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Glendale Releases 2020 Annual Homeless Count Report

The City of Glendale's 2020 Homeless Count was a collaborative effort between the City of Glendale, the Glendale Homeless Continuum of Care, homeless alumni, and community volunteers. The results of the 2020 Homeless Count provide information that serves as the basis for two important priorities: understanding the nature and extent of the current trends in homelessness in the City of Glendale and responding to the unmet needs and gaps in services for homeless individuals and families in the City of Glendale.

On Jan. 22, 169 persons were homeless according to the Glendale 2020 Homeless Count and Survey Final Report. The previous homeless count and subpopulation survey was completed in 2019 during which 243 persons were counted. A comparison of the last two counts reveals that 74 fewer persons were counted in 2020, which represents a decrease of 30%. Despite this decrease, it is unclear whether there will be an increase in the number of homeless due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Loss of employment has always been one of the primary factors contributing to homelessness in the City of Glendale; therefore, homelessness may escalate if the unemployment levels remain higher than the long-term average. Per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the California Unemployment Rate is at 15.50% as of April 30, compared to 5.50% last month and 4.20% last year. This is significantly higher than the long-term average of 7.20%.

According to Glendale's 2020 Homeless Count Survey, 44 out of the 75 (59%) unsheltered persons became homeless for the first time. The Homeless Count Survey revealed that the top three causes of first-time homelessness in Glendale are: rent increase, loss of employment, and unexpected illness.

The City of Glendale's homeless services team continues to implement new programming, including various hotel programs funded by the Emergency Solutions Grant - CARES Act (ESG-CV) to address the impacts of COVID-19, and will continue to utilize funds to ensure clients in hotel programs are referred to prioritized housing.

The City of Glendale continues its efforts to end homelessness in the community, and based on the 2020 Homeless Count results, has produced 10 recommendations that can be accessed via its website www.glendaleca.gov and entering homeless count 2020 in the search bar.

Beautiful and Deadly: Injuries and Fires Surround Fireworks

By Mary O'KEEFE

In 2018, fireworks started about 19,500 fires nationwide, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in five deaths, 46 civilian injuries and \$105 million in direct property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

According to Consumer Product Safety Commission, on average 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around July 4th. In 2018 fireworks were involved in about 9,100 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments. The estimated rate of injuries treated in emergency departments is 1.8 per 100,000 individuals in the U.S. Between June 22 and July 22, 2018, 5,600 fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency departments throughout the nation. More than half of those treated in the emergency departments were people younger than 20 years old, and



Photo by Charly SHELTON

Professional fireworks displays, like the one held at CV High School by Fireworks America, have been canceled due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

36% of the injuries were to children younger than 15 years old.

Despite these statistics people still use illegal fireworks perhaps under the false impression that they would never be injured.

This year due to COVID-19 guidelines and concerns many pro-

fessional fireworks shows are not being held, including the Crescenta Valley fireworks display. Members of the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association decided to cancel the show in the "interest of public safety and respecting social distancing rules" and they are not alone.

Los Angeles County Fire Dept. has received far fewer permit requests for professional fireworks shows than in years past. There are still some areas that will be hosting professional shows, including the Irwindale Speedway that is

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GTA Wants a Place at the Reopening Table

By Mary O'KEEFE

At the last Glendale Unified School District board meeting the topic of reopening school for the fall was the major topic of discussion. The administration put forth a few options for reopening and spoke of plans for outreach to get opinions from all stakeholders.

There was one stakeholder group, though, that was not happy with the way the District had depicted how it had begun its outreach. Those stakeholders were teachers and, according to several who spoke, they felt left out of the process.

Alicia Harris, a teacher at Crescenta Valley High School and vice president of the Glendale Teachers Association, has been

getting emails from teachers about what was presented at the school board meeting and the District's outreach efforts. These efforts referenced an email that was circulating stating that the District had convened a Return to School Task Force comprising teachers, school and district staff and administrators, parents, students and community members. But many of the teachers who emailed Harris asked what the task force was and which teachers were involved. Harris knew nothing about the task force.

"There was no convening," she said. "On Friday [June 12] from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. a [group] of teachers selected by the GTA and a [group] of CSEA [California

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How and if schools reopen in the fall is a discussion in which the Glendale Teachers Association wants to make sure it provides input to the Glendale Unified School District.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Not This Year

The last week of June is typically when the sales crew here at CV Weekly is in the thick of giving the winners of the Finest the good news that they or their business has “risen to the top;” that is, voted as the best in their category. It’s busy work, too, as nearly 160 winners are chosen each year by readers of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

For eight years CV Weekly has offered our readers the opportunity to showcase their favorite businesses and services. We put in the newspaper and online on our website the ballot with the various Finest categories that people could vote on – categories like cardiologist, patio dining, lawyer and more. It’s a wonderful chance to give a shout-out to those who have gone above and beyond in giving their customers the very best service.

After the tallying is completed – a daunting task considering that we typically receive over 10,000 votes – the winners are approached, given the good news and provided the opportunity to be part of the annual The Finest magazine (the magazine only features the winners).

The project culminates with a party for the winners. It was held at Deukmejian Wilderness Park for years then last year was moved to St. Luke’s of the Mountains, which has a

gorgeous courtyard and a full kitchen, decorated by Bonner’s Equipment Rentals with food by Gail at Gourmet a go go. It was a true celebration of those who were recognized as the best in their field and one of my favorite parties that CVW hosts.

Sadly, this year we had to scrap The Finest. The decision was a tough one but, when it became apparent that so many businesses had to shut down, voting possibilities were greatly reduced. How could you vote for your favorite Chinese restaurant when it was closed? Especially in the beginning of the pandemic, prior to take-out service being established at many eateries.

So we look to 2021 (as many do for so many things) with the high expectations of another banner voting year for The Finest.

It’ll be interesting to see how some old favorites fare after coming out from under the restrictions of COVID-19.

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Weather in the Foothills

“Around us, life bursts with miracles – a glass of water, a ray of sunshine, a leaf, a caterpillar, a flower, laughter, raindrops.”
~ Thich Nhat Hanh

About now many of us are looking for a miracle; instead, look for the expected. Current-day circumstances have kept us closer to home. As days turned to months, the weather continued to ease the uncertainties of each day as sunshine dominated and the outdoors beckoned.

Normally “May Gray” and “June Gloom” spread across the inland valleys, keeping temperatures down. NOAA’s meteorologist in Oxnard says the early summer temperatures and clear skies we are experiencing are unprecedented. No complaints here as it means more pool-time. (A quick side-note: Brighton’s doggy swim-lessons went well!) Our garden is at it’s best; the tomato vines are healthy as they reach towards the clouds. Where’s Jack?

At any given moment, monarch butterflies may be seen fluttering about. I gave Mother Nature a helping hand and planted several milkweed plants (home to the butterfly caterpillars). A variety of flowers give food to the adults. But it’s only on the milkweed that they lay their eggs; then the hatched caterpillars gorge on the leaves. Also I provide transport to a netted safe-haven where they form a chrysalis until they metamorphose into a butterfly and take flight after 14 days. To participate in their world is to see a miracle as each wing is a work of art – a masterpiece.

The water year for California begins Oct. 1 and goes through Sept. 30. It makes sense as there’s a big natural break – the summer months when nary a raindrop falls. The old standard used for measuring the annual precipitation is from July 1 through June 30. Using this, our grand total for the 2019-20 rain season is 18.70 inches; average is 23-24 inches. As the likelihood of rain began to diminish, it came ... just late!

Upcoming weather? Perfect! Monarch questions? Please email me.

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FIESTA DAYS 2020 CANCELED

At its last meeting the LCF Chamber board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel Fiesta Days for this year. The Memorial Day weekend event was originally pushed to Labor Day weekend in response to the COVID-19 pandemic but, in an abundance of caution, the board decided to postpone the event this year.

CVCA MEETS TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, June 25, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. On the agenda is a discussion about housing and how the current state bills under consideration may affect the Crescenta Valley. Contact the CVCA at crescentavallecommunityassn@gmail.com for Zoom meeting information.

4TH OF JULY DECORATING CONTEST

The CV Chamber of Commerce is having a decorating contest for local residents to show their patriotism. There will be eight prizes given to the entries that get the most "likes" on the chamber Facebook page Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. To submit photos, email cvcc@aol.com and in the subject line write 4th Decorating Contest.

Have questions? Call the chamber office at (818) 248-4957.

Plan now to attend the July 8 "Mask-erade" business mixer at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill at the corner of Florencita and Ocean View. This is the chamber's first post-pandemic business mixer of the year. Entry fee is \$15 for non-members, \$10 for chamber members. Plan now to meet your next client!

ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN GLENDALE

Fire danger and injuries from fireworks still exist even in the midst of a pandemic crisis. It is important to remember that the City of Glendale has a zero tolerance policy for all fireworks. All personal fireworks, including "safe and sane" varieties, are illegal in the city. The municipal code allows for the prosecution of fireworks-related offenses. Violators are subject to arrest, which could include serving up to six months in jail with fines up to \$1,000.

Statistics show that fireworks are among the most dangerous of all consumer products. Even hand-held sparklers, which many consider safe, are dangerous and can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, causing serious burns and fires.

Call Glendale police at (818) 548-4911 to report illegal fireworks and other suspicious activities.

GUSD SOLICITS INPUT ON RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Stakeholder input is being solicited by the Glendale Unified School District to establish protocols for reopening campuses in August. A dedicated email account (returntoschool@gusd.net) has been established to collect feedback.

Additionally, two community town halls are planned for Wednesday, July 8. One begins at 11 a.m. and the other at 5:30 p.m. These will give stakeholders an opportunity to directly address school board members and district leadership. To take part in the town halls, connect live at www.gusd.net/returntoschool or [facebook.com/GlendaleUSD](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleUSD).

Stakeholder feedback will be collected until July 10; after that date the Return to School Task Force will draft a final recommendation to present to the board of education on July 14.

Folding@Home to Curb COVID



Photo by Charly SHELTON

Crescenta Valley High School student Lukas Fullner, seen here during a vlog with his teacher Dr. Greg Neat and classmates, introduced Folding@home to his class and through his efforts they are helping to fight COVID-19.

By Charly SHELTON

According to the Global Digital Reports from HootSuite, 57% of the world's population is connected to the Internet. The average Internet user now spends more than six and a half hours online each day. That leaves nearly 18 hours, on average, that the personal computer is not being used for gathering or distributing data from the Internet. One student at Crescenta Valley High School has volunteered his computer to do work for the good of the world – while he's not using it for homework.

"A lot of diseases, viruses like the coronavirus, operate in certain ways," said Lukas Fullner, a student in the Advanced Placement computer programming class at Crescenta Valley High School, in a vlog sent to the class by teacher Dr. Greg Neat. "Coronavirus interacts with your body in a certain way and, if we can figure out how that works, we can then do things to stop it from interacting in that way and make it have [fewer] effects or even stop it. But we can't just look at it and see what it does. We have to use these complex computer programs to model what it does and those are really computer intensive. So what Folding@home does is split [the larger computations] into jobs and sends them to every participating computer, which can then do the math and send them back. Basically it helps these scientists set the models, which they can use to cure the disease."

