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## City Council Takes It Slow, Talks Trash

By Julie BUTCHER

Taking a significant step forward on a course decided by the Glendale City Council in 2013, the council voted this week to move ahead with a trash franchising plan that will contract out trash collection of the city's multi-family and commercial properties to four haulers in four specified zones.

The 4-1 vote came at the end of another long council meeting that also included a lengthy debate on proposed changes to the city's parkway landscaping guidelines.

First the council heard an update on its "slow streets" program, which promotes bicycling and walking. Brad Calvert, assistant director of the Community Development Department, reported that approximately 12 streets are currently involved and that another 25 to 30 applications are pending. The signs the city put up to slow these streets includes an email address to provide feedback; according to Calvert, of the 70 or so comments received, nearly all are positive. The city temporarily ran out of the signs and barricades it needs to implement the program.

"We're using a passive approach," he said. "We're not closing streets to through traffic."

Applications to add a "slow street" are on the city's website <https://tinyurl.com/y8hv5ayo>.

"Slow Streets are not closed streets. Automobile traffic can still use the street, but motorists are reminded to slow down and be observant for pedestrians and cyclists as they practice social distancing," states the website. Residents are asked to identify the exact stretch of residential street to be considered and to submit signatures from their neighbors showing general support. The applications can be sent to [akamali@glendale.gov](mailto:akamali@glendale.gov).

Councilmember Ara Najarian told the council that a representative from Metro would be briefing them at their Aug. 4 meeting, primarily to provide an update on the BRT (rapid bus) but additionally on transit-friendly programs.

Najarian then highlighted the news that Los Angeles councilmember Jose

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## Homelessness Amid COVID-19

By Mary O'KEEFE and Charly SHELTON

*Homeless numbers that were on the decline are on the rise again since COVID-19 hit. But local organizations are stepping in to lend a hand.*

Homelessness has been an issue that has been very visible and yet something that, as a society, we seem to have become accustomed to seeing. The increasing numbers of tents under freeways have become familiar landmarks.

COVID-19 has brought some long-needed attention to the homeless issues across the country and has made finding solutions a priority.

In the 2020 homeless count that was done in January, Glendale saw a 30% decrease in homelessness while the greater Los Angeles area saw an increase. But after the COVID-19 pandemic began, Glendale saw a subsequent increase in the number of homeless.

Ivet Samvelyan is the Glendale Community Services manager. She



Photo by Charly SHELTON  
Gevik Aghajani has been at a Glendale hotel for the last two months, a beneficiary of one of the new programs Ascencia has put in place thanks to the grant money received.

said across Los Angeles County advocates are working to get unsheltered individuals and families sheltered, while recognizing and working with the issues of inequality. In the greater LA County area there is a large population of Black and Hispanic homeless.

"In terms of [Glendale] homeless, I can tell you the [largest] pop-

ulations we are dealing with is the White population and next is the Black population that is experiencing homelessness," she said.

During the homeless count in Glendale, the majority of those who had experienced homelessness for the first time cited rent increases for the reason they were on the street. But now, due to COVID-19,

the new homeless cite rent increases, unemployment and illness as the top three reasons for finding themselves homeless.

The City of Glendale recently received \$3 million in federal Emergency Solutions Grant funds to address the risk of homelessness, housing and employment of those

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## Stakeholders Voice Opinions About School Campuses Reopening

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Unified School District held its first of two town hall meetings at 11 a.m. on Wednesday; its second meeting was at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hear opinions and concerns from parents, teachers and community members regarding the upcoming school year.

For several hours parents and teachers shared their worries and suggestions of how – and if – the district should approach reopening school campuses in the fall. There were basically two positions: Those who felt remote learning is the safest decision and wanted to keep their children home, and those



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In-person classroom attendance with fewer students is one of the hybrid teaching models being considered by the GUSD.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# An Unknown Landscape

As the days go by it becomes clearer that what the future holds – for a variety of things – is totally unknown.

Yesterday, a stack of comment cards greeted members of the Glendale Unified School District that held two town hall meetings to gather information from parents and other stakeholders regarding the implementation of protocols for teaching students in the fall. The new school semester is supposed to start on Aug. 19 but what that looks like is still up in the air. Should students be allowed on campus? Or only remotely taught? What about at-risk children and special needs kids?

Listening to the morning meeting (that continued into the afternoon), I was struck not only by the diversity of opinion that was offered but also by the passion in which these opinions were delivered. Some of the comments drew upon false information (which CV Weekly has written about and warned about repeatedly) but most were well-informed and well-articulated. Like many I am concerned for those parents who need to return to work in order to support their homes and families; I am equally worried for those parents who have to decide whether or not to let their children return to school campuses if indeed they reopen in August.

There is no easy answer for District of-

officials nor for parents; I am thankful I don't have children in school during these challenging times.

The stress that everyone is experiencing is manifesting itself in many different ways. Parents, stakeholders and District officials are grappling with problems that have no easy answers and others are letting off steam in their own way. Independence Day was one example. Days – maybe weeks – before the holiday our foothills resounded with what sounded like explosions. Fireworks seem too tame a word for the bombs that seemed to go off every night, sending frightened pets to bathtubs and closets looking for relief, not to mention those suffering from PTSD. I know in past years we've heard pre-holiday fireworks go off, but this year was beyond belief. And with the fireworks come fears of fire, especially in our local forest.

Hopefully things will quiet down – literally and figuratively.

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# Weather in the Foothills

“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer  
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer  
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer  
Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer.”

~ Nat King Cole

There is a time, just past the Fourth of July, when summer settles in; like it or not, often the weather extends into October. The heat this year got a head start as May and June had record-breaking temperatures (according to NWS meteorologists). Nat King Cole's lyrics speak of another time ... a time when life seemed simpler. Without a doubt, the past becomes romanticized but when this music was written there was not a pandemic. One word from the lyrics above defines summer 2020: crazy.

Often while out walking Brighton in the cooler evening hours, there are families out and about as well. Last chance for kids and dogs to work off boundless energy! But lives have been turned upside-down. Normally, summer is filled with day camps, vacations, lots of playdates, trips to the library, swim lessons and visits with extended family. Now what? The question is asked by the young people and somehow an answer is expected from “the adults;” i.e., parents and grandparents. Here's to those unsung heroes!

Outside and summer play equipment has long sold out. Though there are wonderful virtual activities they add to computer time. The weather-watcher component in me got to thinking ... Turn the kids loose observing weather. National Weather Service: watch out!

There are many good websites; this one – www.weather.gov/learning is a NWS one. Besides information, it offers activities. Want to keep it simple? All you need is a thermometer, a plastic rain gauge (Amazon and Ace) and a weather log (Pinterest has printable). Just an idea; hope it helps.

A hot weekend is predicted then coastal fog brings cooling to start the week. Until next week, “Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer.”

*Sue Kilpatrick is a Crescenta Valley resident and Official Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service Reach her at suelkilpatrick@gmail.com.*

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 11 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be trimming back spring growth around the trails and working on fire hazard reduction on some of the slopes.

The Preserve is following LA County guidelines in requiring visitors to wear masks and social distance while volunteering at the Preserve. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

### STREET SWEEPING RESTRICTIONS HALTED

Due to the additional business closures announced by the governor and county health officer, the City of Glendale will not resume enforcement of residential street sweeping restrictions until further notice. Parking meter enforcement warning period continues through July 14 and citations begin being issued on July 15.

### GPD CONDUCTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Glendale Police Dept. will have extra officers out on patrol July 12 from 6 a.m. to noon looking for violations made by drivers and motorcyclists that increase the risk of crashes.

Funding for motorcycle safety enforcement operations are provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### GWP WARNS OF SCAMS

Customers of Glendale Water & Power reminded that GWP will never call customers to demand a payment or threaten disconnection. There has been an increase in utility scams and fraud in recent days and it's important that customers know GWP procedures so they don't become victims. Scammers have been posing as GWP staff and using software that shows caller ID or their phone number as GWP.

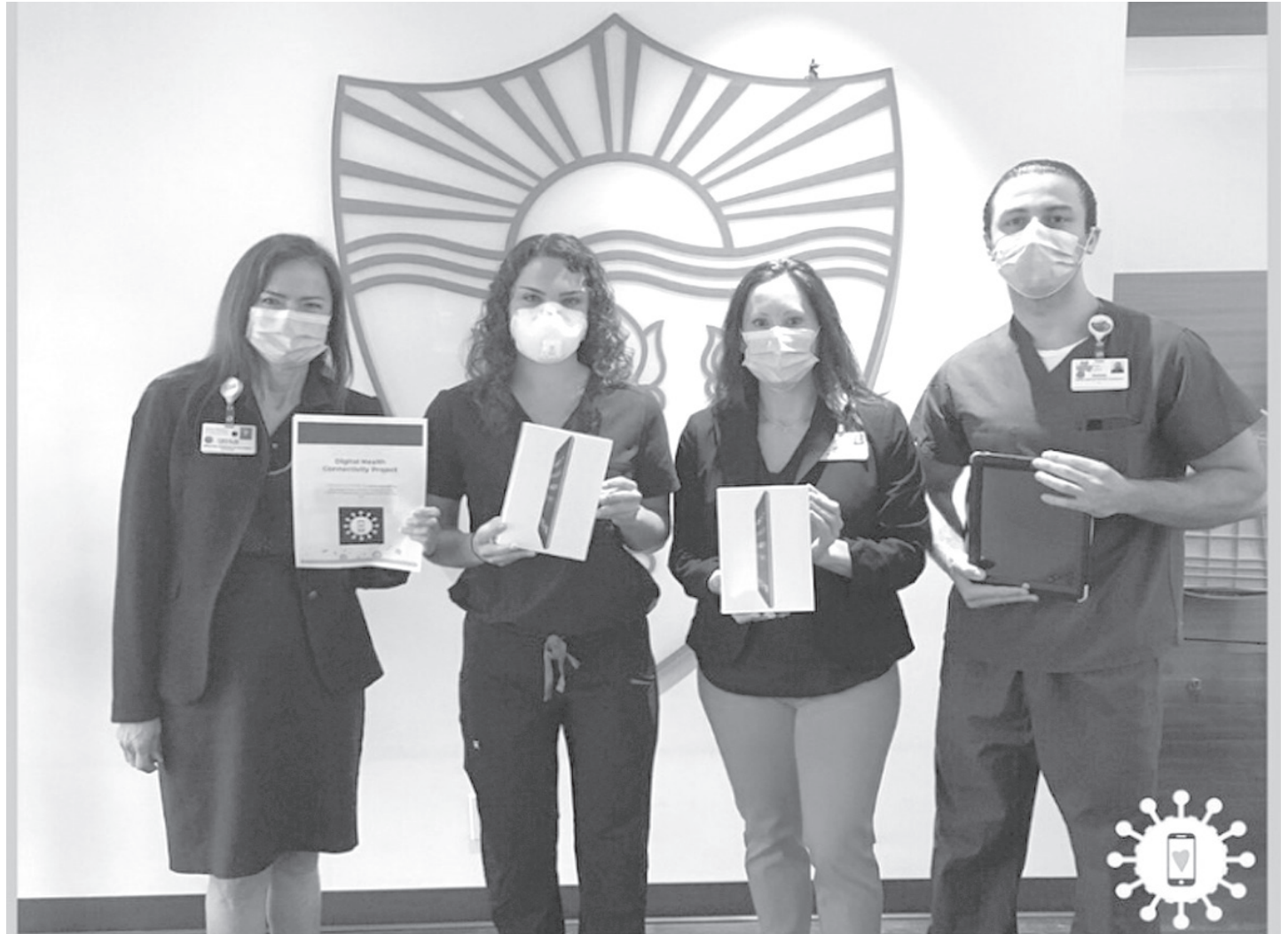
Those who receive a call demanding a payment or threatening disconnection should hang up immediately. The status of an account can be checked by calling (855) 550-4497 or going online to MyGWP.GlendaleCA.gov. Customers do not need to call GWP about receiving a scam call as GWP is aware that customers are receiving these calls at this time.

