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City Extends Emergency Protections

By Julie BUTCHER

“Demonizing and dehumanizing the mom and pop landlords of our community is not good and I don’t like where it leads,” commented Councilmember Ara Najarian on the harshness and divisiveness expressed by some of the people who called into this week’s Glendale City Council meeting. He referred to those advocating for various responses by the city to the novel coronavirus crisis – some moderate, some extreme.

The council acted on Tuesday night to extend its emergency protections against residential evictions and to freeze rents for another month, until Aug. 31. Unlike the state provisions that lapsed in the past days, the city requires tenants to provide documentation and notice to their landlords that they cannot pay rent in advance of the day the rent is due.

Next, the council acted to authorize the police department to enforce the requirement for the public to utilize face coverings, including instructing staff to update regulations to include health codes and allow for fines starting at \$400 for non-compliance.

“The message of tonight has to be that the City of Glendale affirms a \$400 fine for the non-use of face coverings. It’s already on the books but it’s important that folks understand this is not ‘same old, same old.’ The police chief is right; we don’t want to be putting grandma in handcuffs but I want the police to have the discretion to say, ‘I could be writing you a \$400 ticket but instead I’m giving you one last warning,’” Najarian said, expressing the importance of wearing masks. “If we’d all been super conscientious about this maybe we’d be looking more like Italy – back up. But it’s not too late.”

Councilmember Dan Brotman agreed. “We really need [the community] to know this is not optional.”

Councilmember Paula Devine had opened the meeting pushing for fines.

“It’s evident to me that folks are taking this as a suggestion rather than a requirement.” She urged Glendale to take action as cities such

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Mars 2020 Perseverance Prepares for Launch

By Mary O’KEEFE

The Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission is set to launch on July 30 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The launch window opens at 4:50 a.m. PDT. Perseverance is an appropriate name for this next Mars mission as it has had to persevere through a pandemic to make it to the launch pad.

The name Perseverance resulted from a contest among students. There were 28,000 essays submitted to “Name the Rover” contest and Alex Mather of Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Virginia won. In his essay he wrote, “We are a species of explorers, and we will meet many setbacks on the way to Mars. However, we can persevere. We, not as a nation but as humans, will not give up.”

As of Wednesday, Mars 2020 had cleared its Flight Readiness Review, an important milestone on its way to the launch pad, according to NASA.

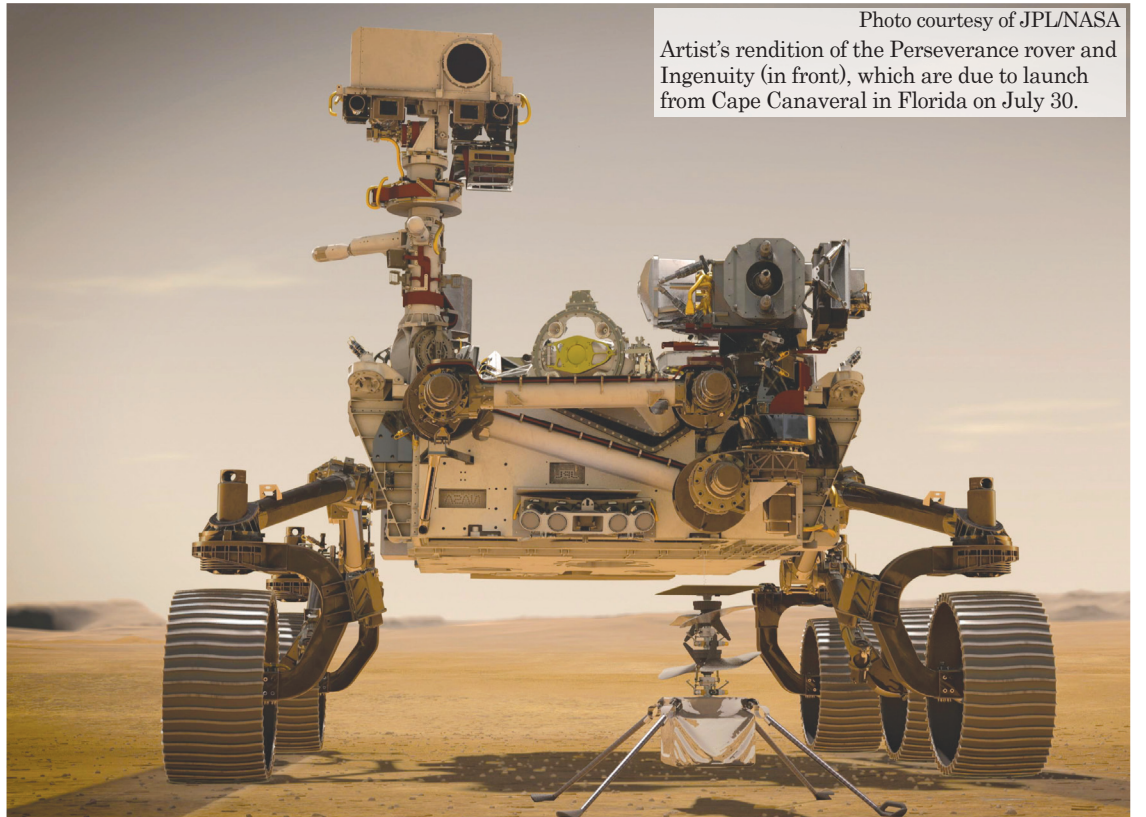


Photo courtesy of JPL/NASA
 Artist’s rendition of the Perseverance rover and Ingenuity (in front), which are due to launch from Cape Canaveral in Florida on July 30.

The Perseverance rover’s astrobiology mission will search for signs of ancient microbial life. It will also characterize the planet’s climate and geology, pave the

way for human exploration of the Red Planet, and be the first planetary mission to collect and cache selected samples of Martian rock and regolith (broken rock and

dust). Subsequent missions, currently under consideration by NASA in cooperation with ESA (European Space Agency), would

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Two Strike Park Trail Nears Completion

By Mary O’KEEFE

There is a lot of construction going on at Two Strike Park. A major portion of the project will create a walking trail that will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

“The inception of the project was in 2010 when it was brought to the attention of then-Supervisor Michael Antonovich and the Parks and Recreation Department,” said Mark Glasscock, section head for Capital Projects Group, LA County Parks and Recreation.

There were a few trips back to the drawing board before the plan was reintroduced in 2014 with a revised scope of the trail placement. There was a lot of design work for the project to ensure Parks and Recreation addressed all the points that

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Photo by Mary O’KEEFE
 Work on a walking trail at Two Strike Park will connect the Park and the Eagle Canyon Channel and will be ADA compliant.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

An All-Too-Brief Respite

I am in love with Paso Robles and Cambria. My best friend Amy and I stole a few days this past weekend to head north to the land of wines and pines. I didn't know what changes we would find – we are still in the midst of a pandemic after all. A side note – the last time we were there was the weekend of March 13 – just before the world shuddered with the novel coronavirus and LA (if not the entire state) went into lockdown.