Folding is a distributed computing system that allows scientists to submit proteins to be folded by computers with spare power, Fullner told CV Weekly. This uses the computer's processing power and Internet connection to do thousands upon thousands of mini-computations, which help predict models of interaction between the virus and host. Just like Iron Man has done so many times in the Marvel films, it all comes down to locking a model of prediction before knowing if this new suit will run or being able to track the villain; however in this case the villain is a real virus that needs a vaccine. By modeling the problem based on data collected through Stanford University, the network of participating computers works as one massive computer to make the overall problem-solving quicker and more efficient.

"We have a server that is basically like Dropbox. I wanted the kids to know what the cloud was and so in my room we actually have a server that can provide those functions that you can do with AWS [Amazon Web Services] or with Dropbox or whatever," Dr. Neat said. "When we went into remote [learning due to the COVID-19 shutdown] we needed to make [the server] accessible from the outside because before remote you could only use [the server] if you were in the classroom."

Fullner was helping Dr. Neat make the server accessible to remote learners when he told him that he built a computer at his house "just for fun" once remote learning was put into place.

"He told me about the Folding@home thing and that he was using his computer to do that," said Dr. Neat. "Then I got all excited because the server is great at doing that kind of work. I mean that's what that Folding@home thing is all about – getting these idle powerhouses to just

crunch away at the scientist stuff."

For anyone with a computer that is willing to help the Folding@home team from CVHS, the process is simple and free. By visiting the website, FoldingAtHome.org, and installing the client, your computer can help cure COVID-19.

"Once a user installs the client, the Folding@home server will send them jobs automatically and once they are completed the jobs are sent back. The client is fully automated and will run on its own," Fullner said. "The public can join by downloading the client, and when prompted can join the CVFolding team by entering the team number 260,292."

The CVFolding team, consisting of 13 CPUs is, at press time, ranked 5,298 of 254,107, or in the top 2% in the world.

Dr. Neat is very proud of his student and his whole class that has taken on the challenge to make positive change in the world.

"Lukas is an example of somebody who's bursting with passion. Everything we saw him do was on his own initiative," Dr. Neat said in his vlog to the class. "He wasn't doing it for credit, I didn't ask him to do it, it was him pursuing something he loved and applying it to a problem that the world needs [solved] right now. And that's just beautiful. I was thinking if I still worked at JPL right now I would hire him in a second."

To see Dr. Neat's vlog when Lukas introduced the concept and prepared the in-class server for external communications and for the CVFolding team, visit <https://bit.ly/3fNtoF4>.

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Tough Times Create a Banner Year for Spartan Students

By Brandon HENSLEY

Across the country this spring, high schools have tried to find ways to recognize graduating seniors without the usual pomp and circumstance one would find at traditional ceremonies. Because of restrictive measures implemented due to COVID-19, the 2020 graduates of La Cañada High School experienced a virtual ceremony to recognize their accomplishments. But in driving around town recently, one could also see the creativity of their biggest cheerleaders in how the students were supported.

A parent-backed initiative led to banners being hung on light poles up and down Foothill Boulevard, each one showing a senior portrait of a student with their name below.

“The idea really was a grassroots one that started with several supportive parents sharing how they thought this could help not only support the students but unite the community,” said LCHS principal James Cartnal in an email.

He said the parents reached out to the governing board of La Cañada High School with an idea of how to recognize the students. Board President Joe Radabaugh loved it and went to the Superintendent of Schools Wendy Sinnette. From there it snowballed into an outside celebration for students who have been cooped up since March.

“I saw a similar idea being pursued on the East Coast. We agreed to raise the idea with our school and city leaders,” Radabaugh



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
Traveling on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, banners honoring graduating La Cañada High School seniors are proudly displayed.

said over email. “They loved it and it became possible to pursue since the Memorial Day parade that normally leverages the poles for their celebratory purposes got moved to Labor Day.”

City officials were on board and then the idea was supported by the deputy director of Public Works Patrick DeChellis.

“Mr. DeChellis, in fact, even spent a morning walking Foothill Boulevard to identify the light poles on which student banners could be hung,” Cartnal said.

The banners were produced by LA Partyworks in South El Monte

and Cartnal said an LCHS staff member designed them. Bronson Photography in Montrose brought a thumb drive of all the senior portraits to import the photos.

Cartnal said students and parents would be able to pick up the banners from school this week until Friday.

“It was an important element of the entire project to honor our graduates with this keepsake,” Cartnal said.

“Students, their families, and the community loved it. Once the banners started going [up], the reactions were amazing,” said Radabaugh.

GTA from Cover

School Employee Association] were presented a PowerPoint [presentation].”

Harris said teachers had a lot of questions about that presentation and they didn’t have much time – about an hour approximately – to go over the plans after they were presented. The teachers had several suggestions about the protocols for reopening in the fall but later found that only one of their suggestions was

added to the protocols.

An email arrived shortly after the end of the PowerPoint presentation.

“At 3:32 p.m. the Superintendent [Vivian Ekchian] sent an email saying there was a collaboration [with the teachers],” Harris said.

Harris has found there was a survey distributed to about 90 teachers concerning “best practices.” The participating teachers were chosen by their principals and the

survey did not include GTA input.

Harris said she felt the planning to reopen schools should have started a long time ago. She said she had been thinking about what needed to be done even before the decision was official to close school this year.

“The writing was on the wall. I didn’t think we were going to come back after spring break,” Harris said.

During spring break in mid-March she wrote to her students sharing an article she thought her students would be interested in. It was just a way to test the waters, to let her students know she was there for them, and see how they would respond to the correspondence. The reaction was positive so she continued the communication.

“To be honest, [teacher] concerns began at spring break. We [wondered] what is remote learning? There was so much back and forth, and so many things the District would send out to teachers,” she said.

Harris said communication has been a problem from the beginning. While she acknowledged that everything was in upheaval during the pandemic and that everything was changing from day-to-day she also wished that communication was stronger between GTA and the District so they could all be on the same page.

Teachers work under a specific contract that needs to be adjusted reflecting when they work from home and when they get back to their classrooms. Nothing is the same as it was, Harris said.

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She wants the District to include the GTA in its discussions as they move forward and had hoped they first would have talked to all stakeholders before presenting reopening plans at the most recent meeting.

“It truly baffles me. If I want medical advice I go to a doctor; if I want advice about remote teaching I would go to the 1,200 people who just went through remote learning,” she said. “Your 1,200 teachers are experts.”

She added teachers are willing to share what they saw that worked and what didn’t in the recent remote learning. They want to share their experiences, like teachers who did not have space at their homes to teach remotely, like a teacher who spoke at another GUSD meeting who said he had to teach from a closet in his home because that was the only quiet place in his house or teachers

who had to pay the cost of increasing their Internet services to cover the remote learning requirements.

“I wish someone would have started this [outreach] in March. I don’t blame anyone. We were all in this [new territory],” she said. “What should have happened was [GTA teacher representatives] would share their [opinions], parents share theirs, and students, then we all come together and prepare a plan that is then presented to the board ... This would have presented a united front ... We need to be a true partner.”

The District has sent out a survey to parents with information about the plans presented. GTA has also sent out a survey to teachers to get their opinions and will share that information with the board of education.

GUSD input will be featured in the July 2 issue of CV Weekly.

Bailey Center Still in Need of Donations

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Bailey Center food pantry at United Methodist Church in Tujunga is still struggling to collect enough donations to meet the growing number of people in need.

COVID-19 hit people hard with some relief coming in the form of unemployment funds, small business loans and the Payroll Protection Program. But though some businesses are getting the go-ahead to reopen for some it is just too late. Some businesses are closing and many others are reducing staff because as they reopen they are reducing customer capacity. This is putting stress

on more people who are finding it difficult to keep food on the table for their families.

The Bailey Center is looking for donations of boxed cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce and non-perishable canned goods. People can also donate cash or grocery cards.

Donations can be dropped off at the Bailey Center at United Methodist Church, 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd., Tujunga on Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. Ste. 206, Glendale/La Crescenta. For more information, email mo5966@sbcglobal.net or call CVW at (818) 248-2740.

Protestors Face Off on Foothill



Photos by Charly SHELTON

By Mary O'KEEFE

Dual protests, one for Black Lives Matter and the other for Blue Lives Matter, occurred across the street from each other on Friday afternoon near Lowell Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

The two organizations faced off, yelling slogans across the street at each other maintaining a peaceful, albeit loud, protest. Los Angeles Police Dept. received calls throughout the day concerning everything from indecent exposure to gunfire. The police investigated but found no evidence of those incidents.

At times, one or two Blue Lives Matter protestors would cross the boulevard, carrying signs or yelling nearer to the Black Lives Matter protestors. Then, at one point, a car from the Black Lives Matter side of the street parked in the center of the street in the turning lane and protestors got on top of the car to yell at the Blue Lives Matter protestors.

Friday was Juneteenth, which commemorates annually the end of slavery in the United States. While President Abraham Lincoln enacted the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan 1, 1863, which

freed enslaved people, those in Texas did not accept the decree until June 19, 1865. That is when Major General Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston, Texas with the news that the Civil War had ended and those who were enslaved were free.

"We are just confused as to why those [protestors for Blue Lives Matter] chose today to hold their Blue Lives Matter rally," said Black Lives Matter protestor Sara Schultz from La Crescenta. "Today is Juneteenth, this is racist ... You have your freedom of speech every day of the year; if you want to protest Blue Lives Matters that is your right and I am going to support [your right to protest] but today is not the day."

Schultz and her friends felt it was important to step up and speak out.

"Small towns are where change can start," she said. "La Crescenta was founded by Nazis. This is not a welcoming town for my Black and brown friends."

La Crescenta and Glendale has a past that includes, decades ago, rallies that were staged at Crescenta Valley Park by the Bund, an American-based arm of the Nazi Party.

CVW reporters at Friday's

protest reported seeing more signs, flags and shirts that supported President Donald Trump than signs for Blue Lives Matter. That is not to say there was no contingent of just Blue Lives Matters protestors. Away from the Trump 2020 flags and the Defund Garretti signs stood a group at the nearby intersection holding signs that simply read, "Thank You, LAPD" and "Blue Lives Matter."

"I am here because my brother [is a police officer]," said Hannah Murray.

She wanted to show her support not only for her brother but also for officers who are serving the community.

Murray is a woman of color. She added that she is concerned for her brother's and other officers' safety as they continue to do their jobs, that she understands that Black lives matter and wants to focus on other issues people of color face.

"They [Black Lives Matter] don't support Black officers. Someone told me once that 'Your brother doesn't count because he is a police officer.' So they discredited his race because he is an officer first and a Black person second? If Black lives matter then they should care about his Black life as well," she said.

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The Committee is saddened to officially announce that the 2020 Family Fireworks Festival is postponed to July 4th, 2021. We will be working hard with you to ensure the Family Fireworks Festival in 2021 is a tremendous success. Stay safe and see you next year!

