosophy is simple ... I'd like to create a lifelong relationship with my clients by being honest, working hard and always protecting their interests above all. It has been my privilege to have helped people buy homes and refinance their current homes."

The statement that leads Susan in conducting her business: "Go the extra mile, it's never crowded!" We also learned Susan comes from a family who has worked in the real estate and lending industry for over 20 years.

She became a production assistant for five top producing loan originators. And, with that valuable experience of various lending procedures, she became licensed in 2014 to begin her own career path in mortgage lending. In 2017 she established "Your Legacy Financial, Inc. dba Heart of Lending." Her legacy is "Every heart we've touched..."

When the ceremony concluded with the official cutting of the ribbon and photo opportunities, the group of supporters walked back through her office doors into the community knowing of Susan and one of her principles in life: I "choose to have a good reputation over great riches, because being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold [Proverbs 22:1]" – truly business from the heart.



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Happy National Doctors' Day!

Celebrating National Doctors' Day on March 30, 2018

The Adventist Health Glendale Foundation invited our community of patients to honor their favorite doctor with a tribute. Their heartfelt sentiments convey the unique relationship between patient and physician. We're grateful to all of our amazing doctors for their dedication to their patients and their practice.



Michael Abdulian, MD

"Thank you for your excellent care prior to, during and after my hip replacement surgery."
Eugenie B.

Boris Bagdasarian, DO

"He is the best. He cares about his patient all the time. Thank you, Doctor!"
Saida N.

Bruce Bagheri, MD

"Thank you for keeping me ticking!"
Kenneth G.

Sam Carvajal, MD

"Nicest, most caring and best surgeon."
Frank M.

Matthew Chong, MD

"You are a wonderful and kind doctor. I appreciate your continued care and understanding of my medical problem and especially your guidance of my back."
Karen C.

Steven Kamajian, DO

"My heartfelt gratitude... You stayed with me through it all, saving my life. I love you as a father from a daughter."
Tom & Betty D.

Cheryl Lee Jang, MD

"Dr. Lee Jang personifies the classic qualities of empathy and compassion with the highest skills as an emergency medicine physician."
Victor P.

Vigen Khojayan, MD

"Dr. K delivers health care through scientific-based practice and a huge compassionate presence."
Lynne R.

Hugo Riffel-Dalinger, MD

"I truly appreciate and am grateful to have Dr. Dalinger as my doctor for many years, who last year recognized my life-threatening situation."
Harold B.

James Kulczycki, MD

"Thank you for everything."
Barbara B.

Edmund Lew, MD

"Thank you for being a caring, concerned and competent physician."
Ronald H.

Philip Merritt, MD

"My leg and I are having a great time even at the age of 90!"
Marilyn W.

Richard Swanberg, MD

"In honor of Dr. Richard Swanberg for being a wonderful physician who greatly helped my mother until her death."
Terri W.

Jo Wilmeth, MD

"I appreciate Dr. Wilmeth's expert, professional and compassionate care. His treatment of the chronic wound on my foot has allowed me to avoid amputation and greatly improved my quality of life. Thank you, Dr. Wilmeth!"
June and Laurel C.

Amir Sadrzadeh Rafie, MD

"You are an extraordinary doctor as well as a human being. You prolonged my husband's life and I will be forever grateful."
Hilda A.



Patients made tribute gifts in honor of the following physicians:

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| Michael Abdulian, MD | Matthew Chong, MD | Lance Lee, MD | Rene Pidoux, MD |
| Zulfiqar Ahmed, MD | Collin Cooper, MD | Joseph Lee, MD | Hugo Riffel-Dalinger, MD |
| Edgar Aleman, MD | Leah Cyran, MD | Steven Kamajian, DO | Murtaza Rizvi, MD |
| Hedayatolah Ahmadpour, MD | George Dichter, MD | Garo Karakashian, MD | Amir Sadrzadeh Rafie, MD |
| Yaser Badr, MD | Dmitriy Gen, DO | Vigen Khojayan, MD | Saied Safaee, MD |
| Boris Bagdasarian, DO | Arbi Ghazarian, MD | Hrach Khudatyan, MD | Mihran Shirinian, MD |
| Bruce Bagheri, MD | David Han, MD | James Kulczycki, MD | Richard Swanberg, MD |
| Harry Balian, MD | Arsen Hovanesyan, MD | Edmund Lew, MD | Greg Wallace, PhD |
| Sam Carvajal, MD | Cheryl Lee Jang, MD | Philip Merritt, MD | Jo Wilmeth, MD |
| Linh Chen, MD | Eric Lee, MD | Karl Peterson, MD | David Yun, MD |

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