We called everywhere we wanted to go and thankfully every place, including our hotel at the Cambria Pines Lodge, was open and ready for us. We also called all the wineries we wanted to visit. Reservations, which weren't required prior to COVID-19, are now mandatory as are the wearing of face coverings and the amount of time allowed at each winery. But rest assured – these minor changes were incidental and we had a fabulous time.

Coming home, I was prepared for the dread that I typically find in my inbox – how LA is surging with the virus, no one is wearing masks and how everything should be either reopened or locked down. But one upbeat story brought a smile to my face.

In Glendale, Arizona, while a woman collected trash at a 76 gas station where she worked, she had about \$1,000 stolen

from her purse. She had cashed her paycheck and that money was earmarked for her rent. Crushed, she called the cops. She shared with them that she had been 14 months sober at that point, renting a room from her aunt and taking courses to become a full-time caregiver to her disabled cousin. She had little hope of having the money returned and considered the incident karma for the things she did in her past.

But the officers pooled their resources, called Angels on Patrol, a police organization that connects community members with needed resources, and even called Walmart, which ended up donating \$1,000 to replace what was stolen. When stopping back at the station to give the gifts to the woman, one of the officers told her that karma wasn't in having the money stolen, but getting it back was positive karma for the choices she'd made over the past year or so of helping others.

I'll take that kind of story anytime.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Where the waters do agree, it is quite wonderful the relief they give."
~ Jane Austen

It's summer! Really? Not much going on to indicate the fact, except for the weather. The weather goes on in its usual and, most of the time, expected manner. Most days reach into the 90s and nights drop to the 60s. Throw in a few heatwaves, hot nights and a thunderhead over Mount Lukens and you've got summer. But there's something sorely missing. The season's associated activities are almost non-existent! Except for one, which even pre-dates Jesus. Swimming!

Although not documented, I would surmise the local indigenous people – the Tongva – had favorite natural pools and hot springs. Spanish diaries, dating to the 1700s, made reference to the Tongva's twice daily bathing rituals; they were deemed immoral by the Catholic Church. No doubt, especially on hot days, water use went beyond the utilitarian. It provided relief from the heat and a bit of fun.

The concept of using public swimming pools for recreation in the United States began in the late 1800s. In general, the way people swam was defined by class: the wealthy elite visited beaches and pools for lounging and socializing while the middle class used pools for swimming and the lower class went to pools for "bathing." Historians claim pools were a Victorian-era attempt to promote cleanliness and decorum to the urban poor. They were called "bathing pools" or "plunge baths" rather than swimming pools.

No other region in America has more swimming pools than Southern California. The affluence of the 1920s gave rise to the backyard pool. The names Mary Pickford, William Randolph Hearst and Frank Lloyd Wright are often associated with the most extravagant of these. Suburban pools depicted in movies and TV led to an explosion of pools built in the 1950s and 1960s. Their popularity has not waned.

A warming trend begins tomorrow making for perfect pool weather. Did you know a properly maintained pool makes for a nearly COVID-19-free activity? Two caveats: you must remain in the pool and say the magic words "Marco Polo!"

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



LA CRESCENTA HOUSING UPDATE

The La Crescenta real estate market is heavily favored to home sellers as evidenced by the low absorption rate. There is not a lot of inventory – supply is simply not meeting demand.

La Crescenta By The Numbers YTD 2020							
HarbandCo.com							
Month	#Sold Homes	Avg. Price Per SQFT	DOM	Avg. Sale Price	SP%LP	Abs. Rate	Median
January	15	\$552.52	44	\$882,563	102.53%	0.93%	\$892,000
February	19	\$620.01	33	\$932,671	102.84%	1.05%	\$810,000
March	16	\$607.52	40	\$1,035,613	104.76%	1.69%	\$835,500
April	11	\$673.03	37	\$922,155	103.79%	2.00%	\$855,000
May	16	\$635.80	41	\$951,188	102.85%	1.87%	\$856,000
June	17	\$611.39	52	\$1,054,216	99.59%	1.77%	\$1,038,000

Of last month's seventeen home sales, seven sold over asking price. Nine homes sold less than asking and one at asking price. Are La Crescenta prices flattening? Or are sellers and their real estate agents simply pricing too high? Call Phyllis today to learn how to sell your home for the highest possible price.



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Don't Miss Next Weeks Q&A – Phyllis discusses "Trustee Duties Where To Begin"

NEWS

IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have their monthly meeting tonight, July 23 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. On the agenda is a discussion/presentation on two proposed building projects on Honolulu and Montrose Avenues, as well as other land-use issues in the Crescenta Valley. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

SPEEDING, DANGEROUS DRIVERS FOCUS OF COUNCIL

Crescenta Valley Town Council is working with law enforcement regarding community concerns including drivers speeding up and down Briggs, La Crescenta and Ramsdell avenues. In addition, the Council is working with law enforcement to cite drivers performing illegal U-turns along Foothill Boulevard. CVTC President Harry Leon spoke of a recent incident of a family that came very close to being hit by a vehicle that was making an illegal U-turn on Foothill near Ramsdell.

QPR SESSION ANNOUNCED

Glendale Unified School District – Student Wellness Services presents QPR – Questions, Persuade, Refer – designed to teach participants the warning signs of suicide and how to actively ask and respond to a person in crisis. QPR is not intended to be a form of counseling or treatment, but a preventive tool to raise awareness among the community. The next planned session is Thursday, July 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To RSVP, email Dr. Ilin Magran at Imagran@gusd.net.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE CANCELLATION

In order to comply with LA County recommendations to not gather in groups on trails, the decision was made to cancel the scheduled docent tour of the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, July 25.

ROSE PARADE CANCELED

The traditional New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena has been canceled. In a statement released by Tournament officials it was with "reluctance and tremendous disappointment" that the decision was made in accordance with Gov. Newsom's Phase IV re-opening schedule.

TOWN HALL WITH ADAM SCHIFF

Rep. Adam Schiff will host a telephone town hall at 7 p.m. on July 30 to discuss the nation's response to COVID-19, the economic and unemployment crisis facing families, and how to ensure the student safety in the fall. Schiff will also discuss issues such as unemployment benefits, support for small businesses and how his office can assist. To join directly, constituents should call (855) 408-1340. Constituents may also watch the town hall on Facebook. ([RepAdamSchiff](https://www.facebook.com/RepAdamSchiff)) or website ([Schiff.house.gov/live](https://www.house.gov/liveschiff)).