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED ON RESERVOIR RESTORATION PROJECT

On Tuesday, Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced approval by the LA County Board of Supervisors for a settlement agreement with the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon Society on the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project in Pasadena. LA County began removing of 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir in May 2019. The settlement maintains the amount of material to be removed while reducing the size of the excavation footprint to preserve or enhance habitat areas around the sediment removal work area. It also stipulates additional air quality monitoring and ongoing maintenance requirements.

When the project is complete, there will be restored flood protection capacity behind the dam and a sustainable reservoir management system.

# Local Org Helps COVID Patients Keep in Touch with Outside World



USC Verdugo Hills Hospital was a recipient of a donation from Connect for COVID-19.

By Brandon HENSLEY

It's not a surprise to see people in the foothills come together for one another, especially now in a time of a global pandemic. A local college student is embodying that spirit this summer, pushing hard to bring families and friends closer together even though they are separated due to social distancing.

Connect for COVID-19 is a national organization aimed at providing hospitals with technology to help patients connect with their loved ones when they are not allowed to see them in person. Devices such as tablets and smartphones are donated, collected and given to hospitals.

Sofia Yeremian, a third-year student at UCLA and graduate of Clark Magnet High School, was part of the outreach team at UCLA called Students vs. Pandemic. She's now working with Connect for COVID-19, joining students from Keck School of Medicine of USC as part of the outreach team.

"When I saw this was starting, I pretty much jumped in and took the role as a resource leader. I've been trying to reach out and form an alliance so we can be a supplement to organizations," she said.

Nationally, the organization has donated more than 600 devices to hospitals. Locally, it's been able to get around 50 iPads and tablets to facilities. Yeremian said she's received positive feedback on how it's helped patients.

"[Doctors and nurses] have been seeing improvement in the way patients are recovering," she said. "Patients might forget a device when they come to the hospital. They're isolated. They talk to loved ones, but they're not able to engage with loved ones."

"Isolation has a big impact on mental health. You don't know what the outcome is going to be, especially with COVID. A lot of people don't know how they're going to recover ... Having these devices and being able to talk to someone has a big impact."

Yeremian is one of the few non-med school students participating in Connect for COVID. She admitted that though Clark Magnet High is big on robotics that track never interested her. She's currently a molecular biology major. But her resumé in extracurricular activities is also strong. Yeremian has fundraised for animal awareness and volunteers for her church. At Clark, she was in ASB for two years and was senior class president.

It's that kind of drive that may help Connect for COVID-19 receive more exposure. Yeremian said it was difficult to get attention from the media at first, that big name media weren't interested when Yeremian sent out information. But NBCLA recently did a Facebook Live interview with the organization, and that garnered 18,000 views.

Yeremian said hospitals will be able to keep all the devices

after the pandemic. She said telemedicine is growing and becoming a useful tool not just for patients being able to talk to loved ones but for doctors to follow up and communicate with patients; this outreach could play a part in that growth.

Connect for COVID-19 is in contact with telemedicine facilities and Yeremian said telemedicine is something patients might have to get used to even after the pandemic.

"The demand is growing. We don't have a cap on our goal of donations," she said. "We're going to keep doing this as long as it takes."

Connect for COVID-19 would prefer donations be kept locally to the LA area. Donors are encouraged to erase all data from their devices before donating. Email conenctforla@gmail.com for more information. To donate money, visit "Help COVID-19 Patients Connect with Loved Ones" on gofundme.org.

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## Y of the Foothills Releases Statement Following Death of Employee

"The YMCA of the Foothills is grieving the loss of one of our beloved employees who passed away after an incident during our summer day camp. Out of respect for the family, we will not be releasing his name at this time. However, our thoughts, prayers and condolences remain with the victim's family and friends.

"While details regarding the incident are still being gathered, we wanted to communicate this to our extended YMCA family. The incident occurred at the Crescenta Valley Family YMCA pool [last week]. Despite

the attention and efforts of the lifeguards, summer camp staff, EMTs and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital personnel, the counselor passed away.

"The safety and security of all members, families, visitors, staff and volunteers is the highest priority for all of us at the YMCA of the Foothills. The YMCA of the Foothills places great attention and energy on our communities' well being, and we will do our utmost to protect everyone at our facilities.

"While we continue to investigate the incident, both

internally and with the help of local authorities, the entire YMCA of the Foothills will now focus on supporting his family, our staff and members.

"For the families and campers that were at our camp while the incident took place, we will be immediately offering free counseling services. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our Human Resources Department, should we be able to help answer any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Vince Iuculano  
Chief Executive Officer"

## Students Bring Donations to CV Station



By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday recent graduates from Crescenta Valley High School and some of their friends brought cases of water and snacks to the CV Sheriff Station to show support for the deputies.

"We see so much hate for law enforcement now and

personally I have deputies in my family and I want to show the love," said Katie Zabala, who organized the donations.

Most of the kids who brought the donations to the station had family members, or friends, that worked for law enforcement. They are concerned for the safety of the officers and deputies.

"We think the [Black Lives Matters] protests are necessary but not all the hatred toward all cops," added Ella Wilson. "Not all cops are bad."

Zabala said this was just the first stop. The group plans on taking water and snacks to other law enforcement stations.

### GCC from COVER

Huizar had been "allegedly doing special favors for developers." He reminded the council that one of the developers mentioned in criminal filings facing Huizar is Carmel Partners.

"If that rings a bell, it's because it's the same developer that tried to sell us the GUSD project," Najarian said. "They were all over city hall trying to reach members of the council. Let it be known that we did not take advantage of any of these 'extra benefits.' Glendale stood firm; in hindsight, we did exactly the right thing."

Next, the council reviewed and debated the city's current policies concerning landscaping on parkways (the area between sidewalks and streets) and heard from callers on the topic, in particular a few animated calls from residents living in areas of the city with no sidewalks.

City officials admitted that the city received only 64 permit applications for parkway landscaping since the adoption of the current policy in 2015 and recommend relaxing most of the restrictions previously imposed. Councilmember Paula Devine enthusiastically supported transferring responsibility and liability for these areas to property owners and away from the city.

Ultimately the council voted to review an updated ordinance that eases most restrictions, increases the height of non-living materials allowed from six to 18 inches, decreased the requirement of live material from 50% to 30%. Poisonous plants will still be prohibited, and loose gravel will continue to be allowed, contrary to recommendations from staff concerned with potential harm to the city's wastewater catch basins.

Homeowners in areas without sidewalks will be allowed to extend their landscaping to the curb, attempting to ensure pedestrian safety as much as possible.

"Less restriction is better," Mayor VrejAgajanian commented.

He also objected to large boulders in the parkway, a topic of much discussion.

Finally, the council heard staff's report on the proposed trash franchising plan originally adopted in 2013.

Currently 33 private trash haulers have permits to serve any business within the city. According to city reports, approximately 90% of the commercial accounts are serviced by six haulers. Owners of multiple-family apartment complexes with five or more units are now free to choose service from either a private hauler or from the city.

On July 11, 2013 the city council voted to replace the current system and to contract out the work currently done by city workers and issued a formal notification to all of the private haulers operating in Glendale of the city's intent to implement a franchise system for the collection and removal of solid waste from commercial establishments and multi-family residential properties. At the time it wrote that an "open permit systems gives the city the best opportunity to comply with state regulations, reporting requirements and waste diversion goals."

On March 1, 2016, the city engaged a consultant and reportedly reached out to its stakeholders. At a special council meeting on September 26, 2017, the council directed staff to issue an RFP (request for proposal) for commercial solid waste collection services under an "Exclusive Franchise Zone System" – for four zones.

On August 12, 2019, the city released the RFP documents. Following a mandatory pre-proposal meeting in late August, the RFP was re-issued on September 25, 2019 and included responses to 185 questions and requests for clarification. One of the nine bids the city received was deemed non-responsive and the city moved forward to analyze

and review the other eight bids. The council reviewed a preliminary technical overview on January 28, 2020 and directed staff to follow up with eight proposers. The committee used a detailed evaluative point system that rated the bidders on their transition plans, compliance with state regulations, customer service, willingness to negotiate and a review of the references they offered. At this week's meeting, staff recommended starting negotiations with the top four.