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Obituary

Helen Grossi
May 27, 1942 – May 23, 2020

Helen Grossi passed away peacefully on May 23. She was born on May 27, 1942 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She moved to Glendale in 1956 and married Pete Grossi on May 19, 1962 in Glendale before moving to La Crescenta in 1967.


Helen devoted her time to raising her daughter Tina Grossi until 1984 when she went back into the workforce as a secretarial assistant for an insurance and surety business.

She enjoyed living life to the fullest with her dear family and friends. Helen especially enjoyed boating and water skiing and entertaining at her home.

Helen is survived by her husband Pete and daughter Tina.

Obituary

William Geoffrey Peplow
1938 - 2020



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of William Peplow (Bill) on June 13 due to complications from surgery. Bill was born to Geoffrey and Margery Peplow in Glendale where he lived all his life. After attending Glendale schools, he attended the University of Southern California where he graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1962. He spent the last 30 years of his career as a pharmacist at the outpatient pharmacy at Verdugo Hills Hospital where he always said that any person who came in was not a customer but a friend.

Bill was a legacy runner with the LA Marathon prior to hanging up his shoes following his 22nd consecutive marathon, and was also a bicycle enthusiast. He once rode his bicycle from Seattle to Southern California, a trip he called the experience of a lifetime. But his true love was as an avid woodworker, always working on projects around the home or at his cabin in Big Bear or making toys for disadvantaged young people. He belonged to the San Fernando Valley Woodworkers and the Glendale Woodturners and was also active in community affairs where he was a volunteer with the Glendale Police Dept.

Bill is survived by his high school sweetheart, Anne, his wife of 60 years, and four sons who were his pride and joy: Andy (Keri), Chris (Teresa), Matt (Gina) and Josh (Monica), and nine grandchildren: Paige, Emma, Hallie, Allison, Sam, Alexa, Lauren, Natalie and Scott. He was a devoted "Pop" and "Grampa" who never missed an event or game in which they participated and who traditionally read "The Night Before Christmas" each year as they surrounded him around the fireplace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Saviour Center, 4368 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte CA 91731 where he gave generously of his time and where he ran a pinewood derby for 160 kids each summer, teaching them the wonders of his beloved hobby.

A small private family service is planned.

What they say about the CV Weekly

Your newspaper, the CV Weekly, is special to me and my family and I believe that it is because of how you truly care about the community and us folks who love your newspaper.

Don T., Glendale

As far as [CV Weekly's] customer service, professionalism and researching, I wish you were the mandatory publication to use [for legals].

*Bonnie Dorf
Cosgrove, Cosgrove & Humphrey*

CRIME BLOTTER

June 23
3700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an unknown number of suspects entered a cellphone and accessory store and removed approximately \$10,000 worth of merchandise.
The incident occurred around 5:20 p.m.

June 20
4800 block of Almar Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, after viewing a home surveillance footage a resident reported seeing an unknown man walk up his driveway and attempt to enter his locked vehicle. The suspect was described as a male adult wearing a light colored shirt, light colored shorts and light colored shoes.
The incident occurred at 3:30 a.m.

4800 block of Almar Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported items stolen from her unlocked vehicle between 3:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee witnessed a man putting items from the store shelves into his backpack. He was confronted at the door as he was attempting to leave the store without paying for the items. He took the items out of the backpack and was told to leave the store; as he did he kicked and damaged the mirror of a vehicle he was standing next to.
The incident occurred at 2:35 p.m.

FIREWORKS from COVER

hosting a "drive-in fireworks spectacular." The gates open at 6 p.m. with fireworks beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per car with no more than the legal number of occupants per car. Face coverings must be worn at all times. For more information visit www.irwindalespeedway.com.

Santa Clarita has also decided to put on its Spirit of America fireworks show that will begin at 9:15 p.m. The show will also be streamed online and viewers can watch the fireworks from their vehicles throughout the area.

With fewer professional shows it appears that some areas are seeing an increase in the use of illegal fireworks, which neighbors became aware of a few weeks ago when loud "booms" were heard.

"There are two levels to illegal fireworks," said Anita Shandi, deputy director of the City Glendale Fire Administration.

She said that one level is the physical injury that can happen when using fireworks and the other are the fires that can ignite from an ember from the explosive fireworks.

"And I think another thing to be considered is how this affects neighbors and pets," she added.

The noise of fireworks can cause many pets to become agitated and frightened, even causing some to run away from their homes.

Fireworks on Independence Day are a traditional celebration and firefighters and law enforcement officials understand the desire to celebrate; however, all interviewed for this article remind people that fireworks are dangerous and illegal.

"We see the other side of the fireworks," said Capt. Eric Scott, LA City Fire Dept. "In 1982 we started our annual anti-fireworks campaign and [work] with multiple agencies."

He added illegal fireworks are especially dangerous near the foothills and brushfire prone areas. When the much-needed rain came a growth of vegetation resulted that is now drying out as temperatures rise.

"A spark in light, flashy fuels that have dried [out] are very susceptible and a slight breeze will push [that spark] to flames," Scott said.

Being in possession of illegal fireworks is against the law in the unincorporated area of LA County, in Glendale and in the City of Los Angeles. In Glendale, Los Angeles City and the unincorporated areas of LA County, all personal fireworks including "safe and sane," are illegal. Violators are subject to arrest that could include up to six months in jail and fines up to \$1,000.

"Safe and sane" fireworks are generally those that do not fly, travel or explode.

If someone hears or sees fireworks in their neighborhood they are advised to contact their local law enforcement non-emergency number unless the person feels there is a dangerous issue like potential injury or fire.

Both the fire departments and law enforcement agencies plan to have extra personnel patrolling the area.

"We can drive around and move into those areas where the [fireworks are]," said Sgt. Christian Hauptmann, Glendale Police Dept. spokesman.

He added it is difficult for officers to see the fireworks that explode in the air and then attempt to find the person who is setting them off.

"Our best resource is the people who are nearby," he said.

The non-emergency phone numbers to report illegal fireworks are: Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station (818) 248-3464, GPD (818) 548-4911 and LA Police Dept. -Foothill Division is (818) 756-8861 or (877) 275-5273. A complaint form can also be found at complaint.lacity.org/Complaint/fireworks.

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Big Wildfire of 1908 – Part 1

In the Crescenta Valley, we're accustomed to the idea of fire in the mountains around us. But few of us can conceive of wildfire sweeping across the valley floor. Yet, that's exactly what the Crescenta Valley faced in the late summer of 1908.

The Reverend J. C. Ward of Glendale owned a 10-acre lot in the southwest portion of the Crescenta Valley, perhaps down near today's CV Park. He and his two sons were clearing it of sagebrush in September 1908. Over several days they carefully burned off the chaparral, taking care that the fire didn't spread. They then dug out the roots, presumably so they could cultivate the land. A little before noon on a very hot day, they burned one last pile of brush. A gust of wind blew through, sending some embers into the surrounding brush, and the wildfire took off. The three men fought the moving fire as best they could, but it got away from them.

The fire was now headed

northeast toward the La Crescenta General Store (at La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard) and the La Crescenta Elementary School. The owner of the store and five other men from surrounding homes got out in front of the slowly advancing flames and brought the fire to a standstill with shovels and wet gunny sacks.

The men thought they had beaten the fire. Dripping sweat, they all retreated to the store for food and water. While inside relaxing, they heard a roaring sound outside. They piled out the front door of the store and looked south where they saw huge flames sweeping across what is today Verdugo City and Montrose. While they had been inside the fire had reignited on its southern flank. It had swept the sagebrush-covered (future) Montrose and was turning north again toward the store. The storeowner started a backfire just behind his store in hopes of quickly clearing the brush from behind the

building.

Meanwhile farther east on Foothill, the residences and hotels clustered around Foothill and Rosemont Avenue were threatened. It was every man for himself as the fire picked up speed heading up the hill toward Foothill Boulevard. The La Crescenta Hotel just above Foothill was spared, but two homes immediately across the street were quickly incinerated, along with outbuildings and barns.

At the Fairmont Hotel (a resort hotel above Foothill on Fairmont Avenue between Rosemont and Briggs avenues), the hotel manager was sure the flames would stop at the wide Foothill road. But the flames leaped easily across the road. The fire was now generating its own wind. While hotel guests beat at the approaching flames, the main body of the fire tore past them at an incredible speed, traveling north at 100 yards a minute. The hotel was spared but all around them was left

a smoking blackened wasteland.

The fire quickly burned up Briggs Avenue, through the olive groves and vineyards heavy with ripe fruit, destroying the crop. The fire was now at the base of the San Gabriels and flames were beginning to sweep up the canyons. The wind changed, and the fire was now pushing west across the foothills, toward the mansion (called Granite Heights) of Sam Merrill at the top of La Crescenta Avenue. Sam Merrill was a community leader, and many men rushed up the hill to his aid. A stand was made and his house was saved, but two ranches nearby were consumed.

The fire now continued moving west across the top of the valley, passing La Crescenta Avenue, then Ramsdell, and approaching the ranch of Vernon Hall at Pennsylvania Avenue and Foothill. Vernon was fighting the fire and cut off from his home but his new wife, Eudoxie, barely out of her

teens, saved the ranch single-handedly. As the fire approached, she cut a firebreak and placed water barrels along the fire line. She beat furiously at the flames with a wet sack, running along the line of flames, wetting her sack as needed. She saved their ranch and the fire passed her by.

Next week: the fire continues, the federal firefighters abandon CV, and Phil Begue rallies locals.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

Black Lives Matter

Our fellow Americans cannot breathe. Protestors are taking to the streets in Glendale, Los Angeles and cities across America to demand justice and demand that the dignity and humanity of Black Americans be recognized. These protests are born out of real pain – pain that we as a society have allowed to grow because generations of Black Americans have lived for their entire lives with the legitimate fear and reality of police brutality.

Throughout the course of our nation's history, we have fought racism through a bloody civil war, a civil rights movement, generations of peaceful protest and progressive legislation. We have made progress but only haltingly and at great cost.

For racism is always with us. And in Minneapolis on May 25, when a police officer put his knee

on the neck of George Floyd and kept it there for eight minutes and 46 seconds, racism was at the heart of that murderous depravity.

The crushing reality of racism is, tragically, everywhere – in large cities and small towns, in hospitals and in schools, in the justice system and in the economic system. And racism persists in part because we can never fully understand what it is like to stand in someone else's shoes. I can never fully understand what it means to be stopped while walking down the street, or while driving, or while in a store, just because of the color of my skin. I can never fully understand what it means to have a talk with my child about how to survive a police encounter.

I recently participated in a multi-faith virtual forum with All Saints Church, IKAR and MPAC. During

the event, Rabbi Sharon Brous shared a story of the differing life experiences of Black and White Americans: A white mother said to her child that if he got lost and saw a police officer, that was a safe person to ask for help. A black mother said to her child that if he got lost and saw a police officer coming, he should hide as fast as he can.