Looking Toward a More Colorful Life

By Mary O'KEEFE

We have all seen them, the brown trucks with the gold UPS [United Parcel Service] sign on the side. We've seen drivers jump out and quickly deliver packages to a home, then just as quickly jump back into their truck and continue on their way.

UPS and those brown trucks, with delivery people dressed in matching brown, have become part of our landscape, perhaps even more so since COVID-19 has had many people staying Safer at Home and ordering online. But just like mail carriers of the past, many people have gotten to know their UPS driver. They have not only found themselves dependent on their deliveries but have become friends with the driver on their route.

For a little over two decades the UPS driver in the La Crescenta/Montrose area has been Tony Esposito.

"I started as a utility driver and then [was asked] to fill in for a driver in La Crescenta who was out due to a back injury," Esposito said.

That launched a 31-year career with UPS, but that was not the career he had planned.

"When I first started I had no intention of staying with [UPS]," he said.

At the time he was attending college with an interest in law enforcement when a UPS job recruiter came onto campus.

"I thought I could work nights [at UPS] and go to school," he said.

After he worked there for a while another driver approached him and suggested he become a driver permanently. After finding out how much he could make as a driver he decided to make a career change.

He started in the Crescenta Valley area and has remained here throughout the years. He started covering a large area of the foothills community but, as time went on, his route began to shrink – not because of a lack of customers but due to an increase in deliveries.

"The Internet," Esposito said of the biggest change to deliveries. "When I first started I covered pretty much all of La Crescenta and the foothill area by myself."

Gradually as new advances were made in technology and more people went online the company hired more people help cover the increased number of deliveries. His route went from being most of La Crescenta to an area stretching from Briggs to Lowell avenues. But as the demand, and deliveries, increased his route stretched only from Briggs to Rosemont avenues.

"UPS invested a lot of money in technology," he said as the company went online and kept up with the changing needs of Internet customers.

There were some challenges. Esposito said "99.9%" of his customers are wonderful though there have been some who have been challenging. But he prides himself on getting to know the customers on his route ... and their dogs.

He was never bitten by a dog while delivering because, he said, he loves dogs and gets to know them. This way when a package needs to be delivered but the customer will not be home for a time he can drop the item off in the backyard with the approval of the resident's dog. He knows his customers on his route and has often gone beyond dropping the package and taking off.

"I have watched three generations of customers grow up," he said. And he knows most of them well. "About a month ago I delivered a package to a customer, and the next day noticed it was still there on the [porch]."

With the new tracking technology he found the customer had included a telephone number so he called her to see if she was out of town or wanted him to put the package in a hidden location.

That attention to customer service has those along his route sad to see him retire.

"For the last 16 years that we have lived [in La Crescenta], Tony has been the most amazing and wonderful friend and UPS driver in our neighborhood," said resident Kim Matteredsteig. "He has always been so helpful, offering to pick up packages that need to be returned or making sure special packages were hidden from porch pirates."

When asked if he had any stories of his most unusual deliveries he said, "Bears in the trees," then added, "but the Station Fire was the most [memorable]."

In 2009, the Station Fire blazed along the Angeles National



Photo provided by Dede MUELLER
After 31 years at UPS – 22 of them in the Crescenta Valley – Tony Esposito, seen with customer Dede Mueller's pup Callie, is retiring. Callie will be missing the dog treats Esposito is known to bring on his route.

Forest foothills.

"I was always in communication with sheriff and fire departments," he said. "I remember [one day] I was on Canyonside [Road] and there was a fire engine stationed there. I saw the smoke over the ridge and asked the firefighter how much time I had and if I could do my deliveries. He said, 'When you see it crest then get out.'"

Within a few minutes he saw the flames come to the crest, but he was able to finish his route.

"I don't like to go back [to the UPS base] with [items]," he said.

He is looking forward to retirement and is happy that he decided to take this job over three decades ago making it possible for him to retire early in life.

"I am going to be a stay-at-home dad for a while," he said.

But then he and his family have decided to move to Costa Rica where his wife's family is from.

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Work on Gus and Andy's Montrose Grill Progresses



Work continues to be done at the new site of Gus and Andy's Montrose Grill

By Mary O'KEEFE

Progress continues on the renovations of Gus and Andy's Montrose Grill, the previous location of longtime diner Rocky Cola Café. Community members have noticed the scaffolding now in place as the façade of the building is being worked on.

"Our project is a complete remodel of building and structure," said diner owner Tom Christopoulos.

The building dates back to the early 1900s but has been empty since 2012 when Rocky Cola Café closed its doors. Workers have done a lot of structural work to make sure the building is safe and meets code standards including installing new infrastructure, power, water, gas and sewer, a reinforced concrete slab that is on a grade and replaced rotted wood structure.

"We still have a lot of work ahead, both exterior and interior," he added.

The business permit does allow for some sidewalk dining as well.

The community interest in Gus and Andy's has been consistent with readers contacting CVW whenever work is being done at the site. Although inside restaurant seating is currently not permitted in Los Angeles County, people are optimistic that once Gus and Andy's opens its doors, people will be able to go inside and see the work that has been done.

Residential Fire on Third Avenue



Photo courtesy of Rachelle MILLER

Glendale Fire Dept. units responded to a fire on Tuesday in an 800-square-foot home in the 3600 block of 3rd Avenue. Arriving units found a fire in the attic and

were able to quickly bring the blaze under control. GFD units were assisted by one LA County engine. No one was home at the time of the fire. Salvage covers

were used to protect the residents' belongings.

The residents will be displaced due to the fire; there were no injuries to firefighters.

Step Up and Be Counted: U.S. Census Wants You

By Mary O'KEEFE

US Census Bureau.

The U.S. Census Bureau continues to reach out to people living within the United States to complete their survey.

The U.S. Constitution requires that every 10 years a census will be conducted to count the population. The first census was in 1790, shortly after George Washington became President. The census steadily expanded through the 19th century and, by the turn of the century, the demographic, agricultural and economic segments of the decennial census collected information on hundreds of topics, according to the

"The census is important," said Avianna Uribe, Office of the CEO County of Los Angeles.

The census is the guide the federal government uses when calculating not only how many representatives the state sends to Congress but the amount of federal money that will go to local communities.

This includes federal money for children and family programs, for roads, parks, emergency response and hospitals, she added.

It is important for everyone to step up and be counted.

"I think, especially with the impact of COVID-19, it is a very

powerful way [for people] to help their community," Uribe said.

Information from the census is used in a number of areas of funding. Every person is counted but only one person per household has to complete the census for the entire household.