Glendale City Employee Association (GCEA) president Orlando Urquidez called in to the meeting.

"GCEA is concerned about any aspect of this that could displace our hard-working, dedicated employees. We've worked closely with public works and HR (human relations) and truly believe them when they say this venture will not cause the displacement of our integrated waste management staff," Urquidez said. "However, it remains our preference that we continue to provide our residents the same dedicated services we have always done well and keep our multi-family accounts in-house with the business and commercial accounts moving forward in this plan. Currently 90% of all the complexes

with five or more units choose city services, complexes whose property owners and management companies have the option for outside services but have always chosen us because of what we provide them above and beyond the retrieval of their trash."

The union asked council to evaluate a comprehensive comparison of the costs of doing the work in-house versus by contract. The assistant city manager responded to questions about the existing services and workers explaining that trash trucks are expensive and that the city has held off replacing equipment. City Manager Yasmin Beers added that there are 10 vacancies (in trash) and plans for the purchase of route-optimizing software.

Councilmember Najarian challenged his colleagues to move forward with the previous decisions.

"Who else is there to ask?" he asked then highlighted the expertise of the three-member committee that had reviewed the proposals. "We're not Los Angeles. Our residents deserve more."

He urged the teamsters not to get involved in "this local issue," responding to a caller representing the Teamsters Local 396.

"I'm against having only one hauler (in each zone) but I'll go along because

we can cancel the contract if we need to," Mayor Agajanian explained his vote.

The negotiations with haulers are expected to conclude in time to implement the changes in the spring of 2021, staff estimated.

In parking enforcement news, the city updated its announcement that it would begin enforcing street sweeping regulations. The city will issue warnings for parking meter violations until July 14 and begin citing those violators on July 15. Regulations for street sweeping will not be enforced until further notice.

The city also shared news of two programs aimed at providing help to Glendalians: The GWP Cares Bill Relief program is a temporary program that provides a one-time bill credit to eligible residential and commercial electric customers who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y9sa9u46>.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-C-19) provides rent payments to property owners on behalf of an income-eligible household, up to \$750 per month, for two months. Eligibility and other information on this program can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ybf34u4t>.

# Community Says Goodbye to Harriet Hammons

By Mary O'KEEFE

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." ~ John Wesley (1703-1791)

The community is mourning the loss of one of its most active and loyal members. Harriet Hammons passed away earlier this week. Despite her fight with cancer, she continued to attend small, socially distanced events and was always ready to support local organizations.

Stating that Harriet attended almost every event in the communities of Crescenta Valley and La Cañada is not an exaggeration. And once she started supporting an organization she did not walk away from it. For 34 years she volunteered with Boy Scouts of America. She became a Cub leader in 1986 when her son was in scouting. She and her husband Phil were great supporters of the Verdugo Hills Council and she became a merit badge counselor in 1999, helping countless Scouts earn their merit badges and aiding their journey to the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. Later she worked as the special at-large member of Tongva district, always ready to volunteer and support.

"She was a long time Scout volunteer and I'm sure everybody feels the way I do – we are going to miss Harriet for her dedication to Scouts and to her community," said Amy Taylor, district director, Tongva District, Verdugo Hills Council Boy Scouts of America.



Photo courtesy of Dick CLUBB  
Community leader Harriet Hammons could be found at the many bingo fundraising events around town. Her ability to win was "uncanny."

She was an active member of Kiwanis Club of La Cañada since 2004 when she was immediately recognized for her work and awarded Rookie of the Year in 2005.

Since 1970 Harriet had been a member of La Cañada United Methodist Church serving in many capacities including as past president of the United Methodist Women.

She became a member of and ambassador for the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association earning Ambassador of the Year. She also served as director of Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2012. She was a strong supporter of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station, attending and supporting most of their events.

"Harriet literally gave her all to the whole Crescenta Valley community until she couldn't. That 'couldn't' was only a few short

months ago," said Lisa Dutton, member of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group.

But it was her consistency that brought so much comfort to her community. She was always someone who could be depended upon, always putting the needs of others first and she was a constant presence at events.

She was recently announced by the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada as La Cañadan of the Year. And when Harriet was at an event she not only helped out but also made lifelong friends.

"Harriet loved to play bingo. She would play three or four bingo cards at a time, and I don't recall a bingo night when she didn't win at least once. Her winning was uncanny," said her friend Steve Pierce.

The family has not publicly announced any memorial plans.

## COVID-19 from Cover

impacted by COVID-19.

"Getting this money means that globally and nationally people are recognizing homelessness as a nationwide challenge," said Samvelyan. "We [in Glendale] are ready to combat this challenge."

The funding Glendale received, including the additional grant from HUD [Dept. of Housing and Urban Development] of over \$2 million, will be put toward supporting the homeless and getting them housing as well as helping those who are on the verge of homelessness.

"We currently have about 200 households in the City of Glendale that are part of our homelessness housing programming," Samvelyan added.

That is the way Samvelyan, her staff and support services have been working on the homeless issues in Glendale. They understand that there is no quick fix but instead they focus on longtime solutions.

"We are targeting specifically homeless prevention," she said. "And then we are educating the community, the landlords and our clients through various coordinated efforts with regard to all the available resources that all have hotlines."

Samvelyan and her team target and triage unsheltered individuals and families and match them with the correct resources. What she discovered by speaking with

some of her unsheltered clients is that there was a need to find ways to communicate and collect information. She found that for some of her clients coming to the outreach offices was difficult so her staff now goes to them, getting information to them and from them.

The fastest growing homeless population in Glendale is families, followed by middle-aged males with substance abuse problems. Samvelyan and her team continue to reach out to those who are in need.

"Even though half the world was staying at home, Homeless Services became the top system of care providing all types of services, not only for our general population that are at risk but also for low-income [people], including our unsheltered population," she said. "My team and I are on the streets talking to people and understanding what the needs are." Samvelyan's team leverages services from organizations such as Ascencia, a housing service, and Family Promise of the Verdugos in determining the needs of the homeless.

The real need during the pandemic and beyond, said Samvelyan, is landlords who are willing to rent to those who are working to climb out of homelessness.

"We want to get folks into housing so no one is on the streets," she said. "That is our goal."

But she has met reluctant

landlords who are concerned about renting to those formerly homeless. The City is working on identifying hotels and other similar types of locations that can provide housing.

"We want to find a permanent solution, not just a temporary solution," she said. "We need property owner landlords to contact us who are interested in partnering."

Samvelyan has been working with the homeless population for 26 years; it is her passion. She invites landlords to contact her and she will walk through their system of care. She added that people who are placed in apartments and hotel rooms are followed up on by Homeless Services of Glendale.

"We don't just place and forget people," she added, citing many success stories of formerly homeless people moving off the streets to working and being productive members of the City.

Next week, CV Weekly delves into Ascencia, whose goal is to lift people out of homelessness, and how grant money it received is being used through the implementation of a hotel program, Project Room Key, and how it has provided shelter for some of its clients.

Ascencia's hotline is (800) 799-7233; its website is Ascencia.org. Family Promise of the Verdugos Shelter/Services can be reached at (818) 847-1567 and its website is FamilyPromiseVerdugos.org.

## CRIME BLOTTER

July 5

4000 block Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, someone entered an unlocked residence and stole a computer between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

July 3

5500 block of Godbey Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the back passenger window was broken and items were stolen from a vehicle between 3:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

July 1

4000 block of Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear passenger window was shattered, the front passenger window was cracked and items were stolen from a vehicle between 12 p.m. and 12:20 p.m.

June 29

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, two suspects, described as Black females, entered the store carrying an empty baby

carriage. They walked to the baby food aisle and began taking baby formula from the shelves then placing the formula into the empty baby carriage. They then exited the store without attempting to pay.

The theft occurred at 9:23 a.m.

June 27

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee was conducting a routine maintenance check on an outdoor walk-up ATM. He noticed something was loose on the machine and found that part of it was easily removable. He later found it not to be an original part of the ATM machine and realized it had a microchip card slot on the back of the part. It also appeared to have a camera affixed to the backside hidden from view. He immediately recognized it was an ATM scanning device.

He reported it to the Sheriff's Dept. at 9 a.m.

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# Man Takes Jeep for a Walk, Crashes into WB Gate

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday Glendale police received a call concerning a man "walking next to his car," said Sgt. Christian Hauptmann, GPD.

The man's Jeep was apparently in drive, rolling down the street, and he was walking alongside the vehicle at Glenoaks Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, according to the caller.

"By the time our officers arrived he was sitting on the top roll bar of his Jeep waving a flag," Hauptmann said.

Hauptmann was not certain of what type of flag it was but added the man was apparently driving his vehicle while steering with his feet.

It appeared the suspect threw some papers, possibly flyers, at the officers. It had been reported that the suspect "flipped off" the officers but Hauptmann could

not confirm that account.

Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop; the man refused and drove away. GPD officers began a pursuit that led onto the westbound Ventura (134) Freeway.

"They started a pursuit and [speeds] reached 100 miles per hour," Hauptmann said.

GPD officers stopped the pursuit due to the high speeds. They had the suspect's name from the registration of his vehicle. The pursuit ended around Pacific Avenue exit. At that point officers let Burbank police know the suspect was in the area.

It does not appear the driver was being pursued when he smashed into the gate at Warner Bros. Studio in Burbank and fled the scene.

He is wanted for felony evading by GPD, which has impounded his vehicle.

## Obituary James Brooker Pollock



James Brooker Pollock passed away on May 25 at his home in La Cañada following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Jim was born in Glendale on July 17, 1941 to Reu and Elsie Pollock. He was the third of three boys, little brother to Tom and Ted. After graduating from Glendale High in 1959 he earned both his BA (accounting) and his JD from UCLA.

Jim and Carri (Andersen) were married in November 1973, beginning a loving partnership of nearly half a century. After honeymooning in Carmel, they lived together in Santa Monica for a few years before moving to North Hollywood and starting a family. In 1977 their daughter Dana was born, and two years later they welcomed their son Darren. In 1986 the family moved to La Cañada to the home where Jim would live out his years. Despite growing limitations from his Parkinson's through his final decade, "Papa

Jim" relished time spent with his four grandchildren.