These are the contrasting experiences of our fellow Americans. We see each other but dimly, even with both eyes open. And yet we must try. We must not turn away. We must acknowledge our own implicit biases. And we must use our voices to lift up rather than divide.

For more than two decades I have been a legislator. I believe in the power of corrective action through collective action, in the ability of

the law to address injustice and the courts to effectuate it. I believe in the power of oversight in Congress, in our state legislatures, through police commissions and through public inquiry and protest.

Many Americans, including those who cannot breathe and live in fear of the police, do not see these levers of power as protecting them or even representing them. And rightly so. The same levers that can be used for good can and have been used to oppress. That must change. And Congress must change, too. Congress must listen, hear and act.

Led by our colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus, including California's Senator Kamala Harris and Congresswoman Karen Bass, we just introduced a bold, unprecedented police accountability bill, the Justice in Policing Act. This

bill will hold police officers and departments accountable and increase transparency, make structural changes to our justice system, ban chokeholds and eliminate qualified immunity, which helps protect bad actors, and much more.

We must reimagine policing in our country and this is just the start. Much work remains to be done – especially at the state and local levels – but I am proud to support this bill as a critical first step.

We can and must do better for those suffocating on our streets, whether under the knee of a racist cop or from a system that has perpetuated inequality and injustice. And we must do so with a sense of urgency. Because Black Lives Matter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idea Seems Off-Balance

I read with interest Charly Shelton's article "Al Fresco Dining Coming to Montrose" in the June 4 issue.

I think this is a perfect opportunity to close off Honolulu between Verdugo and Las Palmas or another street. This does not have to be permanent, only until we can all gather indoors again.

Parking is a big problem in Montrose. I believe making parking lots into outdoor eating areas is not a good idea:

1. Many parking lots are not level; anyone who has tried to eat at an angle can probably agree that it is a pain in the you-know-what.

2. Not all restaurants have an easy access to a parking lot.

Paul Liu
Glendale

Responds to Letter Writer

As of this writing (June 9), officer Derek Chauvin, now infamous as the officer with his knee on the neck of George Floyd as well as

three other Minneapolis police department officers who looked on as Mr. Floyd died, have been arrested. There is no question that Mr. Chauvin's actions were outside department policy and resulted in the death of Mr. Floyd by asphyxiation. The assertion that the murder of Mr. Floyd was an isolated incident [Viewpoints, Letters to the Editor, John Kretz, June 4] is, bluntly, appalling. In the weeks leading up to Mr. Floyd's death, Breonna Taylor was shot and killed in her home by plainclothes officers of the Louisville Metro Police Department while she slept. The officers were serving a "no knock" warrant in her apartment complex and entered her apartment by mistake. The officers responsible for the shooting have not been charged at this point.

The most striking parallel is the murder of Eric Garner in New York City in 2014; when Mr. Garner was pinned to the ground he cried out, "I can't breathe" – the same plea made by Mr. Floyd, and now printed on signs, sprayed onto buildings, and

chanted by protesters.

Beyond the larger scope of past police killings, Mr. Chauvin had a history of brutality complaints filed against him and had been previously fired from two separate law enforcement agencies; the fact that Mr. Chauvin was a sworn police officer with his personal history is simply mystifying. To claim George Floyd's death is an "isolated incident" is at best ignorant to the state of policing in the United States.

I am a graduate of the Glendale Community College Administration of Justice program. All of my instructors were current or former law enforcement officers from several agencies. Police officers are necessarily entrusted with the power to detain and arrest, and to use force when it is required in the course of their duties. Of course, with that power there must be restraint and professionalism. Officers cannot allow emotion to guide their hands in the commission of their duty. While it

may seem to be a fine line for peace officers to walk, balancing power against feeling, the public can accept no less from a professional law enforcement agency.

At the core of this movement is anger at the failure of law enforcement to represent the ideals of justice and serve their communities in an equitable manner.

The ongoing protests around the country represent the culmination of a hundred years of peaceful

and violent uprisings against a racist system of oppression. As a people we must acknowledge the rage of our communities affected by these murders – and I use the word murder deliberately as the unlawful killing of another human without justification or valid excuse – and advocate for systematic change or there will be more George Floyds, more Breonna Taylors, more Eric Garners, and

see LETTERS on page 8

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Celebrating Pride in her Family

This year is the 50th anniversary of annual LGBTQ+ Pride traditions. The first Pride march in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, which was the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. The uprising was a six-day protest event that began with a raid on a place called Stonewall Inn. This was not the first time law enforcement had raided Stonewall but this time it appeared those in the Inn – and a growing crowd outside – had enough. When an inspector ordered employees and those who were “cross-dressing” detained, a resistance began. The uprising stretched from the Stonewall Inn throughout the City of New York, according to the Library of Congress.

This is the history of Pride month but, from a personal viewpoint, Pride has been a lifelong feeling. When my brother and I grew up, the term “homosexual” was whispered. It wasn't something that was spoken about in public; if people were LGBTQ+ they were usually described as, “You know, different.”

I start with this reference because my little brother always felt “different.” He viewed being gay this way because that was how others viewed it. So, starting from that reference, it is not surprising that my brother wanted to keep secret that he was “different.” To be honest, I feel guilty for not being more aware of the struggle he was facing. We would have talks, when he was older, and I would tell him if he was gay that wouldn't change anything ... but that statement simply wasn't true. His coming out to everyone would change everything.

I think what some do not understand, and what I didn't completely understand at the time, was “coming out” as a LGBTQ+ person is not just flipping a switch and all of a sudden everything is put right. At least for my brother it

was years of secrecy, of denial and of fear. He was bullied at school and he lost friends to suicide and drugs due to their struggles with sexual orientation. He was concerned about his family and friends turning away from him and even losing his job if he came out as a gay man, especially in the 1980s when HIV/AIDS was considered the “gay disease” and people thought they could “catch” AIDS by talking to a gay person. He did not share any of these concerns with the family or with me even though we were very close.

When he did officially tell the family he was gay no one reacted in a negative way. No one treated him differently but, due to years of being programmed that “different” is not acceptable, it took my brother a long time to believe that he was not being judged. He was terrified to tell my kids he was gay and to explain what that meant; he was afraid they would look at him differently. But my children loved their “Unc” and nothing changed that. He has now found the love of his life and my kids are blessed with two perfect uncles that love them unconditionally.

I wanted to share this because I want to acknowledge that society has come a long way from when my brother and I were kids, decades ago. More and more people are accepting of others who are LGBTQ+ but there are still people out there who feel my brother, because he is gay, is unnatural. There are still people who believe my Christian brother is not accepted by God and there are some who still pass judgment on my brother because of the fact he is gay.

My brother is funny, friendly, kind, generous, loyal and compassionate. In fact, I have seen him go out of his way to help people who actually think his lifestyle is wrong.

I am proud of my baby brother every day.

LETTERS from page 7

there will be no peace, and we will not deserve peace.

Edwin Brooks
La Crescenta

Challenges Rattlesnake Statement

In response to Dana Stengel's statement in the CV Weekly [“Co-existing with the Southern Pacific Rattler,” June 11] “The Southern Pacific Rattler is the only venomous snake in our area” most certainly would be challenged by Findley E. Russell, M.D., toxicologist who specialized in all types of venomous bites. Dr. Russell was one of the pioneers in the development of antivenin serum.

Dr. Russell was a professor at the USC School of Medicine and did his research at the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center. Back in the '70s I had the honor and privilege of documenting much of his research.

There are three species of rattlesnakes in Southern California: the Western Rattlesnake, the Western Diamondback and the Mojave Green (sidewinder) Rattlesnake. The most aggressive is the Western Diamondback. The most toxic is the Mojave Green. The striking distance of a rattlesnake is one-third their length. Basically, it is true that most rattlesnakes will avoid a hiker if they are making noise. Baby rattlers are poisonous. However, the more venom the greater the danger.

Most bites occur in the backyard of residences that live close to Angeles National Forest. During hot summer evenings people walk barefooted on their back lawn to cool off, not realizing that rattlesnakes are also there for a drink. Be aware, they don't always rattle! During his many lectures, Dr. Russell always advised against killing rattlesnakes because they control the rodent population. His research also revealed that there are approximately 7,000 rattlesnakes per square mile in our National Forest.

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Waiting Time at the Glendale DMV: June 12, 2020

The DMV is not taking “new” appointments, but is honoring the appointments scheduled prior to the COVID-19 shut down.

The DMV is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. I arrived at 7:30 a.m. – the line was already encircling three sides of the building! There were still parking spaces in the DMV parking lot, so I felt hopeful.

The DMV staff was working outside to organize the people in line. They were answering questions and handing out “numbers” to each individual to help the direct the flow of the customers once they entered the building. (I was #248). There was a hand-washing station. Every one was asked to wash

their hands prior to entering.

I was admitted into the DMV office at 9:30 a.m. (Two hours in line at this point). I walked out of the office and was in my car at 9:50 a.m.

Accolades to the staff at the Glendale DMV! The last time I went it was hot, crowded and noisy and the intimidating process seemed chaotic. Today, with the crowd waiting outside in line, the process seemed much more orderly. It helped having DMV staff screening the customers as they waited in line. Questions were answered in detail.

Social distancing was self monitored outside the building, but strictly enforced inside the building. The only suggestion that I had to improve the experience was to post signs intermittently or at each corner of the building saying, “Wait time from this point is approximately 60 minutes.”

Sue Lapham
Glendale

Where is the Rest of the Outrage?

First, my greatest compliments to [CV Weekly publisher] Robin Goldsworthy for her disagreement with the protestors who get violent [June 4]!

I agree with the Glendale City Council's expressed outrage at George Floyd's wrongful murder. I too was outraged. But it is what the Council did not say that bothered me greatly: the condemnation of violent protestors.

Many good people have died at the hands of violent protestors (read more at <https://tinyurl.com/ybqx1kg2>). Dave Patrick Underwood was an Afro-American law enforcement officer murdered in cold blood in Oakland. His only crime was guarding a building.

An Afro-American business owner in New York saw his life's work go up in flames after his business was destroyed. Not only other policemen but many innocent men and women who are not police have been brutally beaten and left to die on the street. There is no excuse for this violence and we should all be equally outraged by and condemnatory of this behavior.

Peaceful protests, even with anger, are very valid and should be encouraged. The expression of anger by protestors is a very appropriate emotion for this situation. However, the line should be drawn at anger. Murder, looting, and mayhem, or any other lawlessness against innocent people, should be loudly condemned.

I have two suggestions:

1. The Glendale City Council as well as all of our local, state and federal politicians should loudly condemn violent protestation including murder, looting, and mayhem, or any other lawlessness against innocent people through press releases, newspaper articles and in any media interviews.
2. When/If the Glendale City

Council has a candlelight vigil for George Floyd, please include Dave Patrick Underwood in the vigil. This would be an excellent way to balance the outrage and to express both sides of the outrage.

John Kretz
Glendale

Protests, Chaos and Political Agenda

The terrible death of George Floyd at the hands of some cops has turned the country upside down. The widespread violence, looting, shooting, destruction of properties, attacks on the police and all-around chaos is no ordinary reaction to the “disproportionate injustice toward black people.”