It is easy to respond, either by going online at census.gov and click on "The 2020 Census is Happening Now. Respond Today" or by calling (844) 330-2020 or visit <https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us> for non-English. Due to COVID-19, the deadline for

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Land Use Seeks More Info on Motel Development

By Brandon HENSLEY

The Crescenta Valley Town Council Land Use Committee plans to notify community members later this summer detailing news about the property on which the La Crescenta Motel sits.

Land Use Co-Chair Ines Chessum said the developer has submitted plans to LA County Regional Planning for affordable housing condo units, but those plans could be months away from approval. Reports concerning traffic and fire must still be conducted and approved. Land Use would prefer to gain more knowledge about the owner's plans before proceeding with public information.

Land Use has drawings from the developer, which plans to tear down the motel, formerly the May-Lane Motel, on Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue. In its place would be affordable housing.

The motel sits on two triangle lots. CV Weekly previously reported the current proposal covers both parcels on the property. For the front triangle portion, approximately 21,000 square feet, the developer seeks to build three four-story buildings, 45 feet high (this is 10 feet higher than zoning provisions allow) consisting of 28 housing units (a single one-bedroom, 16 two-bedroom, and 11 three-bedroom condo units) ranging in area from 860 to 1,500 square feet.

The second portion of the plan would be to increase building heights by 10 feet; constructing four five-story 52-foot-high buildings – 40 units, 13 two-

bedroom and 27 three-bedroom units, ranging in size from 1,236 to 1,706 square feet.

"The intent of the LUC is to engage in conversation because we like to preserve the quality of developments our community has come to be known for," Chessum said.

Land Use has been trying to set up a meeting with the owners for some time. Under COVID-19 conditions this year, that has been difficult. Typically the committee members meet with the owners, then the developers would come to a meeting to explain the proposal, and the owners would then reach out to residents within an established radius by mailing letters detailing a public meeting.

Chessum said Land Use also needs to ask questions of Regional Planning. Land Use doesn't have the power to stop developments from happening, but it can influence decisions.

"Whether we approve it or not does not stop it. We want to influence when we engage in conversation with [Planning]. That's really the tool we have," Chessum said.

Chessum said the important point for developers to consider, especially when designing buildings with high density, is having the plans meet Community Design Standards. In this case, the infrastructure needs to be able to support the density.

"Our water, traffic and sewage are going to be impacted," Chessum said. "Establishing a conversation helps [developers] understand the intent to make a good project so the community can be engaged."

Obituary

Colin A. Jacobs



July 12, 2000 - July 1, 2020

Colin Andrew Jacobs tragically passed away on July 1.

Colin was born in Glendale in 2000 and grew up in the La Crescenta and Glendale areas. He was a student at Mountain Avenue Elementary School and Rosemont Middle School. He attended St. Francis High School in La Cañada from 2014 to 2018 and graduated magna cum laude. At St. Francis, he played on the varsity soccer team and was elected team captain. He also led the student cheering section.

He was a Link leader and also involved in the Youth in Government Program at the YMCA. He was active in club baseball and soccer, and participated in the USA-Norwegian international soccer tournament in Oslo. In his free time he was a volunteer coach for AYSO soccer and worked at the YMCA tree lot during the holidays. He also was a YMCA counselor for the past four years.

He was admitted to the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California where he was accepted into the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Colin was ecstatic about being a Trojan and loved celebrating life with his friends and family. He also was devoted to helping others. He enjoyed mixing his own music and deejaying for his friends and relatives. Colin had a radiant smile that reflected his upbeat personality.

He is survived by his parents, Philip and Mairena Jacobs, and his sister, Amber. He was a wonderful part of his extended family including 15 first cousins.

Staggered visitation will be today, Thursday, July 23, from noon to 7 p.m. at Crippen Mortuary, 2900 Honolulu Ave., in La Crescenta. Funeral Mass (by invitation only) will be held on Friday, July 24, at St. Bede's Church in La Cañada.

Directors Crippenmortuary.com

Obituary

Mary Freda Lohman



April 1, 1934 - June 27, 2020

Mary Freda Lohman Patrick passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 27 after a brief stay in the hospital.

Mary was born in Los Angeles and raised in Glendale where she attended Fremont Elementary School, Clark Jr. High School and Glendale High School, Class of 1951. After high school she attended the University of Arizona where she received her degree in education and was in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After college she returned to Glendale to start her teaching career at Horace Mann Elementary School; she also taught at St. Mark's Day School, Campbell Hall and Crestview Prep. She also raised her family.

Mary loved giving back to Glendale, volunteering in many school events. She was a 30-year member of National Charity League and her Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni group.

She was an avid bridge player where she played three days a week at the Arcadia Bridge Center. She was a beautiful needlecraft artist and won a Golden Needle Award for best in show in 1979 and honorable mentions in '77 and '78. She owned It's a Stitch Needlepoint and Knitting store from 1976-86.

Mary leaves behind her sister Sally Herdman (Jeff); daughters Sara and Meg; son Michael; grandchildren Carly and Declan; nieces Mary Palmer and Cindy Valdes (Vince) and her family. She will be missed. She loved her friends and was loved by many.

A celebration of life will be held in the near future.

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GCC from Cover

as Santa Monica, Calabasas, and Beverly Hills.

In initial council comments, Councilmember Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian asked for a report on the local impact of the nationally reported coin shortage, particularly in areas where parking meters require coins, such as in Montrose. He questioned if relaxed enforcement was possible and asked for an update on the progress of installing alternative means of payment.

Kassakhian also requested the city study an environmentally preferred purchasing plan.

"This plan would entail a bidding preference for green products and companies, products manufactured or sold locally, and products sold by minority run businesses. A few weeks ago, I asked staff to look into purchasing preferences for local companies and in particular for those run by women and minorities. This would be in addition to that and the primary goals of Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) would make sure that the city reduces toxicity, conserves natural resources and maximizes recycled content.

"We must lead by our own example. And when we ask others to change their pattern of behavior or habits that may cause harm to our environment and planet, we must be willing to do the same ourselves. Simply put, an EPP is a program that minimizes environmental impacts whenever possible and, by considering these impacts in public purchasing while being fiscally responsible, the City of Glendale can reduce its burden on the local and global environment. So I'd like us to start by asking staff to look into this and bring us back a report and actionable options as soon as possible."

Councilmember Brotman added the elimination of single-use plastic for future consideration.

Then, noting another recent pedestrian fatality, Brotman called for the city to consider a "Vision Zero" plan to work

towards zero pedestrian deaths.

"There is no reason we should have any deaths, let alone be famous for how dangerous it is to walk and bike here," he said.