Jim worked for 42 years as a tax attorney, highlighted by three wonderful decades at Ralph Edwards Productions where he wore many hats, rising to VP and general counsel. Jim enjoyed a deep bond with Ralph and close friendships with his colleagues who remember him for his warmth and honesty, quiet but firm leadership, ability to make complex contracts personal and understandable, and for being "one of the good guys."

A lifelong sports fan, Jim played Little League baseball as a child, and later enjoyed spending days on the golf course. He coached Dana's softball teams for four years and was known throughout the league for his patience, gentle manner, and enthusiasm. He also loved watching sports, whether sharing special trips with Darren to see the Showtime Lakers at the Forum, cheering on Dana on the soccer field and Darren on the basketball court, or rooting for his inexplicably beloved Red Sox despite he having no ties to Boston.

Other favorite activities included hikes with Carri, fantasy sports (long before it was a trend), crossword puzzles, reading mystery novels and, later in life, playing Bridge with his friends at the LCF and Sparr Heights community centers.

He and Carri took their family on wonderful adventures to distant locales like France and

Scotland, Hawaii and NYC, as well as family anniversary trips to Carmel and memorable times spent with Carri's side of the family on Gull Lake in Minnesota and with Jim's side on Balboa Island.

Jim will be remembered for his keen intelligence, dry sense of humor, kindness, patience and gentleness. He was always a solid support for his family, a confident and grounded pillar ready to provide advice, perspective or just a good laugh.

He is survived by his wife Carri Pollock; daughter Dana Hanlon and husband Jeremy; son Darren Pollock and wife Ashley; grandchildren Kelsea and Lindsay Hanlon, Charlotte (Charlie) and Carter Pollock; brother Ted Pollock; and a dozen nieces and nephews.

Due to the COVID crisis we will not be having an in-person memorial service. However, we very much welcome any stories or memories that you have of Jim, which we can pass down to his grandchildren. A memorial website has been set up at <http://www.never-gone.com/memorials/jimpollock>.

Thank you to all family and friends who contributed to making Jim's life a full and special one.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation ([michaelfox.org](http://michaelfox.org)) or the Community Center of LCF ([cclcf.org](http://cclcf.org)).

Directors: [CrippenMortuary.com](http://CrippenMortuary.com)

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## Obituary Glenda Marra 1935 – 2020



Glenda Marra of Sunland, age 84, died peacefully on June 24. She was born July 26, 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska and was the daughter of Glenn and Faye (Broderick) Jackson.

Known to have a nurturing soul with a kind heart, Glenda made a lasting impression on so many whom she met. Ever the optimistic one, she had a knack for cheering people up. Her mother even called her "Amazing Grace." She carried herself with positivity and compassion, attracting new friends from all walks of life everywhere she went.

Glenda worked at the Northrup Corporation during the Apollo space program then shifted careers to work in the music entertainment field. She always held a special place

in her heart for animals, partly because of her time living on a farm in Nebraska. Stray cats somehow found their way into her loving arms frequently and she supported multiple horse rescue organizations. Hummingbirds were her favorite, though, as shown through her carefully curated collection of hummingbird photos and numerous feeders at her home.

Glenda met a young man named Anthony Marra Jr. when they were just young teenagers. He swept her off her feet and together they began a love adventure that lasted over 70 years with numerous adventures including countless miles on motorcycles together and taking Alaskan and Caribbean cruises.

Her favorite life experiences included spending summers at her homes in Montana and winters in Sunland. These were some of her most precious memories created every step of the way. Her family and children were her focus. With her signature kind touch and angelic voice, she could both praise and discipline.

Her Catholic faith was a true north guiding light and she remained active in her church, assisting in the office

with administrative tasks, for many years.

Nothing pleased her more than becoming a grandmother, doting on and raising her grandchildren with support and encouragement. Her tender heart knew no bounds and the depth of the love she shared with her family, her husband in particular, is unsurpassed and a true inspiration.

Though our Angel on Earth has journeyed home, may all those who loved her most continue to carry on with the light that Glenda so generously shared with us.

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are her adoring husband, Anthony Jr.; two children: David (Anne) Marra and Daniel Marra; two grandchildren: Damon (Becky) Marra and Devin (Alba) Marra; and a great-grandson: Jace. Private services will be held with burial at San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery in Mission Hills. A memorial Mass and celebration will be scheduled for a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the many foundations through the Alzheimer's Organization ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).

# VIEWPOINTS

## TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

### The Big Wildfire of 1908 – Part 3

The late summer fire had burned nearly the entire floor of the Crescenta Valley in just a few hours. Amazingly, thanks to a large volunteer force, only four ranches were consumed, but many orchards and vineyards were damaged. The fire raged through the mountains for several days after. The newspapers of the time offer some amusing and sad reflections on the social aspects of the disaster that should be familiar today.

A pretty girl has always been a good way to hook newspaper readers, even a century ago. The headlines of one paper shouted out the headlines “Red walls move through valley. People of La Crescenta battle with a disastrous fire, charged to Glendale preacher – All-night struggle on mountains.” There is a big accompanying photo on the front page, taking nearly half the page. It’s not a picture of burning homes or brave volunteer firefighters. It is a huge portrait of pretty Miss Alma Booth, the young daughter of the owner of the La Crescenta General Store at Foothill Boulevard and La Crescenta Avenue. She smiles a Mona Lisa smile, her bejeweled fingers touching her lips. It seems that Miss Booth had planned a party for that night of the fire and had invited many of her teenaged friends over. The party was canceled by the fire so the big cake and the gallons of ice cream fed the firefighters instead.

And young Miss Booth got her photo on the front page of a Los Angeles newspaper in order to sell copies of said newspaper.

The blame-game was played by the Rev. Ward, the man on whom the responsibility for the fire was laid. As written in Part 1, the Rev. Ward and his two sons were clearing 10 acres of sagebrush by a permitted controlled burn. A wind gust blew embers into surrounding brush and the fire got away from them. Initially the clergyman apologized profusely and told the general store owner that he would pay for any damages. He sent his two sons to work with the volunteers on the fire line and they were both injured in the effort. But as the fire spread and destroyed property and angry fire officials vowed to arrest the Rev. Ward, the story changed somewhat.

The Rev. Ward, when interviewed after the fire, claimed he never said he would pay for damages. Furthermore, he said that the blame should really lie with two unnamed forest rangers. Ward said that while he and his sons were fighting the initial blaze the two rangers came by on horseback. Ward claimed that the rangers took them away from the blaze in order to show the rangers where the fire started. After they did so, the rangers told Ward that he was not to blame for the fire, then leisurely dismounted and ate their lunch while the fire raced away.

The now famous William Mulholland, then-superintendent of LA’s water department, faced some stiff criticism when he refused to send his army of workers to help with the fire. At the time his refusal sounded mean-spirited and hateful, but when interviewed after the fire, his rationale may sound familiar today. He stated that there was no way to prevent these fires. It was a natural occurrence, compounded by the fact that there would always be careless fools around to start fires. It was better to have small fires controllable each year, rather than entirely prevent them. The brush would just build up year-after-year and when it did burn it would result in massive fires impossible to control, like this one. He said that yes, the ranches in the foothills should be saved, but he also said that it should be the responsibility of each ranch to clear wide firebreaks around their properties.

Wise words coming to us from over 100 years ago. And so we see that not much changes through time. Pretty girls are still used to sell a product. Those who make costly mistakes in life still blame others in order to evade responsibility. And the wisdom of forestry fire management has lessons that we seem to have to learn over and over.

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## NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

### Congratulations to the Class of 2020

I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation and congratulations to all of our graduating high school seniors and college graduates and their families. There is no greater joy than to celebrate your achievements and accomplishments and salute you, even more so this year because you realized these successes in a year full of challenges and barriers. But you persevered and now we want nothing more for our class of 2020 than an abundance of success in all your future endeavors and whatever else you aspire to in the next chapter of your lives.

It is also my sincerest hope

everyone had a fun, festive and safe July 4th American Independence Day responsibly surrounded by family and friends. This was a time to collectively celebrate the auspicious 244th birthday of our beloved nation, memorializing and celebrating the service and sacrifice of all of our heroes. They afforded us our freedoms and independence. I feel proud daily to be an American and pray that God continually and abundantly blesses you all and the United States of America.

I am also pleased to share that on June 9 our Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted

the Compact Lot Subdivision Ordinance to establish provisions for compact lot subdivisions in the multi-family residential zones in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. A compact lot subdivision is a land division that creates fee-simple, single-family residential lots, known as compact lots, which are less than the typical minimum area of 5,000 square feet and minimum lot width of 50 feet. The Ordinance goes into effect today, Thursday, July 9. These compact lot subdivision ordinances promote affordable and attainable home

*see HARRY LEON on page 15*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Chasing the Coronavirus

Since shutdowns of schools and businesses began in March, coronavirus case numbers in Los Angeles County have not gone down, and are currently increasing at an alarming rate. As someone who analyzes data for a living, I have started downloading LA County’s breakdown of the coronavirus numbers by community and tracking its evolution over time.

The results are a sobering reminder of the inequities in health care and workplaces in this country, as well as a failure of leadership. Coronavirus case numbers per capita in working-class, densely-populated areas south and east of downtown LA are typically now five to 20 times higher than in wealthy communities. This past week, the coronavirus

cases identified per capita in the wholesale district just east of downtown were 36 times those in La Cañada Flintridge (which has one of the lowest rates in the county ... for now). Outbreaks have been raging in communities such as Boyle Heights and Huntington Park, and have recently spread into the San Gabriel Valley and east to Glendora. Lake View Terrace, just west of Sunland, has one of the highest percent positive testing rates in the county currently. Ultimately even wealth does not guarantee protection from the virus; cases in Beverly Hills seem to have spiked in the past week.

There are many reasons why the U.S. is in this predicament while China and most of Europe seem to have crushed the virus; one is that many crowded workplaces in our

country never actually shut down. The enduringly high case numbers near centers of heavy industry such as meatpacking plants and shipping distribution centers testify to working conditions that have failed to keep workers safe. For effective results, some of these “essential” industries need to close down or reduce staff temporarily in order to COVID-proof workplaces, with payroll subsidies directly to workers to make up for lost wages. And we all need to do our part: socially distancing, wearing masks in public and understanding that packages may take longer to get to us.