Statistics, however, show that in the last five years 4,700-plus deaths were attributed to police brutalities – 2,300-plus Whites, and 1,200-plus Blacks. In the six months till June 4, this year, 429 civilians were shot including 88 Blacks. The reasons may be varied, and disputed, and there might have been criminals involved, but there were these many deaths. However, there were no protests worth the name for “other” deaths. All deaths hurt; all should be mourned, irrespective of the causes.

The death of George Floyd is being exploited for sheer political purposes with a well-orchestrated agenda in this election year. The funeral and the memorial service for Floyd was hijacked by the Democrats with Joe Biden, Al Sharpton, Sheila Jackson-Lee and others putting the guy on a pedestal with Jesus Christ, Martin Luther King Jr. and other stalwarts of the “movement” and some, along with the pastors, openly exhorting the people to defeat President Trump, as if he was the main culprit.

This was uncalled for. This was disgusting. This was shocking. But this was not surprising as the top-most leaders of the previous administration had clearly said: “Don't let a good crisis go to waste.”

That's what is being done, now.


Yatindra Bhatnagar
Tujunga

California Gas Tax Due to Increase

Raising the gasoline tax would be a larger crime than it is currently (Editor's note: California gasoline tax is due to be raised by 3.2 cents on July 1). California streets and highways are some of the worst in our country yet our current tax is the highest. The transparency on where our current tax is going is buried in the general fund account. If our roads were in better repair we would feel more confident that the purpose of this tax was being used as promised to the people.

Perhaps the state should be sued for its break of purpose and mismanagement.

Ken Grayson, owner
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From Dr. Dale Ellwein & Standing Tall Chiropractic...

First off, I'm sorry for this crazy time.

I came to the realization the other day that if you want to heal the world, you must create more healers.

To help you, I am doing a daily video on how to become a healer. It's located at www.youtube.com/standingtallchiro.

So far, I've posted videos on Calming Your Emotional Stress, A Simple Exercise You Can Do at Home, and The Key Question to Help You Visualize Your Ideal Future, to name a few.

I feel that by keeping yourself healthy, you can minimize the effects of this pandemic for yourself and your loved ones, and become a healer yourself.

Sincerely,
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YOUTH

CVIM Explores the Power of Music

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Plato said, “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” Even the global COVID-19 pandemic can’t stop music – during it people have been singing and playing instruments from balconies, porches, and sidewalks, or even virtually together over the internet. Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music held a Virtual Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 5 to honor their student musicians. The instrumental music department usually has a celebratory banquet and awards ceremony at the end of the year but due to the current restrictions, the ceremony was held virtually through Zoom, with over 200 participants taking part.

Mathew Schick, instrumental music teacher at Crescenta Valley High School, has been a fixture at the school for 20 years where he teaches six different music classes.

“Being virtual, it was quite lonely for me speaking to everyone because I couldn’t see them [in person] and feel their live energy,” Schick said. “However, I was happy that we had many people watching and opportunities for kids to chat and comment while we went through the awards. We had many more people involved making slides, organizing to drop off items afterward, and compiling the information needed for the ceremony. On one hand, I like the idea of listing awardees in slides because it was a wonderful way of recognizing the students and when we go back to live ceremonies I want to continue that aspect of it. Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music [CVIM, the parent volunteer boosters organization] did an amazing job of helping to convert a live event into a great online experience.”

Kimie Blood is an 11th grader at CVHS and is in the marching band and jazz band. Blood plays trombone, piano, clarinet, flute and percussion. She is also the assistant drum major this year and will be the drum major next year as a senior.

“This year’s awards were on Zoom and were a bit disappointing that we couldn’t share in each other’s excitement in person,” she said, “but I’m thankful that through modern technology we could still be connected and celebrate with our music family. I loved being able to see everyone’s faces again. It’s been hard being separated from these wonderful people for so long.”

Andrew Kim, an 11th grader at Crescenta Valley High School, is in marching band and plays the saxophone.

“Obviously with the whole pandemic situation we could not have an actual in-person banquet,” he said. “The emotional aspect of being with each other and celebrating the awards at the end of the year was missing. Although we could not physically be with each other, we had separate Zoom calls going so we could talk to each other and emotionally support each other during the banquet. The virtual award ceremony gave me a sense of normalcy and in a way some closure to the year. Even though

it was not in-person, the awards banquet was still something and for that I am very grateful. It was really nice getting to see all of the faces that I haven’t seen in a while, and in a way it was fun because we could still celebrate the accomplishments of my peers and friends even if it was through a screen.”

The awards ceremony featured videos of the musicians playing music, recognized CVIM parent volunteers, recognized the seniors and acknowledged the students and their hard work throughout the year. Announcements were made of awards for the students, plus a picture slideshow was created by Andrew Kim that summed up the year. The different music classes at CV are marching band, string orchestra, symphony orchestra, wind ensemble, jazz band, and color guard.

There were 45 seniors in the instrumental music department this year. Many seniors were in instrumental music throughout all four years of high school, an amazing accomplishment. Some seniors joined music in their last year of high school.

“Our CVIM Foundation put together senior gift swag bags and delivered them the day after the award ceremony. It had gift items for everyone as well as what they earned at the awards ceremony. We always give perpetual tickets to every four-year senior that grants them free admission into any CV Instrumental Music Concert for life, as long as I’m the director. It also had CVIM mugs for everyone as well as some fun and special keepsakes to recognize and acknowledge our musical seniors who are graduating for all they have accomplished.”

The students worked hard throughout the whole year and, in marching band, the music students even labored last summer in band camp to learn their music and field formations. In each instrumental music class, there were student officers who help out with tasks in the classroom. The students volunteer to be student officers and gain leadership experience.

Blood was a drum major assistant this year for marching band.

“Being drum major assistant allowed me to give back to an organization that has blessed my family for over two decades as well as to serve the most kind, deserving people I know,” she said.

Next year, Blood will be the president of jazz band in addition to drum major of the marching band.

“I am super excited to lead the jazz band next year. We have enrolled a really talented and dedicated group of musicians so I know it will be a fantastic year,” she said.

Andrew Kim was vice president of the marching band this year.

“I was able to help a lot of people, and was essentially a catch all for problems that needed to be resolved,” Kim said. “This was by far the most rewarding portion of my role as I could see a physical representation of my work, whether it was working alongside our equipment crew, or fixing broken props, or taking pictures, I was able to make a difference.”

Kim will be the marching band

president next year.

“I am very excited to be the next marching band president because of the strong leadership team that we have this year. All of my fellow peers have been working so hard for this upcoming year and I cannot wait to see what we as a group accomplish musically,” he said of his new role. “Although the role of the marching band might change in the coming year due to COVID-19, I am confident that we, as a group, will have a very memorable year. I cannot wait to see what is in store for us.”

The music students performed in the Winter Concert, although the Spring Concert was cancelled due to COVID-19. However, the music students kept practicing and playing music via remote learning.

There is also an equipment crew who helps load the trailer and U-Haul for performances at football games and festivals, and assists with other tasks such as checking the instruments and helping with the lockers.

Additional awards were given for the most spirited, outstanding musicians, and outstanding initiative in the different music classes that were voted for by the students. Students also made awards for their peers such as the three musketeers, most likely to be Tik Tok famous award, walking history textbook, and best hair.

Scholarships were presented to exceptional music students. The national awards presented at the CVHS Instrumental Music Virtual Awards Banquet were the Director’s Award, Louis Armstrong Award for Jazz Band, National Orchestra Award, and John Philip Sousa Award.

Alexa Hernandez, a senior who was in both marching band and string orchestra for four years, won the Director’s Award. Hernandez was also the president of string orchestra this year.

David Januzik won the Louis Armstrong Award. Leo Gonta won the National Orchestra Award. Nicholas Sandoval, the drum major of marching band for this year, won the John Philip Sousa Award. The criteria for these awards include private lessons, commitment, enthusiasm, dedication, growth, involvement, leadership, citizenship, dependability and musical accomplishment. The students who won these awards are clearly dedicated to music.

The marching band usually has band camp in the summer.

“Band camp will happen, but depending on what the District allows us to do, I’m not sure if we’ll be doing virtual or in person,” said Schick. “I’m planning for both so when we know I can implement a fun and worthwhile experience either way.”

The memories and skills that these students take with them will not be forgotten.

“Marching band has a special place in my heart because of the bond that we share amongst members,” said Kim. “Due to the amount of time that we spend with each other, we become very close with one another and, in a cheesy way, they are like your family.”

And through music there might be direction on how to handle current uncertainties.

“I know right now we are all grasping how to deal with the current situation,” said Schick. “I find that music helps give us purpose and an outlet. Whether we just listen or play, music can give us a way to express how we feel without having to verbally articulate it. We will get through this period in our life and we will

have fantastic stories to tell our kids and grandkids. Look ahead to the time we get to be around each other again and don’t take the little things for granted when we can get together because as we’ve learned, those things can be taken away at a moment’s notice. Appreciate those around you and do your best to make life better for them.”

YOUTH NOTES

They Have an ‘E.Y.E.’ on Science

In response to current government restrictions and parental hesitations, three local La Cañada High School graduates – Ashlyn Oh, Anurima Chattopadhyay and Sonia Bhaskaran – have created Experiment Your Element – E.Y.E. – a series of weeklong summer camps for fourth to seventh grade students (though there are hopes to expand the camp to seventh and eighth grade students).

According to Oh, each session combines hands-on experiments (the camp provides the materials) and the students are encouraged to think critically about their results. They are also urged to expand the experiments to explore questions that interest them. Lectures are given by the trio on science and engineering topics, and small-group discussions allow the “campers” to interact with each other and share ideas. The goal is to present science in an engaging and exciting way, encourage kids to pursue their own scientific investigations, and give students more in-depth understanding of important scientific topics.

The price is currently \$105 for the week. Visit experimentinyourelement.weebly.com for more information or email experimentinyourelement@gmail.com.

Winners of the 2019-20 CIF Southern Section-Ford Academic Awards Announced

The Flintridge Prep boys’ water polo team was among 26 teams named winners of the 34th Annual CIF Southern Section – FORD Academic Awards program. The team awards, based on a cumulative grade point average, are awarded in 26 team sports. Entries from 1,788 teams were received this year. Twenty-nine different CIF-SS member schools are represented amongst the team winners.

The annual academic awards program is sponsored by the Southern California FORD Dealers.

To be considered, teams must have a minimum of five student-

athletes with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA average (4.0 scale) in the first semester or first two quarters of the 2018-19 school year. The highest team GPA in each sport category by enrollment determines the winner. Schools are divided into two enrollment categories, 1500 and above and 1499 and below. The team with the highest GPA in each enrollment category for each sport received the award. The first-place teams receive a banner to commemorate their achievement. All teams who participated and qualified receive Academic Award certificates for their student-athletes.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Decorating Contest Celebrates Independence Day

Call to all who are proud to be American! The Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills/Rotary Club announced a best decorating contest to celebrate the Fourth of July this year. Participants can enter photos starting July 1 through July 4 until noon showing their patriotic spirit. Winners from each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Back Door Bakery in Sunland, or Caruso's Italian Restaurant in Tujunga, or one of four six-month subscriptions to CV Weekly, which is also a sponsor of the event. The categories are: Best Patriotic Pet Costume. Do you have a patriotic pig, a country fried pride chicken, a feline feeling freedom, or a best-in-show canine in her best stars and stripes? If so, submit your photo!