Brotman and Kassakhian both expressed concerns about the city's finances, with Kassakhian calling for the possibility of employee furloughs.

Fire Chief Silvio Lanzas updated the council on the latest statistics of the pandemic.

"The numbers throughout California and in Glendale are not good," Lanzas noted. He ran through the numbers: more than 14 million cases worldwide with more than 611,000 deaths; over 3.8 million cases and 140,000 deaths in the U.S.; 400,000-plus cases in California with 7,700-plus deaths; more than 159,000 cases and more than 4,100 deaths in Los Angeles County; 2,001 cases and 123 deaths confirmed in Glendale.

"The seven-day average hasn't dipped under 20 since July 1," Lanzas observed, a key metric. When the city reopened and cases started spiking, he explained, "there were 2,000 new cases per day in LA County. It is now 3,000."

"There are 554 total hospital beds currently available in the county and only 91 ICU beds. That's the lowest it's ever been," the chief added to his report. "I feel the need to respond to the caller who said that this is not real. This is very real. Wear the face coverings."

Finally, the council heard a preliminary report, "Fostering Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion In the City of Glendale," which calls for the city to join the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) and to adopt a resolution stating the city's inclusive intent. After much debate and input from callers, staff was instructed to come back with a more detailed report with more extensive community input and action steps.

According to its website, the GARE is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Across the country, governmental jurisdictions are:

- Making a commitment to achieving racial equity
- Focusing on the power and influence of their own institutions, and
- Working in partnership with others

"When this occurs, significant leverage and expansion opportunities emerge, setting the stage for the achievement of racial equity in our communities."

The council authorized the \$5,000 expenditure to join the group.

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He is excited about the move and happy to retire but, when asked what he would miss the most after his retirement, said, "My customers and my dogs."

"Tony is someone you always look forward to seeing! He would always take the time to stop and chat for a few minutes, give the dog a biscuit and a pat even if it meant he got home late," said customer Dede Mueller. "He always made sure your packages were safely at your door with care often putting them out

of sight from the street. Tony is irreplaceable and will be greatly missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement."

"We wish him the best health and happiness in his adventure. We will miss his warm smile and friendly wave he would do every time he saw you," Mattersteig added.

"My first day of retirement is officially Aug. 17 but I am taking vacation days now," Esposito said. "My last day was Friday. I am done wearing brown."

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completing the census has been pushed to Oct. 31.

"Completing the census only takes about 10 minutes and will help your community for the next 10 years. Census participation determines each community's share of federal funding for healthcare, schools, roads and more for the next decade.

When you complete the census, make sure that everyone who lives in your household is counted. That includes all children and any extended family or friends who are living with you (regardless of immigration, citizenship, or voter registration status - everyone needs to be counted)," stated Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Perry Whiting's Ugly Divorce

Perry Whiting was the original owner of what we now know as Whiting Woods and is its namesake. He got part of the oak-covered canyon in the Verdugo Mountains at auction around 1916, after a house of prostitution was closed down there. He originally intended to flip the property but found he liked it there and soon purchased the rest of the wooded canyon.

Perry was a self-made millionaire, cashing in on the growth of Los Angeles. He bought, sold and traded in properties and building supplies. Living near downtown LA in his early years, his first marriage fell apart in 1913. He quickly rebounded with Lillie, a younger divorcee and in 1915 married her. He must have sensed things weren't going well immediately as soon after the wedding he arranged a post-nuptial agreement in which he paid her \$5,000 to forego any future monetary support she might seek.

Lillie desired a country house,

so Perry fixed up the former La Crescenta prostitution house as a ranch home, and the couple moved in. According to Lillie in the 1920 divorce trial, the trouble started with her attempts to hang curtains in the new home. Perry didn't like them and used profanity. Lillie professed herself a sensitive and refined woman, and that Perry's use of profanity and his violent temper caused her mental suffering. She walked out for good in 1918 and, when she returned for her things, she found liquor bottles strewn about the house. The allegations spiraled downward from there.

Much of Lillie's divorce suit had to do with Perry's real or imagined attention to other women and, in one case, girls. According to Lillie, while she was away Perry threw a party attended by a woman and her two daughters, 14 and 16. Two of Perry's employees at the ranch were called to testify. One testified that Perry was "pretty speedy" around

the girls and that he had witnessed Perry dancing with and kissing the girls. Another employee testified that one of the young girls tried to seduce him; such was the nature of the people Whiting was associating with. Lillie went on to detail an instance in which she followed Perry in his car and witnessed him "spooning" with another very young woman. She also brought up that Perry employed a pretty woman chauffeur of whom Lillie was suspicious.

There was a dramatic courtroom scene in which Perry brought up the \$1,000 worth of jewelry he had bought Lillie, which she was wearing in the courtroom that very day. Lillie dramatically stripped off her watch, necklace and rings and tossed them on the table. Whiting whipped out his checkbook, wrote her a check for \$1,000 on the spot, and pocketed the jewelry.

Lillie was suing for mental cruelty. Perry's attorney, in an

interesting twist on the science of genetics, told the court that Perry's prominent Roman nose "indicated that he was not angelic or saintly, and that Mrs. Whiting should not have expected it."

After nearly three months of court haggling, the judge denied Lillie's divorce suit, calling her allegations "trifling grievances." Perry's divorce counter-suit was granted and the couple made a clean break. Perry retreated to the Jonathan Club, a downtown LA men-only social club that provided bachelor accommodations. Perry wrote in his autobiography, "If more wives made their homes as inviting and peaceful as their husband's clubs ... there would not be so many divorces."

He rebounded yet again with Marita, a widow, and they married in 1926. The original home in Whiting Woods had burned in 1921 so the newlyweds built a huge mansion on the opposite side of the canyon and lived there

for several years. They divorced acrimoniously in 1940. Soon after, Perry was declared mentally unfit, and spent his last years as a patient at Camarillo State Mental Hospital. He died in 1953.

Whiting ends his 1930 autobiography: "I know that my childhood dream of winning riches and a happy home to enjoy in my old age has come true." He did win the riches, but the last part of that dream was not to last.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

Wear Masks, Save Lives

Across the country we are experiencing a dangerous surge in coronavirus cases and, unfortunately, California is no exception. Increased infection rates and hospitalizations have forced our state to reconsider in-person instruction at schools this fall, close indoor dining, gyms, hair salons and other businesses just weeks after they began to reopen.

The governor's decision to roll back some of our state's re-opening was a tough call, but the right one. Delaying action when it comes to this virus just means exacerbating the damage and the unnecessary suffering and death that result.