We’ve lost the first battle against the coronavirus, but we can still turn this around.

*Andrew Delman  
La Crescenta*

# YOUTH

## Girl Scout Shares the Wild Side of the Foothills



Photos provided by Rachel-Ann ARIAS  
 ABOVE: Rachel-Ann Arias in Deukmejian Wilderness Park.  
 RIGHT: Setting up a motion-sensor camera.

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Many people have witnessed the wildlife that prowls our local neighborhoods. Rachel-Ann Arias from Girl Scout Troop 1711 knew she was not alone in her interest in those animals that make their way through the foothills. So, for her Girl Scout Gold Award project, she decided to hold several workshops via Zoom to educate girls in the community about local wildlife. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within Girl Scouts and earning it takes, on average, at least 80 hours to complete.

Arias' Gold Award project name is "Connecting to Wildlife of the Foothills."

"My goal is to create opportunities for my community to emotionally connect with local wildlife. My hope is that my community will value wildlife and consider their survival when making life choices," she said.

She partnered with Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, a non-profit land trust organization whose mission is to conserve, protect, and steward open spaces along the San Gabriel foothills. The organization provided Arias with camera equipment and property access permits so she could photograph local wildlife at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, Descanso Gardens and the Rosemont Preserve.

"My original plan was to share my wildlife photos and stories through AFC's Wildlife Corridor Exhibit at Descanso Gardens. Unfortunately, the indoor exhibit has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Arias said. "Now I'm finding other ways to share my wildlife photos and create wildlife connection opportunities. I am hosting online Exploring Nature workshops for kids, delivering supplies for hands-on nature crafts and activities, leading wildlife tours at the Rosemont Preserve when small gatherings are allowed, creating a webpage about amateur remote wildlife photography on the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy website, and continuing to take photos of local wildlife with motion sensor cameras. I am also publishing my own website called 'Wildlife of the Crescenta Valley' where people can see photos of animals and kids can share stories of their own experiences with local or backyard wildlife."

As part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Arias has taught wildlife education classes for 23 local girls in three online workshops. As an icebreaker, the girls introduced themselves and said their Girl Scout troop number, identified a wild animal they liked and a wild animal they didn't like. During the education classes, the girls learned how to identify different animals based

on their animal tracks. They also did a special craft that involved making an animal track, using Plaster of Paris to make a cast of their track. Arias had dropped off "craft bags" on the girls' porches prior to the Zoom class so they could together do crafts and wildlife learning activities online. The girls learned about bunnies, mountain lions, bobcats, deer, coyotes, bears, foxes and raccoons as Arias presented pictures and information about these animals. She used motion-sensor cameras to take the pictures. The Girl Scouts also made a wildlife fortune teller, a track print cast and a pine cone bird feeder using a pine cone, honey and birdseed. The kids shared their wildlife stories with each other and learned more about local wildlife. Arias described the different backyard birds in California and showed pictures that she took with the motion-sensor camera trap provided by Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy.

Given the challenges of earning such a prestigious award during the current trying times, Arias offered advice to other Girl Scouts who want to earn their Gold Award.

"Start your Gold Award early," Arias said, adding she has been working on her Gold Award since October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her plans had to be modified. "It can be challenging to continue in the direction of the way that you started. Don't be discouraged. I also learned that you will find people with the same goals as you if you are open in your goals."

Arias worked with the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, Descanso Gardens, Rosemont Preserve and Deukmejian Wilderness Park for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

"I like the connections I am able to make in Girl Scouts. I would not have connected with Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy if I was not in Girl Scouts," she said. "I knew of them, but I would not have reached out as much. I have done an internship with Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy twice. My Silver Award for Girl Scouts was with Arroyo and Foothills Conservancy and I stayed connected with them. I wanted to do something together because it fits my interests. I asked if I could use Descanso Gardens for my Gold Award to spread awareness about wildlife and connect with the community."

Arias continues to gather pictures and stories about wildlife or wildlife encounters in the foothills community. Those who have a wildlife picture or story they'd like to share can do so by contacting her at mail4rari@gmail.com. Her website is <https://cvwildlife.myportfolio.com/>. The Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy website is <https://arroyosfoothills.org/>.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## CV Armenian Community Serves Lunch to Local Firefighters

By Mary O'KEEFE

The outreach committee of Crescenta Valley Armenian Community Center and Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian Youth Center recently served lunch to first responders and firefighters at Glendale Fire Stations 28 and 29 to show their appreciation for the work. The outreach committee wanted to thank the firefighters and paramedics for their dedication, service and hard work throughout the year and especially during the pandemic.

Firefighters were treated to lunch that was prepared by local restaurant

Byblos Mediterranean Bakery. Outreach committee members delivered the meals to each station.

"It is a great honor to take the time to support our firefighters who put their lives on the line each and every day to protect our communities from all sorts of threats, fire and medical [situations] alike," said Sarkis Garabetian. "We as committee always get satisfaction from serving our community."

During Christmas, the committee also served dinners to families in need and, during the month of May, the committee served lunch to medical professionals on the front lines at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.



## People Making News

Aidan Marick of La Cañada has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Marick is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2020 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college; for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the dean's list.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 84 different countries. Marquette is ranked in the top 10 nationally for job placement.

The following local students received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from Whitman College on May 24. Graduates were honored in a virtual commencement ceremony this year.

Matthew Sox from La Cañada, a graduate of La Cañada High School, received his degree in physics/pre-engineering and Eric Ma from La Crescenta, a graduate of Village Christian High School, received his degree in sociology.

Founded in 1882, Whitman College is a highly selective private, independent, co-educational, non-sectarian residential liberal arts and sciences undergraduate college located in Walla Walla, Washington. The college is home to approximately 1,500 undergraduate students exploring 45 departmental majors that lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The University of Rhode Island announced that Caitlin Smith of Glendale was among those named to the spring 2020 dean's list. To be included on the dean's list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades

during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Local students were among 7,000 students who earned degrees from Oregon State University. From La Cañada Flintridge, Brianna Z. Albarian earned a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology; David Mednikov earned a Bachelor of Science, computer science and Carlo F. Rizzo earned a Bachelor of Science in management from Oregon State University.

While Oregon State's traditional commencement ceremonies were postponed in keeping with the university's measures to help reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19, the graduating students are being celebrated online. To watch celebratory messages and learn more about the Oregon State class of 2020, visit <https://commencement.oregonstate.edu/>.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) announced that Aidan Horn of La Cañada Flintridge, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in computer science, was named to the university's dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2020 semester.

A total of 1,749 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's spring 2020 dean's list. The criteria for the WPI dean's list differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the dean's list by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Daniel Goetz of La Cañada was among the more than 5,700 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who were conferred degrees. Goetz was a student in the Graduate College whose program of study was chemistry. The degree awarded was a Doctor of Philosophy.

The university supported commencement celebrations despite being unable to host them in person. Members of the Hawkeye community filmed short videos of encouragement, and each college produced a virtual livestream ceremony. Packages containing commemorative programs

and other celebratory items were sent to graduating Hawkeyes everywhere, and those students who want to walk across a graduation stage in person will be able to do so at a future ceremony.

The following students have been named to the Emerson College dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. The requirement to make dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester. Earning a place on the dean's list are

Isabel Moon of La Cañada who is pursuing a degree in theatre and performance, Class of 2022; Mirena Munich of La Cañada Flintridge who is pursuing a degree in creative writing BFA, Class of 2021; and Mara Tatevosian of La Crescenta who is pursuing a degree in media arts production, Class of 2021.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries.

Kate Lauren Hodges of La Crescenta has been named to the dean's list at Clemson University.

Hodges, whose major is parks, recreation and tourism management, made the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Jonathan Jun of La Crescenta, who pursued a bachelor's degree in psychology, has been awarded a degree from Whitworth University.

Located in Spokane, Washington, Whitworth is a private, liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. The university, which has an enrollment of more than 3,000 students, offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Garik Arutyunyan of Glendale was

named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 spring semester. Arutyunyan is in the computer science program.

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

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Joshua Kim of Montrose, and Augustine Kim, Sarah Lee and Emily Perkins of La Crescenta were named to the dean's list at Wheaton College for the spring 2020 semester.

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*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.

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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,  
Dr. Dale

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

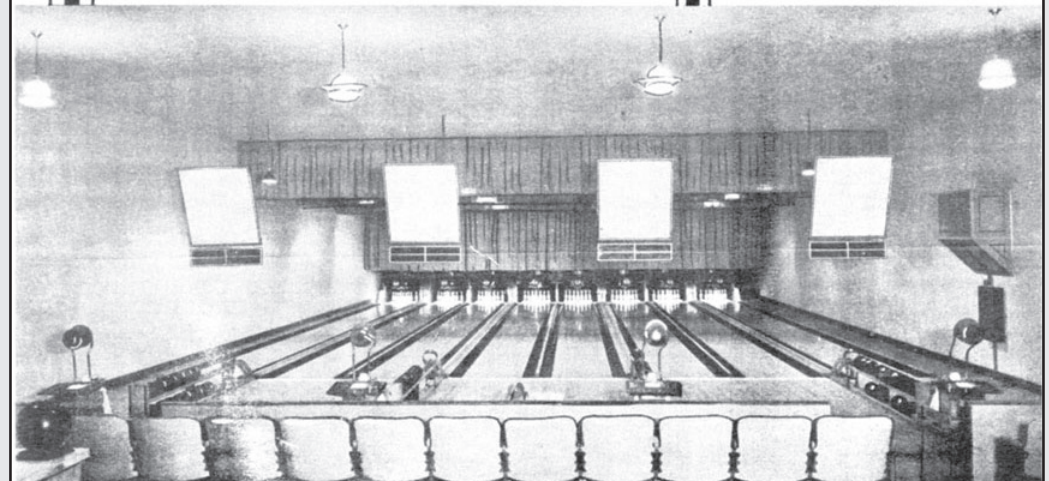
## Scene in LA – July

Theaters throughout Southern California continue to be closed to public gatherings as July begins and, sadly, we are seeing an increase in cases of COVID-19 that will probably mean even more delays until we can return to the theaters. As for now, no live stage shows are allowed at venues by mandate from state and local authorities due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

As we shared over the last two months, some theaters are offering online events instead. These online events are often available one time only, and are frequently not announced far ahead of the event so a visit to the venue's website is needed to see what is available. Most events are free to watch; some charge a small fee. Visit [www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE](http://www.cvweekly.com/LEISURE) to see a list.

*Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/LEISURE](http://CVWeekly.com/LEISURE).*

**THEN & NOW | Montrose Bowling Alley**  
*Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV*



**Then »** First opened in 1941, this tiny eight-lane bowling alley was one of the social centers of the Crescenta Valley. Every local business of any size had a team for league play and bowling scores were regularly posted in the local newspaper. Many local old-timers wearing hearing aids today can trace their hearing loss to boyhood jobs as “pin setters” before the automatic pin setting machines were installed. Pin-setters sat behind the pins and picked them up after they were knocked down – a very loud and dangerous job!



**Now »** Save for the now automatic pinsetters the bowling alley hasn't changed much, which has made it a magnet for Hollywood film crews. The alley has been featured in many TV shows, movies and commercials, as well as being the host to many entertainment industry and celebrity parties. The Berger family, second generation owners of the alley, are barely hanging on with much of their business canceled by the pandemic. Here's a scene from happier times before the shutdown.

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Self-hypnosis for calming and relaxing the body is on Tuesday, July 14 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Carmela Tunzi will offer a guided progressive relaxation program, customized for individual needs.

Nutrition during and after treatment will be discussed on Wednesday, July 15 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Julie, a board certified specialist in oncology nutrition, will highlight the most important information regarding nutrition and cancer, including the debunking of some myths.

Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 East Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena. Call (626) 796-1083 or visit [www.cscpasadena.org](http://www.cscpasadena.org).

### VIRTUAL DOC TALK LECTURE

The next virtual Zoom USC Verdugo Hills Hospital teleconference will be on the topic of bladder control. It will take place on Wednesday, July 15. The teleconference will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. by Dr. Evgenly

Kreydin, assistant professor of clinical urology.

Registration is necessary; call (818) 952-2228 or visit [uscvh.org/doc-talks](http://uscvh.org/doc-talks). An email address must be provided with RSVPing.

### VIRTUAL COMEDY NIGHT

The USC-VHH Women's Council will be hosting a virtual comedy night to seek support for the IR cath lab drive at USC-VHH. Since laughter is the best medicine and to improve the Council's service to the USC-VHH community, it is soliciting support while supplying this important commodity.

The event is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. Trivia and fun will be provided at the "virtual happy hour" and guests are encouraged to bring their favorite cocktail. The comedic stylings of Jason Love will be offered followed by a hospital update by Dr. Armand, USC-VHH chief medical officer.

RSVP to [usdvhh.org/comedynight](http://usdvhh.org/comedynight) to receive the Zoom log-in information. Admission is free, but guests are asked to consider a donation to the Women's Council IR Cath Lab Fund.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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July 6, 2020 - July 12, 2020

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You want to combat and eradicate symptoms that have a tendency to flare up and die down quickly. These are likely induced by stress and could be uncomfortable for their duration. You might try complementary therapies, such as acupuncture, aromatherapy, or homeopathy if conventional methods don't work.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Health issues need attention. You may have a problem that won't go away by itself. You seem to have a natural dislike of going to the doctor, and you hate being ill. It's such a waste of time for someone who has so much to do and so many people to see! You may be feeling more anxious than usual, so take the time to get a proper diagnosis.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

When it comes to health matters, you tend to have an all-or-nothing approach. Things either work for you or they don't. There are no gray areas. You won't accept anything at face value, either. Before you commit, you want a detailed explanation for why they work and the degree of success that can be expected. Once you commit, you give it 110 percent.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may not be losing weight and are now fed up with dieting and exercising. You may have even put weight on, causing you to feel unhappy with the whole process. Don't give up. As long as you're working out and feeling the benefits of fitness, agility, and that feel-good factor, it's worth it.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Your generally optimistic nature means you aren't the kind of person to worry about every ache and pain. Overall, your approach to life means that you're one of the healthier signs, since you love to exercise and enjoy the afterglow that comes when you've had a really great workout. Keep it up. You could backslide now if you aren't careful.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You may need to make a decision about an issue that's negatively affecting your health. The sooner you do, the better. Worry is causing you to feel drained and exhausted. It's time to be good to yourself. Continue eating food that's fresh and minimally processed. The nearer it is to its original condition, the better it is for you.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You may need to watch your food consumption and digestion. You may suffer from stomach problems when you're stressed. They act as a barometer of how you feel and how you deal with life. Rather than eat three large meals a day, eat four or five smaller, more nutritious ones. Your digestion will be better and you'll have more energy.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You're feeling a lot more determined to get your life on track, and that includes your health and well-being. Food and dieting can present challenges that you find hard to get right. Follow your instincts this time. You know what you need to do and what steps to take, but you may have held back from acting on them. Now the time has come. Go for it!

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your love of the unusual can also stretch to your taste in food. You may enjoy meals that consist of some very strange combinations and not think anything of it. Sometimes you may forget to eat at all. At others, you can eat too much. Your body appreciates routine, but you can be too restless to listen to it. It helps to try.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Issues or worries that you've found it hard to resolve may affect your health. You'll have more peace of mind if you take decisive action. It will influence your health in positive ways. Most of all, you need a way to manage stress. Work out, get massages, do yoga and meditation - all may help you find inner tranquility. Your blood pressure will improve, too.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Sometimes you can slip into a melancholy mood that lasts for days. This does nothing for your well-being. It may deplete your energy and make you feel worse. Don't let the stresses and strains of life get to you now. Add working out to your daily routine. This will revitalize you and help you overcome any challenges you face.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Any health problems you have now may be due to relationships causing difficulties in your life. You need to adopt daily habits that keep you at peak fitness despite whatever is going on around you. The more fit you are, the less vulnerable you feel in compromising situations. Eat well, get enough sleep, exercise, and keep a healthy psychological outlook - those will make you a champion.

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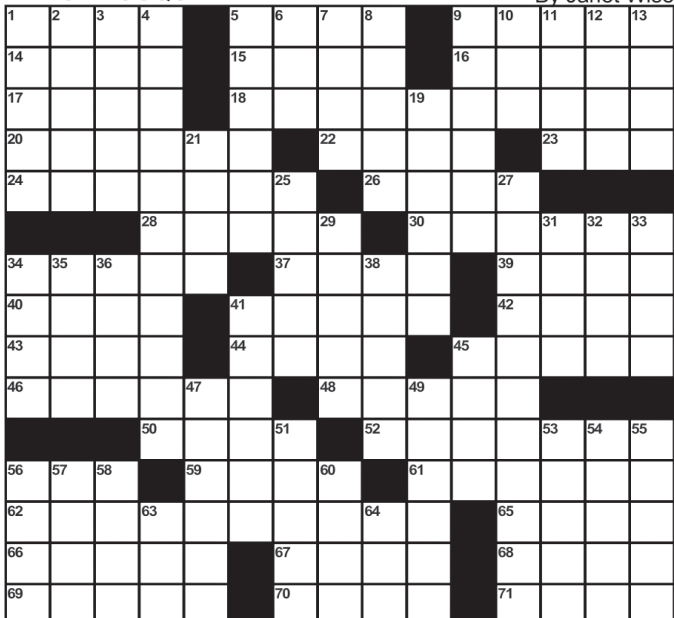
- 1) Grant's landmark
- 5) In a frenzy
- 9) Smart guy
- 14) Brother of Cain
- 15) "Death in Venice" author
- 16) Chicago mayor before Emanuel
- 17) Soap actress Sofer
- 18) Flowery Veronica Lake film (with "The")
- 20) Computer programming language
- 22) Oscar presenter's take
- 23) PC key
- 24) Less stable
- 26) "There's \_\_\_ in the air"
- 28) Select from the menu
- 30) Fasten together
- 34) TV's "The Virginian" star
- 37) Canary's "nose"
- 39) Guns, as an engine
- 40) Campus drilling gp.
- 41) More in need of a massage
- 42) Reasons for
- 43) Eastern nurse
- 44) "Sack" attachment
- 45) Martini add-in
- 46) Gauquin's island home
- 48) Lasso loop
- 50) Number in a letter
- 52) Guinness superlative
- 56) Physicians' org.
- 59) Brat's Christmas present
- 61) Hard worker
- 62) Flower in a Texas tune
- 65) Colorful parrot
- 66) First-stringers
- 67) It's not Neet
- 68) Kong's kin
- 69) "\_\_\_ la vista, baby!"
- 70) Certain NCOs
- 71) Tic-Tac alternative

### DOWN

- 1) Infield coverings
- 2) West Indian sorcery
- 3) Brainy bunch
- 4) Fictitious flower
- 5) Went for a stroll
- 6) Practice starter?
- 7) Difficult responsibility
- 8) "\_\_\_ man, Bojangles and ..."
- 9) Slow tempo
- 10) "\_\_\_-di-dah!"
- 11) Noted first name in jazz
- 12) Provide with a roof
- 13) Currency, in Myanmar
- 19) One of Santa's team
- 21) Open to breezes
- 25) Army scout's job
- 27) New Hampshire state flower
- 29) Aired a second time
- 31) Prefix with "scope"
- 32) City in the Ukraine
- 33) To be, to Caesar
- 34) "Oh, phooey!"
- 35) "Arrivederci, \_\_\_"
- 36) Great Salt Lake state
- 38) Put in fresh soil
- 41) Way to get to the top
- 45) Viking Ship Museum locale
- 47) Washington seaport
- 49) Old cowboy movies
- 51) Merits
- 53) Wed in secret
- 54) More parched
- 55) Secret meeting
- 56) Native maid in India
- 57) Prefix with "physical"
- 58) Hearty libations
- 60) Do nothing
- 63) Back muscle, in the gym
- 64) "Not my spelling error" notation

### A NICE BOUQUET

By Janet Wise



# RELIGION

## Question:

*I've been dating a man for three years. From the beginning, I knew he wasn't into spirituality like I am. We've just agreed to disagree and seldom, if ever, brought the subject up. Except for that one thing, we're compatible in our other interests. Now he has asked me to marry him. I care deeply for this man, but I believe it would be in both of our best interests to break up. Each of us, at some point in our lives, want children. He has said that if we married, he'd rather our children not go to church. That doesn't set well with me and I told him so. He said rather flippantly that we can work it out.*

*I think we must work it out now or go our separate ways. He knows I'm writing this message to Spiritually Speaking.*

*Could you please help us put some light on this subject?*

~Uncertain

leave aside their beliefs, and they are allowing their children to make their own decisions when they are mature enough to do so.