Best Patriotic Children's Costume. Let's see our little future leaders show their American spirit in their best red, white and blue. They can be an historic figure, their favorite superhero, or create their own homemade costume. Be creative and send

us your photo!

Best Patriotic Car/Truck/Trailer/Bus/Boat. Nothing represents freedom like being on the road or water. Bedazzle your vehicle or boat with stars and stripes, and show off that red, white and blue. Once again, be creative and submit your photo!

Best Decorated Home or Business. What says more of living the American Dream than your home or business? Show your pride; decorate with a patriotic theme and send us your photo!

The rules to enter the best decorating contest are to email one photo per category to sunland.tujunga.rotary@gmail.com. Title the photo "Decorating Contest" and participants must include their first and last name and contact phone number. Or participants can post their photo/s on the Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills/Rotary Club Facebook page in the comments section under the category for which they are

submitting. Pictures must be sent/posted between July 1 and July 4 at noon. Photos will then be re-posted by Rotary Club on the three community Facebook groups: The Sunland-Tujunga Independent, Sunland Tujunga Community News, and the Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills/LVT news feed. Judging will be based on the number of "likes" or "hearts" received by 10 p.m. on July 4; one winner per household, per category.

Photos must be submitted to Rotary to be eligible to win.

The Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills/Rotary Club reserves the right to delete or censor any politically or socially sensitive material. No politics, no Blue/Black/Police Lives Matter material will be accepted. By participating in this contest, participants give Sunland/Tujunga/Shadow Hills/Rotary Club permission to post these photos on the Facebook community group pages and reproduce these photos for purposes of public funding or publicity.

Scholarships Presented by Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta-AM

Scholarships of \$1,000-\$1,500 were awarded to deserving students from Crescenta Valley High School. All seven students had a grade point average of 4.0 and higher.

Samantha Moore will major in civil engineering at UC Irvine this fall. During her high school years she served as captain of the CV cross country and track varsity team, performed community service at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church as a senior altar server and activities leader, volunteered at the La Crescenta Library with the Summer Reading Program and was an intern last summer with the City of Glendale's Building and Safety Division. She credits her parents with creating a strong foundation for her to learn and absorb new things, meet and work with people different from her and spread her wings to all the exciting opportunities ahead.

"Starting collage will truly mean limitless potential and I

am optimistic that I will push my boundaries to become the best possible version of myself," she said.

Elena Markova will attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall majoring in economics and focusing on becoming an entrepreneur. During the past five years with AYSO she was only the second youth girls' assistant soccer coach and referee earning the award for Youth Volunteer of the Year. She also taught English to students in Cambodia over video chat through TASSEL. Through this experience she has "witnessed the detrimental effects of a lack of a solid education and I would like to be able to help those around me have a better future and, in turn, make the world a better place."

Isabella Doom started keeping a journal when she was a very young girl that has become a lifetime experience. She will be attending CSU Long Beach with the goal of attaining her teaching credential

and master's degree in childhood development. She is a hard worker and when she sets her mind on achieving something she knows she will accomplish it. Doom has been a Girl Scout for 10 years earning her bronze and silver awards by donating books and helping to paint a mural on a kindergarten playground. She was a member of her church youth group which made food for the homeless and donated socks to homeless shelters plus playing high school and club volleyball serving in the position of captain for both teams. Her faith in God is an important part of her life and "has strongly influenced the person I have become." She also credits the lessons she has learned from both her parents and grandmother (an active member of the Kiwanis LCLCa Club) with helping her become the person she is today.

Madeline Yi will be the first sibling in her family to attend

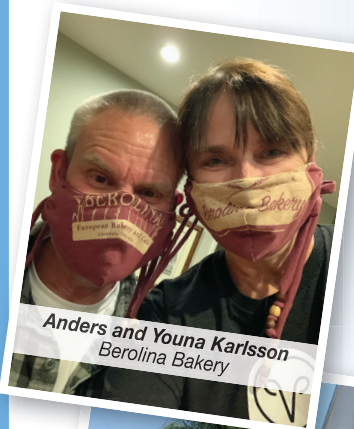
college majoring in public policy at UC Irvine. She was very active in high school and served as captain of the CV varsity swim team and as a member of the National Honor Society. Many of her activities involved working with

young children through a campus beautification project at Monte Vista Elementary School, teaching preschool Sunday school at The Vine Church and tutoring two

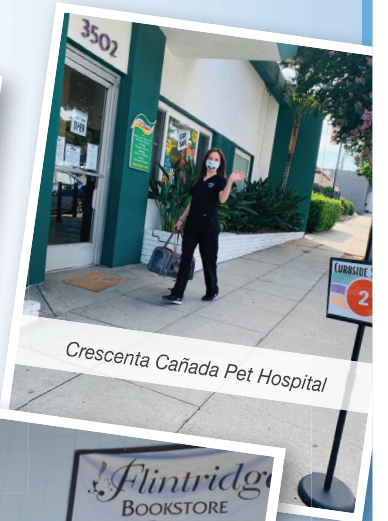
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Veterans Corner June 2020

VA Backlog of Claims Grows to 119,000 as Work Stopped for Coronavirus

The backlog of Dept. of Veterans Affairs claims has grown by tens of thousands of cases since the department halted work because of the coronavirus pandemic, top VA officials said recently.

There were 119,000 backlogged claims as of Wednesday, June 17 up from 64,000 in November. The VA considers backlogged claims for benefits to be those that take longer than 125 days to approve or deny.

"We are not happy about the backlog," said Paul Lawrence, the VA undersecretary for benefits. "Our team is very proud of processing claims quickly, so we want to get to that right away."

Lawrence testified before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee recently alongside VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. Questions from senators focused on the department's response to the pandemic, as well as its fiscal 2021 budget request. Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., asked about the claims backlog, which he said had "grown significantly" since the start of the pandemic.

The VA stopped performing the in-person Compensation and Pension exams, referred to as C&P exams, April 2 to encourage veterans to stay home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. C&P exams are appointments with doctors, during which disabilities are evaluated. The results of the exams help the VA rate veterans' disabilities, which determine the compensation they receive each

month, as well as their eligibility for VA programs. Bottom line – do not voluntarily miss scheduled exams!

Without the exams, the claims backlog has grown and thousands of veterans are waiting for decisions. The coronavirus pandemic coincided with the start of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, which prompted a surge of new claims, Lawrence said. The new law made thousands of Vietnam War veterans newly eligible for VA benefits beginning in January.

The VA has restarted in-person C&P exams June 8. To help handle the delay, Lawrence asked for Congress to approve legislation that would allow non-physicians, such as nurse practitioners, to conduct the exams.

"We ask you to consider that," Lawrence said. "It's one way to expand our capacity to work on the C&P backlog."

Lawrence also asked that some of the money Congress gave the VA for its coronavirus response efforts be moved to the Veterans Benefits Administration to help pay employees for overtime. In the \$2 trillion CARES Act approved March 27, Congress allotted \$19.6 billion for the VA. The department had spent only \$2.3 billion of the money as of last week, and other VA officials asked Congress for the authority to transfer it between accounts.

By Nikki Wentling

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Post Pride Found at ace/121 Gallery



ABOVE: Dorian Katz, "Femme Lingerie Party: Who's Zoomin' Who," 2020
LEFT: Emery Nunez, "Pray for Us," 2020

2020 has seen the reimagining of gay Pride events all over the world since the first parade in 1970, one year following the Stonewall uprising. As the public health protocols surrounding COVID-19 seem to evolve daily, many Pride events that were initially canceled have been reconfigured into a virtual format, creating a near-global celebration that crosses borders, cultures and languages that bodies cannot.

Post Pride at ace/121 Gallery marks the first exhibition for many of the artists featured since the issuance of the Safer-At-Home Order. The show was conceived before COVID-19 hit, and the Order seemed to make its themes all the more relevant.

The nine artists featured in the show – Dorian Katz, Emery Nunez, Emiliano Aguirre, Jo Ann Block, John Calavitta, Juan Velasquez, Nelson Munares, Shelley Heffler and Violenta Flores – reflect myriad meditations on queerness and Pride with a particular focus for some on social and racial

issues, highlighting the intersectional themes that Pride has come to represent.

From archival work that has found new relevance to new works produced since the pandemic, the artists represented rose to a call of considering when and how a world can be reimagined amidst COVID-19 during – and after – Pride, forever intertwined with the country's pandemic of racism. The visual appearance of Pride – and how these artists have found ways to display it – has changed drastically over the last months, and these artists' depictions of self and others offer a gesture toward how we all might emerge from quarantine, in solidarity, toward a common – and possible – future.

To view the exhibition, visit www.ace121gallery.com/post-pride.

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Now » Not much changes in Montrose, often just the name above the door. Almost 90 years after the bar opened, it's still a bar! In 2002 it became the Barru Martini Bar, then shifted to Fat Dog, and is now Basin 141. I wonder if through each of these successive remodels anyone came across the obscene mural?

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DEMO CLUB INTRODUCES BIDEN REP AND SCHIFF VIDEO

On Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m., the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club will present Akshay Venugopalan, the Joe Biden presidential campaign field organizer/West Region, and Congressman Adam Schiff. The meeting will be remotely viewed through the Zoom platform. Schiff will speak in a video made expressly for the Club, answering members' questions.

Following the club meeting, a "virtual house party" will commence at 4 p.m. with a virtual toast. Members are urged to invite friends and family to participate in the Zoom call. The theme of this "Party with a Purpose" is "What do you want California to look like post-pandemic?" Ideas are expected along the lines of education, healthcare, social justice and employment. A fun, spirited, but civilized debate is anticipated.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. For more information and ZOOM log in visit the Club's website at www.ccdemclub.org.

SHOWCASE HOUSE SNEAK PEAK

The Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts is hosting a special, live stream event on Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Showcase post-construction to see some of the extensive work that's been done. Featuring musical performances from PSHA's instrumental competition winners, product demos and designer interviews. Plus glimpses of several design spaces, in process.

The sneak peak is free for current ticket holders; \$25 plus small transaction fee for non-ticket holders. To purchase tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7wfozwx>.