So much of what it takes to slow this pandemic is difficult and expensive – closing businesses, investing in massive testing and contact tracing and more. But it's becoming increasingly apparent that one of the best tools we have to

fight the virus is one of the simplest and cheapest: masks. And it's time we get serious about them across the country.

I recently joined young Angelenos in a new public service announcement to highlight why it's so important to wear masks and practice social distancing. In observing COVID-19 growth rates among states, researchers found that states that mandated face coverings experienced slower daily growth as opposed to states without a mandate, which saw their case count increase at a faster rate.

Some countries in Southeast Asia like Japan, Taiwan and South Korea have been far more successful in controlling COVID-19 than the United States, resulting in fewer cases and lower mortality levels. And while not a panacea, many experts believe that a strong mask wearing culture in these countries

has reduced the rate of infection.

Simply put masks work, and they save lives. And we all need to take that to heart.

Recently even some prominent figures in the administration who earlier showed hostility to the idea of wearing masks have been forced to acknowledge their efficacy, but these efforts have been inconsistent. Regrettably, there still has not been a concerted effort on the federal level to inform Americans about why masks are so important, how they work, or to encourage wearing masks as part of our collective fight against this virus, especially among young people who are most likely to be asymptomatic spreaders.

That's why last month I introduced the Masks Work Act, which would establish a program to provide free cloth masks to any American who requests them, delivered by the United States Postal Service. Masks are not expensive, and they can be fashioned out of readily available materials, but costs can still be a barrier to some households. We

should be making it as easy as possible for Americans to protect their health and the health of those around them.

Second, the bill would put Congress on record stating that wearing masks around others is a simple and effective way to slow the spread of the virus, and would call on those in positions of leadership to model the CDC's mask recommendations.

Finally, the Mask Works Act directs the CDC to immediately undertake a public service announcement campaign to promote mask wearing. It would require the CDC to inform Americans on the efficacy of cloth masks and why they are recommended by scientific and medical experts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to get that message out far and wide. It would also fund research into which types of masks are most effective in protecting the wearer and those with whom they come into contact.

There is a great deal about the fight against the coronavirus that is

challenging and expensive. But not this. Wearing a mask is both easy and cheap. In fact, a recent study estimated that universal mask adoption in the United States could save 5% of GDP, or \$1 trillion.

With caseloads growing rapidly in many parts of the country, our margin for error is small. We need to do everything we can to keep Americans healthy and safe and while nothing short of a vaccine can truly end the threat of this virus we must aggressively pursue simple and affordable courses of action that can reduce the threat as a vaccine is developed.

An increase in mask adoption that reduces the rate of transmission even by a small amount could mean the difference between a gradual reduction in the incidence of the virus or a second wave of infection. Let's all do our part – wear masks and save lives.

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) represents California's 28th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives

» OP ED

The Housing Authority and Structural Racism A Letter to the Glendale City Council

Dear Councilmembers and City Manager,

Thank you for the progress report on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. If more than 6,000 renters have already applied after just one round, that means at least 5,620 renters who need assistance are not going to receive it. This is hardly "going well."

If you had a tenant on the Housing Authority board, this fact could have been brought to your attention right away, during your meeting. But that is perhaps why you are in no rush to put a tenant on this board. When I told my fellow tenants that this board meets at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, they all started laughing. Tenants are

working people and generally not available on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. "Unless they work the graveyard shift," as one friend noted.

This is one way in which the City can set up a structure that is technically inclusive, but in a way that practically guarantees that tenants will have no voice. You might say, "Of course I'm not anti-tenant," but continuing and defending this structure says otherwise.

This is also how structural racism works. You can be non-racist in your personal lives, but if you maintain and defend the existing power structure you are enforcing structural racism. I would be happy to explain this to you at length, together with

specific immediate, intermediate, and long-range changes that can correct this problem, in case you ever set a date for this public forum on systemic racism that you have talked about.

So far, I have seen a few small gestures from the City on the subject of race and heard a pile of empty words, some of which are on the City's website. This might come as a surprise to White people in power, who are uncomfortable talking about race, but we BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, People of Color – have heard it all before. Over and over again, and nothing changes. If you intend to do better this time, after seeing George Floyd's murder, we need to see
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SPORTS

Opening Day in July? Let's Play Ball

By Brandon HENSLEY

This was supposed to be the Dodgers' year.

Okay, fine, it's been that way for the past seven or eight years, right? No, but really, this year was supposed to be the Dodgers' year.

They'd be hungry and embarrassed coming off a 2019 first-round playoff loss to the Washington Nationals (who, fair enough, won the World Series); they'd spend \$100 million renovating Dodger Stadium, finally giving the 58-year-old structure a true "front door" near the pavilion areas; and, most of all, they'd be showing off their new superstar who could become the face of the franchise alongside an aging Clayton Kershaw and 2019 National League MVP Cody Bellinger.

That player is Mookie Betts, whom the Dodgers acquired in the winter from the Boston Red Sox. But all "Betts" were off when the novel coronavirus disrupted the entire sports world. Fears mounted that Betts, a free agent after this season, wouldn't even be able to record a single hit in a Dodger uniform. On Wednesday, though, the Dodgers announced they have reached an extension with Betts. The 27-year-old outfielder signed a 12-year

extension that will keep him in blue until 2032. The deal is reportedly worth \$365 million.

Is there even a point to this anymore? Does anyone still care? We're about to find out because the regular season begins today amidst strict COVID-19 testing rules and in front of empty stands.

The Dodgers open tonight at 7 p.m. at home against the San Francisco Giants. The 60-game season won't take long to offer intrigue because next week the Boys in Blue play a two-game set on the road against the Astros. In case anyone forgot, the Astros are the team many believe unfairly took a World Series title away from the Dodgers in 2017 due to cheating via video cameras and trash cans.

Don't expect beanballs to fly at Houston players, though. Manager Dave Roberts isn't one to play in the mud and the specter of health concerns in this strange new world will override any drama on the field until the close of season. The two clubs face off again, this time at Dodger Stadium, on Sept. 12 and Sept. 13, but what's going to be the bigger story by then? LA usually has the division in the bag by mid-September, but there's no guarantee of anything in 2020; the Dodgers might be

Artist concept of renovated Dodger Stadium courtesy of Los Angeles Dodgers. A newly renovated Dodger Stadium should greet sports fans attending the All-Star Game in 2022.



fighting for their playoff lives instead of still worrying about something that happened three years ago.

The regular season ends against the Angels in late September. If most players can stay healthy, Bellinger, Betts and stud pitcher Walker Buehler should guide the team into October. Still, there has to be a sense that this kind of success can't last forever; key players like Justin Turner will soon be gone, and Bellinger and shortstop Corey Seager still have to prove themselves in the playoffs.