I like what the poet Rumi says about love: "This is love: to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment." The difference that you have in front of you is one of those hundred veils that has fallen on your love life and before you decide to remove the veil (maybe out of the fear to lose who you are and compromise), I invite you to explore together and, with professional help, what this veil in your relationship means. Only then you'd be able to make a decision out of love, and not out of fear.

I wish you both the very best.



Rev. Antonio Gallardo  
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Dear Uncertain,

First, I commend you for reaching out for support and guidance. It's important to recognize that what we seek is "seeking us" and so I hope you're open to what comes forward for you in this column.

The next thing I will say is that there is a difference between being spiritual and religious. One can be either or both and they have different meanings and practices. It is very common to align yourself with a religion, such as Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, or whatever you were brought up with. And then as adults choose another path, if you no longer resonate with those teachings.

You could also consider yourself spiritual without following any religion or dogma. Spirituality for some people is the belief in something bigger than themselves and has nothing to do with a particular religious doctrine. I have counseled many couples that had different beliefs – including my own marriage. When we met I was practicing one religion and he another. Neither of us considered ourselves religious, but both of us felt very spiritual. That desire allowed us to find a place that we both resonated with, and that was Religious Science, in which we brought up our children.

There are many couples that compromise or accommodate their partners' religion in the interest of their children. I would recommend you have a heart-to-heart discussion about what values you want to bring your children up with. What traits or beliefs do you want them to adopt? What kind of people do you want them to grow up to be? I think you will find that you'll both be on the same page and then it's just a matter of agreeing on the best path forward.

Now, my point here is not that you change your religious beliefs or try to change those of your fiancé's but to understand that people can change and oftentimes they do. They can come to a greater awareness of their underlying beliefs and decide to shed those



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that no longer serve and adopt those that do. That could mean being willing to consider a different spiritual path for child rearing than the one you're currently on. That is how it unfolded in my marriage.

Lastly, be completely honest with yourself about this partnership. The most successful marriages aren't those that have everything in common, but those that have learned how to deal with those differences from the highest, most loving place. There will be many more undiscovered differences that you may encounter on your marriage journey. As long as you have a caring mindset, an open heart and peaceful disposition, you'll be fully equipped to handle them!

Sending the highest light & love,



Rev. Dr. Ellen Faith Contente  
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## Question:

*Several years ago, I became interested in genealogy and have spent a considerable amount of time tracing my family's history. I then began researching my husband's family, with his blessing, I might add. I came up with what could be considered "a skeleton in the closet" when I found that my in-laws were married two months before he was born. When I first met them something was said about them not celebrating anniversaries and we let it go at that. I know my husband doesn't know and I don't want to tell him. I believe he doesn't really need that information. His parents are wonderful and have raised a nice family.*

*Yet I feel I'm living a lie. He's not interested in my genealogy finds and I rarely discuss them with them. Is it okay not to tell him?*

~Undecided

Dear Undecided,  
Your issue is a tricky one requiring some analysis. This could be seen as an honesty issue when

in fact the greater item on this list of issues can only be seen as something we call in our tradition, "Shalom Bayit," or "Peace in the home."

This "skeleton" was created a long time ago. It obviously is something that your in-laws have hidden as, in their day, this was a scandal that people had shame over. Today we accept this practice, out in the open. I have personally performed marriage ceremony for couples where the bride is visibly pregnant and the entire group celebrates the upcoming blessed event!

Your husband does not need to know this. It is something that you found out in an extraordinary way. As you said, he isn't even interested in your findings, even about his own family. I am wondering if your in-laws know of your research and have gotten worried that you will find out.

"His wonderful parents" who "have raised a nice family" made a decision long ago to forgo anniversary celebrations in order to let sleeping dogs lie. It is not up to you to pierce this silence that has existed long before you came into

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the picture.

If you think about it, I bet you could come up with a couple of other things you haven't mentioned to your husband about yourself, your family or something that occurred over the course of your lifetime that would be confusing, vexing or bring your husband some discomfort. This is one of those. You must not tell him. You must bear the burden of this skeleton yourself.

Your husband was conceived in love. That is clear. The legal unvarnished truth is not even relevant at this point in your lives.



Rabbi Janet Bieber  
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Dear Undecided,

In my opinion, you are making the right choice keeping that knowledge strictly to yourself. You shouldn't choose to see that secret as living a lie. Why? Well, it's really not your story (even though you are married to your husband). It's really your husband's story and his parents' story. While it is true that back in its day this revelation would have been considered somewhat of a scandal, with the variety in today's life styles, it's pretty tame stuff. Besides, even if it was in the nick of time, your husband is still considered as having a legitimate birth.

If it is of any comfort, there were many so-called "premature births" back in those days among recently married couples. Your in-laws were not alone by any means in what happened to them.

In any event, because of the shame factor back then, your in-laws decided not to talk about it and (as you point out) your husband has shown no interest in sharing in the discoveries of your hobby.

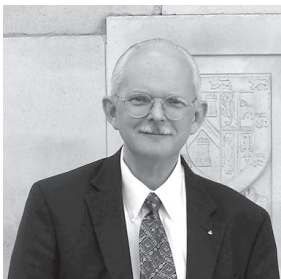
The question then you need to ask yourself is what would happen if you did decide to share it? What is the point of anyone beside yourself knowing this? Granted, it makes for a juicy piece of family gossip. But there is no evil here that demands exposure and accountability. Are you prepared to be responsible for, and even have to deal with, the potential emotional trauma and suffering it could cause? What if your husband did not take this well and confronted his

parents? Where, in light of how wonderful these people are and the good job they did in providing for and raising their family since their "mistake," is the goodness in having the power to pull the scandal rabbit out of the hat and possibly affect their happiness going forward?

In my opinion, the potential for causing needless and unnecessary suffering, pain and shame in others with this revelation far outweighs any potential for good; and I think you see that based on your comments.

Instead of seeing/feeling yourself keeping this knowledge as "living a lie," see it as living love and your silence as being an act of love. Because that is what your silence really would be. How so? No one gets through life without messing it up. We all stumble, and we all manage to shame ourselves. You cannot read the life of Jesus and not see that He understood that perfectly about what it is to be human. And when confronted with cases of what His society regarded as sinful and scandalous (e.g. the story of the adulteress), he would not pass condemnation or judgment. But he was always quick to tell others they were forgiven and released from the mental burden of their mistakes (sin). For Jesus, everyone could have a new beginning.

I think Jesus is the perfect example to follow here. His actions perfectly illustrate the hallmarks of love, or what I call the divine trinity of love, which are courtesy, caring and compassion. This "family revelation" is now your secret to keep. It is an act of love to do so. It is a genuine act of caring for the feelings and continued happiness of your husband and in-laws. But above all, it is an act of courtesy, an act of respect and even an incredible act of kindness for and towards another. It would be, to be blunt, an act of divine mercy or compassion on your part. So even though, at one point in their life, your in-laws stumbled you choose not to do anything now to shame them for it. But allow them to continue, maintain, and hold on to whatever little bit of dignity we humans manage to scrape out of our experiences in life.



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## LCPC Parent Education Donates over \$72,000 to FosterAll

In February, LCPC Parent Education held its annual gala with LCPC ministry partner FosterAll. The event celebrated the Parent Education program, showing gratitude for its team and supporters, as well as highlighting LA's foster care crisis. Both Parent Ed and FosterAll were thrilled with the generous donations grossing over \$150,000 for both ministries combined.

Last December, the Parent Education team started praying the verse from Malachi 3:10 asking God to "open the floodgates" for its 2020 gala Loving Mercy, Restoring Lives. Those prayers were heard and the gala was a miraculous success! Because of the generosity of the attendees, Parent Education was able to help raise over \$72,000 for FosterAll (formerly Child S.H.A.R.E.). The mission of FosterAll is to recruit prospective foster parents from faith communities and provide ongoing support to these families so they can provide safe and loving homes for the thousands of children who have been abused and neglected. They guide parents through successful foster/adopt journeys and create a community of support not only for the children but for the whole family as well.

Lou Moore, executive director of FosterAll, said in response to the outpouring, "Thank you, and especially to Anne [Bierling] for her compassion for children and guiding wisdom for parents, both of which resonate with FosterAll's



Photo by Mary Emily MYERS  
Executive director of FosterAll Lou Moore, LCPC Parent Ed director Anne Bierling, and FosterAll director of Foster Care Programs Kathy Hernandez at the 2020 Parent Ed Gala at Oakmont Country Club.

values. We are humbled to have been chosen as the charity for Parent Ed's gala."

Those who wish to learn more about FosterAll and help it continue its work can visit the FosterAll website [www.fosterall.org](http://www.fosterall.org). Foster children and their families have been especially at risk during the pandemic. Donations can still be made to FosterAll by sending checks to FosterAll at 1544 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201.

Donors may also contribute to LCPC Parent Education by sending checks to LCPC Parent Ed at 626 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada, CA 91011. Donations can be made to its general fund, the Cathy and Christopher Erskine Compassion Memorial, or the Founders Scholarship

Fund created in honor of Parent Ed founders Anne Latte Krach, Claudia Zentmyer, and Gail Hanson.