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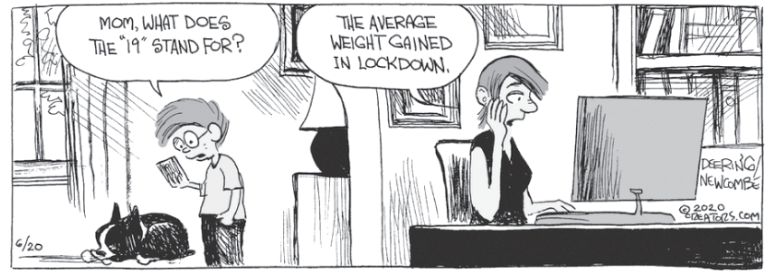
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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June 22, 2020 - June 28, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your search for balance in life may lead you to some interesting areas, especially those associated with your health and wellness. This is the perfect time to look at your daily habits and determine which ones are helpful and which are working against you. If you're suffering from any symptoms, part of the cause may be an imbalance that you're unaware of.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're a lot more interested in getting to the heart of health matters now. Working out on a regular basis is one of the best things you can do to release tension. It has a cathartic effect that helps you let go of powerful emotions. This will certainly improve your well-being.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

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♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may prefer to exercise with your partner or a buddy now. Working out alone may not be nearly as satisfying. You enjoy having someone to compete against, even on a friendly basis. Your commitment to achieving your health goals will help your training partner achieve his or hers. You're a real inspiration!

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

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♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may find that a subtle sense of anxiety that has been with you for some time begins to ease off. It's as though you've been living on your nerves, and this has caused you to be more tired than usual. You may feel as though a weight has been taken from your shoulders over the days and weeks ahead.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Going on vacation may be your chance to get back in touch with your body. If you're stressed and overworked, there's a good chance you need to give your mind a rest and relax deeply. Walking, swimming, dancing, and generally enjoying the outdoors will center you in your body and help you feel good again. Keep up the healthy habits when you get home!

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You may be inspired to make changes to your kitchen in order to streamline food preparation. This is a good time to think about the gadgets and utensils you might need to help you eat better and cook the kinds of meals that encourage optimum health. A short detox might also help your system.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You're currently very motivated to exercise more. If you haven't worked out for a while, it's best to start slowly and increase your pace as you get stronger. The tendency is to dive in and burn out, which ultimately achieves nothing. Find someone to help create a program just for you that will help you stay on track.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may feel motivated now to get the necessary help to lose weight and get into shape. You may find it useful to join an online group or local health club where you can get the support you need. It will be easier to maintain a disciplined approach if you're working through issues with others.



PET OF THE WEEK

Here's Lily (12 yr old Puggle) whose ears perk up when she finds out we're going on a walk.

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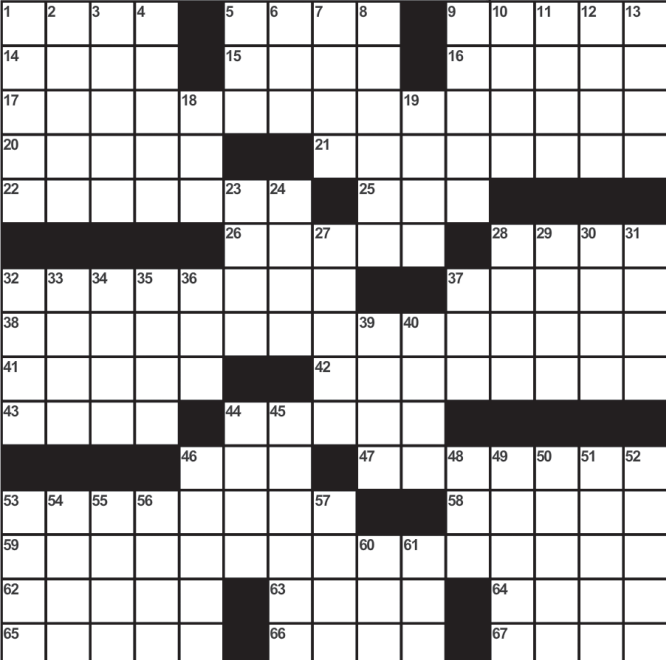
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- 21) Madame's grooming ritual
- 22) Indy 500 mishap
- 25) Was in front
- 26) Surveys
- 28) Check
- 32) Equip, Brit-style
- 37) Talia of "Rocky"
- 38) Ne'er-do-wells
- 41) Sonata section
- 42) Exactitude
- 43) Inhabitants of a sci-fi planet
- 44) Pun reaction, often
- 46) "___ we there yet?"
- 47) Loiterer
- 53) Lacking knowledge
- 58) Bicker
- 59) Mr. Hyde went through them
- 62) Division of a long poem
- 63) Lean and muscular
- 64) Arduous journey
- 65) Chinese green tea variety
- 66) Plane part
- 67) Back talk

DOWN

- 1) DEA officers
- 2) Deplete
- 3) City in Florida
- 4) It holds water
- 5) Animal house
- 6) Big brute
- 7) Equine gait
- 8) Sign up for class
- 9) Youngster
- 10) Go from pillar to post
- 11) Came down
- 12) Camping gear
- 13) Halftime lead, e.g.
- 18) Lennon's wife
- 19) Untruths
- 23) "What've you been ___?"
- 24) Unit of pressure
- 27) Slow, musically
- 28) Ankle-knee connector
- 29) Food sticker
- 30) Units of work
- 31) Awful state
- 32) Uttar Pradesh city
- 33) Henhouse
- 34) Traffic marker
- 35) "What are the ___?"
- 36) Abduction ship, in tabloids
- 37) Girl's pronoun
- 39) Kind of thermometer
- 40) Type of fish or salad
- 44) Court star Steffi
- 45) Celebrity
- 46) Burning desire?
- 48) Gangster's gun
- 49) Southern breakfast dish
- 50) Ancient Greek marketplace
- 51) Ancient characters
- 52) Schoolroom furniture
- 53) Cast wearer's problem
- 54) Confederate soldier's color
- 55) Bobbsey sister et al.
- 56) "I'm ___ you!"
- 57) "The Three Tenors," e.g.
- 60) Post-wedding title
- 61) Affirmative vote

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By Janice K. Bowles



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RELIGION

Question:

We're having a challenge with our son Jason who is attending college online. He tells us he's fed-up with online classes, misses seeing his friends and wants to drop out. We tell him "this too, shall pass" and to hang in there.

We've also told him if he does drop out, he has to get a job. We've told him that a year passes quickly and, at the end of a year after he's dropped out, he'll wish he hadn't. Nothing we tell him is getting through. He only has one year to graduate with a bachelor's degree.

We attend church regularly as a family and have prayed and prayed about this and still he remains firm about wanting to drop out. We're thinking since he's so persistent, perhaps God has other ideas for his life. Please help us sort this out and perhaps provide some ideas that will help Jason get a grip on reality.

~ Disappointed Mom & Dad

Dear Disappointed Mom and Dad,

It is frustrating to live in moments where we long for life to return to normal while also being powerless to make it so. I believe that this time will be a defining moment for Gen Z students as they discover that navigating uncharted waters is both harrowing and adventurous. Unfortunately for those who care deeply about our children and their peers, our wisdom feels like advice from a bygone era.

Binary options are no longer enough. But I find that they do offer boundaries for discussion. For example, your son's options are: 1) remain enrolled full-time or 2) find a full-time job. Both are likely untenable. But middle ground remains. The flexibility of online studies might allow for part-time enrollment (and part-time employment). Beyond employment, there are currently countless opportunities to serve those in need in the Los Angeles area, from activism to homeless services to food pantries and more. And each of these contributes to a well-formed life.

Proverbs 16:9 offers wisdom as well: "In our hearts we plan our course, but God establishes our steps." Our choices in life inevitably open some doors and can permanently close others. But God remains behind all of them. Many people who are fulfilled in life took a circuitous path to that fulfillment, often a path they did not imagine they would ever tread. It requires faith to step out on the road.

Personally, I would encourage your son to finish his degree – but he can likely do so at a slower pace. If you have the means and he desires a broader experience during this time, he can work or volunteer while taking a couple of classes online. Maybe he explores coursework that he was curious about but never tried. I do not think the answer is to do nothing but hang out with friends all day for the next year. The world needs this next generation to bring their enthusiasm and energy for lasting

change – what inspires him to say yes to that calling?



Pastor Kyle Sears
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Dear Disappointed Mom and Dad,

I can only imagine how you both feel about Jason's choices right now! He is at the age where he wants to make his own decisions about life and feels that since he is an adult he can do so. But you both have wisdom and experience behind your recommendations for him to stay in college because you understand how fast one year will fly by in light of all that is happening in today's world.

There are a few things that have been left out of your inquiry. What field/area is Jason's degree in? In that field, how necessary is it to have a college degree? Is Jason confident that this is the field that he is ultimately called to work in?

God truly knows what is best for Jason and it may be that after taking off a year to work he begins to see what he is missing out on. Today, many students are taking what is known as a "gap year" in which they work for a bit and then enroll in college. He may need that year, but only God knows.

What may be hard but be best is if you are able to release him completely into God's hands and support his decision even though you do not agree. He will learn from this and may even look back and say, "My parents didn't want me to not finish college, but they believed in me and supported my decision and that has meant a lot to me."

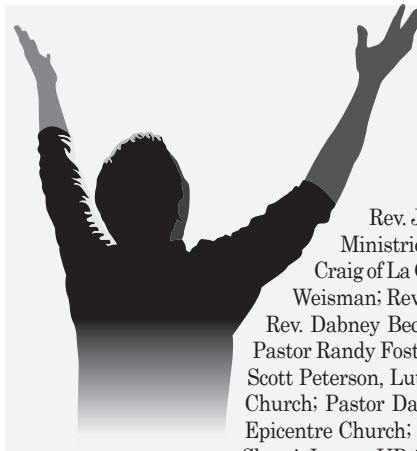
We don't know but perhaps after a year he will see how much he needs that degree and immediately hop back in.

One of the many things I have learned in parenting our four now middle-aged adult children is that they have had to at times experience "soft failures." We hate them to experience these but as long as it is not something illegal or immoral, we have had to allow them to make decisions that God uses to grow their character. Hard, but so necessary! Today each of ours and their families love God and are faithful servants of Him.

You are doing what is good and right – praying and asking for God's intervention in Jason's life. God hears and knows and will comfort your heart with His peace as you trust Him with your son's journey. Parenting is never easy, but is incredibly rewarding! Hang in there dear ones!



Pastor Debbie Sayovitz
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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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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.

Question:

We have one son, Mike, who has recently been offered a better

paying position in another state. He and his wife, Sandy, have blessed us with three beautiful grandchildren, ages 5, 8, and 11. We enjoy their family so much! Now that they're moving, they want us to move, too. We've lived in the same house for 40 years, and really don't want to leave the area. We are both involved in community activities and volunteer at a food bank. We're having a difficult time making up our minds about what to do. Mike and Sandy have said they'll take care of everything – from packing up the house, selling it and finding us a home near where they'll be living. We're both in our 70s and a move just sounds like too much of a big change. If we don't go, we won't get to see them very often because they'll live 900 miles away.

What do you think?

~ Undecided Seniors

Dear Undecided Seniors,

I'm not sure why, but my dad told me years ago to never follow your adult children. He had friends who did so and when their children got better paying positions they moved again, leaving their friends in an unfamiliar setting and not being able to afford to move back to California. I was just a kid when he told me that but it's stuck with me.