And, of course, the questions of whether Kershaw can overcome his October demons will once

again permeate through the media and the minds of fans, even if they can only watch on TV this time instead of crumbling in heartbreak in person.

July 2020 was supposed to be a month of celebration for the Dodgers. You expected to see them on top of the standings and celebrating several of their players at the All-Star Game, which was set to take place at newly renovated Dodger Stadium (MLB said the team will now receive the All-Star Game in 2022. Atlanta will host the game next season).

When fans watch the Dodgers finally begin their new season, they're still going to expect

excellence, even if pitcher David Price, who was brought over along with Betts from Boston, has opted out of the season, as players on other teams have also chosen to do.

So here on opening day, we can speculate how much this season means to the average player and fan. Maybe the season shouldn't have been played at all. Maybe it should have started much earlier, if not for the distrust between owners and players. If the Dodgers actually do win it all in a few months, how much will it truly mean?

The strangest season our national pastime has undergone is about to give us answers.

CIF Southern Section Announces Big Changes for Upcoming Year

By Michael LEVITSKY

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section announced Monday that fall athletics are being pushed back and will take place during the spring semester of this academic year. Commissioner Rob Wigod stated all sports will be conducted in two seasons – fall and spring. This means fall, winter and spring sports are being split and scheduled accordingly by the Sections' office.

The announcement was made during a press conference via live stream, following the decision of many Southern California school districts to begin the school year via distance learning.

Fall sports will include cross-country, field hockey, 8-man/11-man football, gymnastics, traditional competitive cheer, boys and girls water polo, and boys and girl volleyball.

The rest – badminton, baseball, boys/girls basketball, competitive sport cheer, boys and girls golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, diving, boys/girls tennis, track and field, and wrestling – will take place in the newly formatted spring season.

This particular calendar was made with the assumption that students will be able to safely

return to campuses sometime between now and January 2021. The commissioner reiterated that this calendar will only be in place for this upcoming academic year, and the regular calendar will resume on July 1, 2021.

In the new two-season format, regular seasons will be "90% to 100% of what they normally are," according to the commissioner.

In regard to playoffs, he stated: "We will allow the same number of section champions in each sport, the same number of divisions in each sport, and the same number of guaranteed entries from leagues that advance into the Southern Section championships in each sport." He added that CIF regional and state championships would be condensed to last no longer than one week.

Playoffs in some fall sports will overlap into the start of their spring counterparts. Additionally, several spring sports could continue past many school graduation dates. A full calendar for the upcoming year is available on the CIF Southern Section's official website and at www.cvweekly.com.

Wigod emphasized that

the cancellation of the fall season altogether was not an option his team wanted to consider and that fitting sports into the current situation would take flexibility, patience and teamwork on all sides.

We all have a tremendous amount of work to do in the time ahead to deliver what our student athletes, coaches, parents and school communities want us to deliver," he said. "I truly believe we can do it. And it's my hope and

expectation that we will continue to do and support and work together with our principles, athletic directors and coaches, in service to the young men and women we are so fortunate to serve."

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McNevin Achieves NAR's At Home With Diversity Certification

Ruth S. McNevin of McNevin Real Estate, associated with Re/Max Tri City Realty, has been awarded the At Home with Diversity certification from the National Association of Realtors.

McNevin joins more than 17,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the certification after completing an eight-hour course addressing topics of diversity, fair housing and business planning development. The program is designed to meet the nation's fair housing commitment by educating and equipping NAR's members with the tools that are needed to expand homeownership opportunities.

Real estate professionals like McNevin plan to meet the needs of diverse clients, while maintaining a competitive edge. The At Home with Diversity certification allows Realtors to not only apply the multi-faceted skills and tools they learned in the course of conducting business, but conveys to clients they're dynamic real estate professionals with expertise that transcends cultural barriers.



PFAR Hosts Pasadena Unified School District Realtors Table Talk



Jennifer Miyake-Trapp was featured in the recent PFAR Table Talk.

On July 7, the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors hosted a PUSD Realtors Table Talk: "Education in COVID-19." As part of PFAR's expanding PUSD initiative, the conversation featured Helen Chan Hill, director, Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development at PUSD and Dr. Jennifer Miyake-Trapp, assistant professor of Education, Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University. The goal of the discussion was to continue the real estate community's involvement and understanding of the District's vast plan to address its diverse education program in the current climate.

"The real estate community is uniquely positioned as ambassadors for our region, and therefore its schools," said Helen Chan Hill. "With the trusting relationships they hold with their clients, Realtors are a powerful source of information and guidance, so this opportunity to partner with and equip them in their ambassadorship is valuable."

The PUSD Realtors Table Talk is a partnership with the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) and Pasadena Education Network (PEN) and spearheaded by PFAR Past President Emilie Broughton and PUSD Volunteer Del Lile.

For more information on the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors' PUSD initiative visit <https://pfar.org/pusd-program/>.

People Making News

The University of Utah congratulated 8,628 graduates in its first-ever virtual commencement ceremony on April 30. Among the graduates were Carla Kekejian of Glendale whose major is listed as speech-language pathology MS, Cynthia Louie of La Cañada whose major is listed as business administration MBA, Sarah Terry of La Cañada Flintridge whose major is listed as communication BS and Lauren Tervet, also of La Cañada Flintridge, whose major is listed as chemistry BS.

The graduating class of 2020 includes students who graduated summer 2019, fall 2019 and spring 2020. Students in the Class of 2020 ranged in age from 18 to 69 and earned 9,280 degrees. Graduates represented 50 U.S. states and 59 foreign countries. This class is the

first to graduate from the U since it was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities-an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace.

Amy Giboney of La Crescenta was among the 1,759 students named to

Samford University's 2020 spring semester dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. Dean's list is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Giboney is majoring in sports medicine (HP).

Samford is a nationally ranked Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts and a distinct blend of graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford enrolls 5,692 students from 46 states and 28 countries in its 10 academic schools.

CV Weekly On The Move!!



Marilyn Wright took the CV Weekly along with her to Grand Island, Nebraska where she visited a longtime friend.

"We lost contact for 35 years," Wright said. "I found Mona Sexson on Facebook three years ago. We were good friends in the early '80s. I missed her. Now we are reunited and even closer friends."

Wright arrived on July 9 and planned on coming home to Montrose on July 19.

"It was great to see her. We will keep contact with each other."

Wright is shown with the CV Weekly standing in front of the State Troopers C Headquarters.