As LCPC Parent Education looks forward to its 42nd year, it embraces new challenges but prepares for another year of learning and growing together. Registration is now open for fall classes for parents of children ages 0-18. Anyone registering by Aug. 1 will receive a \$75 early bird discount. Best practices will be implemented per COVID-19 mandates.

Read more about classes, instructors and schedule on the website [www.lacanadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacanadapc.org/parented). Scholarships and payment plans available online.

Written by  
Amanda BAUGHMAN

### NOTES & NODS

#### This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills continues to offer "Couch Church, Fellowship and Prayers" 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](https://facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos). After the live stream, the service can be found at [www.lcifoothills.org](http://www.lcifoothills.org). This Sunday, July 12, Pastor Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon on "Growing in the Spirit." 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](mailto: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](http://www.lcifoothills.org).

#### La Crescenta Presbyterian Offers Virtual Vacation Bible School

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church's annual Vacation Bible School is going virtual, with three days of fun, worshipful activities from July 13-15 – all free.

Children ages 4 through incoming sixth graders are encouraged to join VBS from home, through videos, crafts, games and devotionals, as well as a Facebook Live worship time each day at 9:30 a.m. The LCPC Children's Ministries staff will deliver boxes of supplies to the homes of participants.

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Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta, offers four opportunities for Sunday worship: indoor and outdoor contemporary services at 9 a.m.; a classic service at 11 a.m.; and online services at [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net).

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 more information about our policies to protect the health and safety of our congregation, visit [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

#### 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](mailto: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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## LEGALS

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties  
 From: La Cañada Unified School District  
 Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Palm Crest Elementary School Modernization Project

The La Cañada Unified School District ("District") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The District has prepared an Initial Study to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.

**AGENCIES:** The District requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

**Project Title:** Palm Crest Elementary School Modernization Project.  
**Project Description:** The La Cañada Unified School District proposes the following improvements to Palm Crest Elementary School: construction of one new two-story, approximately 23,184-square-foot classroom building (comprised of two wings); renovation of 18 existing classrooms; conversion of one classroom building to four specialty classrooms; demolition of the old District Office and garage; removal of trees for construction of a new upper parking lot; alteration/improvement to the existing drop-off area; alteration/improvement to the existing west parking lot; installation of temporary portable classrooms for use during project construction; and construction and extension of site utilities to new classroom buildings, improvement to landscaping areas, and pedestrian walkways.  
**Project Location:** 5025 Palm Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011.  
**Significant Environmental Effects:** The IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

**Public Review Period/Responses and Comments:** The District is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The District will accept responses and comments for 34 days, from and including July 1, 2020 to August 3, 2020. All comments must be submitted in written format; either in a letter or email format. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

La Cañada Unified School District  
 Attn: Mark Evans  
 Associate Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services  
 4490 Cornishon Avenue  
 La Cañada, CA 91011  
 E: mevans@lcsd.net

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** This IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- La Cañada Unified School District, 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada, CA 91011

The document is available online on the District's website at: [https://www.lcsd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1952614](https://www.lcsd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC_ID=1952614)

## LEGALS

**LA CAÑADA DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE ADOPTAR UNA DECLARACIÓN NEGATIVA MITIGADA**

Para: agencias, organizaciones y partes interesadas  
 De: La Cañada distrito escolar unificado  
 Asunto: Aviso de intención de adoptar un estudio inicial/Declaración negativa mitigada (IS/MND) para el proyecto de modernización de la escuela primaria Palm Crest

El La Cañada distrito escolar unificado ("Distrito") es el organismo principal en virtud de la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA) para el puntal del proyecto osed se identifica a continuación. El Distrito ha preparado un Estudio Inicial para determinar los efectos ambientales del proyecto propuesto y considera que la emisión de una Declaración Negativa Mitigada es el nivel apropiado de revisión ambiental de CEQA.

**AGENCIAS:** El Distrito solicita que su agencia revise el alcance y el contenido de la información ambiental relevante para las responsabilidades legales de su agencia en relación con el proyecto propuesto, de acuerdo con el Código de Regulaciones de California, Título 14, Sección 15086 (a).

**Organizaciones y partes interesadas:** El Distrito solicita sus comentarios y preocupaciones con respecto a las cuestiones ambientales asociadas con la familia correo proyecto propuesto.

**Título del proyecto:** Proyecto de modernización de la escuela primaria Palm Crest.

**Descripción del Proyecto:** El La Cañada distrito escolar unificado propone las siguientes mejoras a Palm Crest Elementary School: construcción de una nueva de dos pisos, de aproximadamente 23,184 - plaza - edificio de aulas pie (que consta de dos alas); renovación de 18 aulas existentes; conversión de un edificio de aulas a cuatro aulas especializadas; demolición de la antigua oficina de distrito y garaje; eliminación de árboles para la construcción de un nuevo estacionamiento superior; alteración / mejora del área de entrega existente; alteración / mejora del estacionamiento este existente; instalación de aulas portátiles temporales para su uso durante la construcción del proyecto; y construcción y extensión de servicios públicos del sitio a nuevos edificios de aulas, mejoras en áreas de paisajismo y senderos peatonales.

**Ubicación del proyecto:** 5025 Palm Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011.

**Efectos ambientales significativos:** El IS/MND concluye que no se producirán efectos ambientales inevitables significativos como resultado del proyecto propuesto. Los impactos potencialmente significativos relacionados con la estética, los recursos biológicos, los recursos culturales, la geología y los suelos, los peligros y materiales peligrosos, el ruido, el transporte y los hallazgos obligatorios de importancia se mitigarían a un nivel menos que significativo.

**Revisión Pública Período/Respuestas y Comentarios:** El Distrito está haciendo el IS/MND disponible para su revisión y comentarios del público en virtud del Código de Regulaciones de California, Título 14, Sección 15087. El Distrito aceptará respuestas y comentarios para 34 días, de y que incluye Julio 1, 2020 a de Agosto de 3, 2020. Todos los comentarios deben presentarse en formato escrito; ya sea en un correo electrónico carta o formato. Indique una persona de contacto para su agencia o organización y envíe sus respuestas o comentarios a:

La Cañada Distrito Escolar Unificado  
 A la atención de: Mark Evans  
 Superintendente Asociado,  
 Servicios Comerciales y Administrativos  
 4490 Cornishon Avenue  
 La Cañada, CA 91011  
 E: mevans@lcsd.net

**DISPONIBILIDAD DE DOCUMENTOS:** Este es IS/MND y los materiales asociados están disponibles para su revisión durante el horario comercial habitual en las siguientes ubicaciones:

- La Cañada Distrito Escolar Unificado, 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada, CA 91011

El documento está disponible en línea en el sitio web del Distrito en: [https://www.lcsd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1952614](https://www.lcsd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1773500&type=d&pREC_ID=1952614)

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who wanted a hybrid approach that included in-person classes.

There were several issues shared including that of teachers who are at high risk of contracting the virus. They were concerned for their health if they return to school and how the district would enforce social distancing and face coverings for students of all ages. There were also questions about what type of cleaning would be done and whose responsibility it would be to clean classrooms between classes.

There were three recurring issues voiced by parents: 1) Not penalizing those who want to remote learn by forcing them to withdraw from their neighborhood school and enroll in Verdugo Academy, the district's independent study program; 2) Notifying parents of anyone who tested positive with COVID-19 on the school campus. This would be similar to the notices sent to parents when a student has head lice; 3) Providing equal studies in the FLAG [Foreign Language Academies of Glendale] program for those who chose in-person teaching and those who chose remote learning.

There were many points made about the hybrid teaching models that have been proposed by the district. These models include having half the number of students attending in-person classes for half the day then remote learning the other half; having students attend school every other day then learning remotely for the balance; having students attend classes every other week and learning remotely the other weeks.

Parents cited the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in

Los Angeles County as among the reasons they were against having their children attend classes in-person. A few parents stated there were more numbers of younger people testing positive for COVID-19 and were worried that there is not enough data regarding children and the virus to warrant sending them to school.

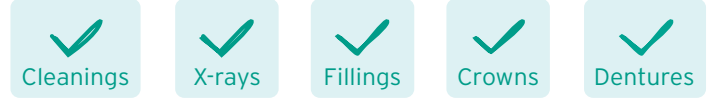
Parents who wanted their children to attend some type of in-person class voiced their concerns about the mental health of children who have been isolated for months. They feel the data has shown that it would be safe for children to attend school with protocols in place regarding social distancing and face coverings.

The district did not respond to any of the comments on Wednesday. School board members and the superintendent were collecting and analyzing the opinions shared on Wednesday, along with results from parent and student surveys that were distributed and emailed comments, to help determine their decision that will be announced at the GUSD Board of Education meeting on July 14.

For those who would like to participate in the surveys, visit [www.gusd.net/returntoschool](http://www.gusd.net/returntoschool). The deadline to return completed surveys is July 10. For those who would like to submit comments and questions email [ReturnToSchool@gusd.net](mailto:ReturnToSchool@gusd.net).

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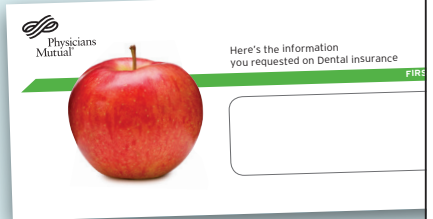
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"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," said the great Coretta Scott King. Our longtime community member and friend Harriet Hammons, who passed away earlier this week, was such a woman of distinction and action, a woman whose actions inspired others to do, learn and become more. She was characteristically strong but never rude, kind but not weak, and always willing to take you to the places she went, teach you the things that she learned and knew and offer you a seat at the table so that you could rightfully voice your thoughts, concerns and opinions on any given conversation.

Harriet, a former teacher, Scout leader, Kiwanis La Cañadan of the Year, and devoted United Methodist Church parishioner, actively volunteered throughout the community for over half a century and in so doing deservedly received countless awards and recognitions. She was a regular at CVHS performing arts events and was always on hand to support students and teachers alike. Most of all, Harriet loved her family, not just the ones blessed to be born into hers but all of the rest of us whom she genuinely loved, mentored and raised as her own. I am better because of you, Harriet. I am certain that your beautiful smile is now shining bright and lighting up the heavens!

Harry Leon, President  
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