You have to also realize that parents and kids will be busy with friends, school and work. How much would you see them? You also seemed very involved in your community. How easy would it be to do that in a new community?

Since money doesn't seem to be a problem with Mike and Sandy, maybe they could buy a home with a guesthouse or another bedroom that could be dedicated as yours? Once the virus is over, you could have a more quality visit as often as you want.

Of course the decision is yours, but don't count on them staying where they are. Take it from my dear departed dad. He saw it happen many times to his friends who longed to come back.



Carolyn Young, LCSW
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Dear Undecided Seniors,

I don't blame you for not being able to decide. The pull to be near the grandkids can be overwhelming. And so is missing Mike! But what a major upheaval! Let me ask you, do you really feel like starting all over? Have you thought about how dependent you'd be on Mike and Sandy socially? How isolated at first? You'd be starting over with geography, a new space and place, church, driving, restaurants, associations, doctors and finding new friends, probably even a new climate too. Employment can be such a fickle thing. It's 900 miles away you say? Yikes!

From what you've written, it sounds like Mike and family see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page

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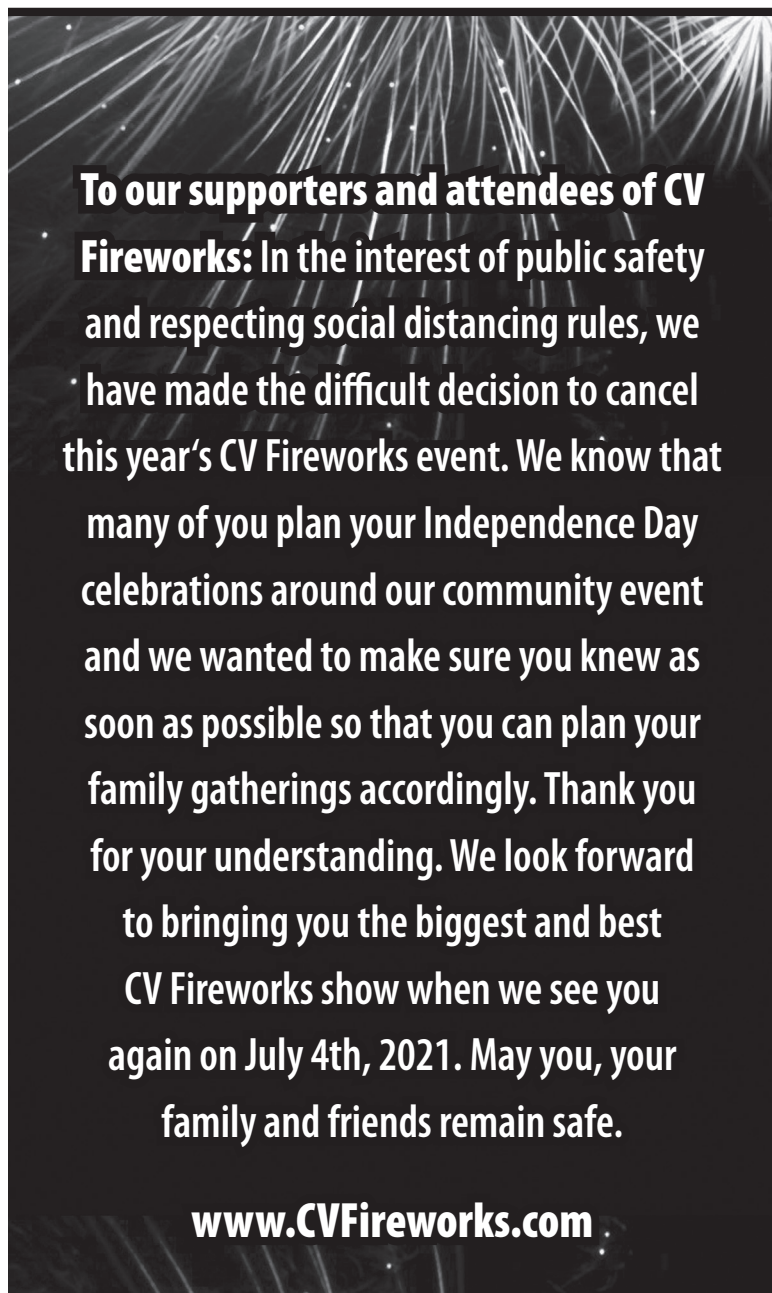
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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING *from previous page*

haven't moved yet. It's nice they want you near them. Have you considered the added stress that comes to him with your move to be near him? This new job better work out or else!!! My advice would be this: For a while, at least until things calm down and all the moving dust settles, why not let grandma and grandpa's house be a beloved and exciting destination? Somewhere over the river and through the woods! It's always fun to go there! Everybody looks forward to it! Not so much if you see them multiple times per week. And you would indeed see them multiple times per week

since you've said goodbye to all the other things you used to do back home that kept you so active. This reminds me – would it be a good idea for your daughter-in-law's parents to also move near her so they could spend more time with her and your son and your grandkids?

And you know what? Sometimes your kids move back into town! I did. It's not unheard of. And since you don't know all the variables of this new job for your son, it seems wise to me to wait and see before making any big moves. There are lots to enjoy here in this life you've made for yourselves. You've been

good parents for a long time. But you are more than parents. You've made a life for yourselves, here, for over 40 years. Who knows where Mike will go and for how long?

Mike knows the way back home. Why not be there waiting for him?



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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to offer "Couch Church" for the foreseeable future. This week's service will be live streamed on Sunday at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page – facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos. After the live stream, the service can be found at www.lcifoothills.org. This week, June 28, Pastor Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon on "Welcome to Become Well." Take part on Sundays at 11 a.m. for a time of fellowship via Zoom. Details are available by contacting the church office.

All are invited on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for an interactive time of prayer and Scripture via Zoom. Details are available by contacting the church office.

Bulletins for children and adults (along with games for children and a Bible quiz for adults) are also available on the website. For more information on these and other activities, please email the church at office@lcifoothills.org or call the office.

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.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Opens Doors for Public Worship

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church opened its doors for weekly public worship on Sunday, June 14. Three in-person worship opportunities are offered, all following social distancing and sanitation guidelines set forth by the state and county.

At the 9 a.m. contemporary

service, worshipers may gather in the LCPC sanctuary or in the outdoor courtyard. The outdoor location offers a friendly, worshipful setting for those seeking a higher level of precaution: temperatures will be taken, distancing will be greater and masks will be mandatory.

Worshipers at the 9 a.m. services will enjoy music by The Blessed, the same band featured in LCPC services posted at lcpc.net every Sunday. At 11 a.m., worshipers will enjoy classical music in the LCPC sanctuary.

At all in-person services, families with children or youth are invited to worship together. Separate rooms adjacent to the services will be available for young children and parents.

For those who wish to worship online, La Crescenta Presbyterian will continue to post services at lcpc.net.

For more information about LCPC policies to protect the health and safety of our congregation, visit lcpc.net. La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta, can be reached by phone at (818) 249-6137.

St. Luke's Anglican Takes Part in Lift Up La Crescenta

To address the great needs in the community, country and around the world, Lift Up La Crescenta works on helping people come together in the name of Jesus and in the name of love and in the name of unity of the Body of Christ to pray for healing of our land. The spirit of love can overcome anything that divides us and we are asking interested people to come and pray for each other and those who are hurting, angry, lost,

and wondering what lies ahead with lifted hearts and hands.

Lift Up La Crescenta next meets at Deukmejian Park, 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta on Saturday, June 27.

Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

Catholics Invited

ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together. The branch members extend an invitation to La Crescenta, Tujunga and Sunland Catholics to join the local ICF branch and share your culture, heritage and religious beliefs. The only prerequisite for joining is being Catholic. Our members are from many ethnic groups.

ICF is active in various cultural events throughout the state, supports local parishes, and provides various charities with financial and other support. ICF members believe in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community and spiritual actions, activities and camaraderie.

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young girls in reading and math and helping them to reach grade level standards. She knows that these experiences have given her the ability to aid others in tangible ways.

"As my generation has inherited many challenges, I know I will be one of many who acts with resilience and motivation to usher in progress," Yi said. "I aim to live as a conscientious citizen, advocating for continual positive change."

Eve McCreary will major in political science at UC Santa Barbara. She has earned the Gold Award as a Girl Scout for 12 years, been an advocate for student needs by joining the Parent Teachers Student Association and was copy editor and senior writer for the CV Falcon newspaper with her own column: Eve's Editorial. She wants to continue working to be an advocate for those who cannot be one for themselves, "to raise other people's voices to speak louder and more

confidently."

Keegan Schmit will attend UCLA majoring in applied mathematics with a career goal in medical research. He is the founder and president of Hospital Heroes helping to improve the children's hospital experiences by reducing their anxiety. He also raised funds for Children's Hospital Child Life Program, and sponsored, recruited and collected 83 pints of blood during three blood drives through the American Red Cross. As a two-time CV basketball captain he was able to put an end to bullying by encouraging the older players to become mentors to the younger players, which brought everyone closer via group chat and built friendships that spread beyond the court. He feels that he will work very hard to "fulfill my potential in college. I will be active; I will seek leadership opportunities and fight through any adversity I encounter."

Brendon Harvey will focus on having a STEM-related career while studying at BYU. As a Boy Scout for the past 10 years he earned his Eagle Award by installing a Japanese Friendship Garden at a dual immersion language elementary school, was a senior patrol leader mentoring other scouts on their projects, volunteered with the ACAC program helping to contribute food, clothing, school supplies and holiday gifts to foster children, and was president of the church youth group planning team building and service activities. One thing he hopes to do is to "bring to the world through my college education an understanding that we have more in common with others than we realize."

Two students who graduated from the Hillside School and Learning Center are also recipients of scholarships.

Lauren Tolbert is looking ahead

to college and majoring in either veterinary medicine with a minor in psychology or majoring in nutrition with a minor in sports medicine. She graduated early from Hillside and considers high school a stepping stone to the rest of her life.

"I plan to make [my life] one of prosperity and growth. Throughout many triumphs and challenges, the past four years have truly been the most defining in my 16 years of life, so far," she said.

She acknowledged her struggles with anorexia and the challenges of re-routing her schooling "in a way that not only served my education, but mental health as well. I have truly discovered depths within my soul that I once believed were non-existent."

She attributed the "iconic" David Bowie, who once said, "I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring."

Matteo Roukes credits Hillside

with a framework that supported his learning style and allowed him to complete his high school education in three years, giving him the freedom, as a 16-year-old, to freely explore his passion for music, voice, theater and photography.

"Singing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember and is always part of my day. The almost-100,000 photos saved on my computer is a testament to my love of photography. And I have to mention my love of dogs: our two, Pablo and Paloma, as well as any other dog that crosses my path."

He added his excitement in moving forward to begin classes at Pasadena City College in the fall to deepen his knowledge in these areas of interest.

"I plan to transfer to a college or university that will allow me to further pursue my chosen field in-depth, and I'm excited to see where these studies will lead me," he said.

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