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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.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

An Evening at Casa Cordoba

By Charly SHELTON

For those few residents of the Crescenta Valley who have yet to eat at Casa Cordoba in Montrose, they are missing out. Casa Cordoba at 2331 Honolulu Ave. is set back in Zwick Plaza and features a beautiful outdoor dining terrace that feels like it belongs in Spain. The architecture of the open balcony above and the tiled plaza below, which includes a running fountain and creeping plants that wind up the walls, for me always harkened back to the old “Zorro” TV show with Guy Williams. Eating delicious Spanish food and drinking fine Spanish wines makes the feeling even more immersive. So when the order came down that all restaurants in the state were restricted to outdoor seating only, I knew that Casa Cordoba would be a perfect choice for a night out.

Full disclosure: I have known Casa Cordoba’s owner Jeannie Bone for many years. She’s always a delight and when we decided to begin this series of restaurant reviews on coronavirus dining conditions, we thought it would be great to come see how the original al fresco dining location in Montrose is adapting. She brought us out for dinner and, although we are friends, I can honestly say that anything within this review, positive or negative, is said from my journalistic experience as a food critic around LA.

That being said, this was a fantastic meal. I don’t have much to complain about with Casa Cordoba and that’s why I keep coming back time and again. But even with repeat visits, I always find something new to be surprised by. I was not really excited about eating fried eggplant slices drizzled in honey – the Berenjena Frita. It was not something I

would have ordered for myself but my wife was adamant about it. I’m glad she was, because it was a new discovery that I will add to the rotation of favorites to order when I come in. Eggplant, which I usually find somehow stringy and spongy at the same time, was neither of those, leading me to believe that I just don’t know how to properly cook eggplant. And fried with honey on top is yet another surprise that worked very well between the sweet honey and the savory battered vegetable. Or if veggies aren’t your speed and you need to start with some meat, try the Croquetas de Jamon y Pollo – little creamy fried ham and chicken and cheese balls. Amazing.

One new dish on the menu since reopening that was suggested to us is the Pasta Espanola con Mariscos. Its base pasta is Spanish fideua, a smallish pasta imported from Spain that is sometimes used instead of rice in paella. Here it was served in a light broth of white wine with mussels, clams and shrimp. It was surprisingly light and summery for a pasta dish – the perfect pasta to eat out on a tiled terrace in the cooling summer evening paired with a white wine from Spain.

And, of course, the main event at Casa Cordoba is the paella. Each paella is made from scratch and to order, cooked and served in its own mini paella pan. The Arroz Negro is a squid ink paella with mussels, octopus, calamari and sea bass. To me, this is perfect. I loved every aspect of it from the squid ink to the incredibly fresh mussels and all. My wife, however, was less excited. We traded one thing each to take a chance on – hers was the Berenjena Frita, mine was the squid ink paella. Luckily we both ended up liking the other’s gamble, although the octopus was a bit much for her. More for me.

Overall, dining at Casa Cordoba is great on any given day but especially after having been at home for four months. The seating is limited, making for a less crowded and more intimate experience in the courtyard. The evening air was cool, tucked away in Zwick Plaza, even while the sun was still setting. Seeing fellow members of the community out and about while staying acceptably far apart and just seeing a friendly smile in public goes a long way when all that has been seen for weeks on end is a mask. Dining at Casa Cordoba feeds the heart as much as it feeds the stomach.

For those who are sick of staying home every night, head down to Casa Cordoba for an evening that will revitalize you, and tell them CV Weekly sent you. Be sure to make a reservation as seating is limited and, if plans change and you can’t make your reservation, let them know. While operating at such a limited capacity, one table being held makes a much bigger difference now.



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THEN & NOW | Rocky Cola Building

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Then » The Montrose Pharmacy, originally built in a Spanish style in the '20s, had seen a significant style change in its façade by the late '40s. Decorative plaster fluting had been added to give the pharmacy an art deco style. By the late '60s that façade was covered yet again with a modern geometric façade.



Now » What goes around comes around. When the pharmacy changed to the popular Rocky Cola Café, it retained the geometric façade. But the new restaurant going in, Gus and Andy’s Montrose Grill, is stepping back in time. They have removed the geometric façade and will restore the art deco styling, giving the new restaurant a retro look.

Knott's Offers a Taste of Calico

By Charly SHELTON

With all California theme parks closed to visitors, the industry is taking a massive hit. Disney is reportedly losing over \$1 billion per month while the parks are closed. And while Disney and Universal Studios have reopened their major shopping districts, like Downtown Disney and CityWalk, to sustain itself Knott's Berry Farm has only had the chicken-to-go from the Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant and a couple of stores selling Knott's groceries and gifts. But once outdoor-only dining was approved for the state, Knott's decided to join in a big way by offering Taste of Calico.

The Taste of Calico is a food festival taking place right now in the Ghost Town section of the theme park and is the perfect way to take off the no-theme-parks edge without having a full theme park visit during



the pandemic. The food festival is exclusively food and shopping, which are currently allowed by the state. All the food service is provided from windows or festival booths. Guests take their

food to any number of outdoor tables added for this event. All of the rides are closed and much of the park is roped off, giving visitors a peek at the empty area but no walking access outside of the Ghost Town



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LEFT: A pastrami sandwich and homemade chips with onion dip at the seating area near the Relaxation Station where guests can take off their masks. RIGHT: Cookiewich is almost too big to eat.

and Calico Park, where the stage resides. Tasting cards are \$25 and provide admission to the event with five tasting coupons to be used at any of the seven locations around Ghost Town. This is a very similar

system to the annual Boysenberry Festival tasting card, except there is no park admission fee beyond the purchase of a tasting card.

One other difference from the Boysenberry Fest that makes this even more of a sweet deal – full size portions are served. At the Boysenberry Fest, guests receive taster-sized portions of each of the boysenberry foods: a mini sausage on a roll, six chips with a dollop of boysenberry dip, a half cup of stew, mini churros, etc. Not at Taste of Calico. Five tastings would not go a long way to fill up someone for the day, but five average-sized theme park meals are almost too much to get through.

The boysenberry sausage is a full link on a hoagie bun, served with boysenberry ketchup. Steak chili with a boysenberry cornbread muffin is a moderate sized bowl, like a cup of chili at a restaurant. Even the smaller portions offer an abundance of food, like the pastrami sandwich on a pretzel bun with boysenberry mustard. It's a little smaller, served on a dinner roll-sized bun, but it's overloaded with pastrami and comes with a huge side of potato chips. At the same booth, the homemade chips take a starring role when paired with onion dip, which I believe is the best in show.

Then there's the ludicrously gigantic offerings, like the boysenberry jam sugar Cookiewich – not just one giant-sized, crispy, theme park novelty Instagram-worthy purple sugar cookie the size of a small dinner plate, but two of those cookies. And sandwiched between them is enough boysenberry soft serve to stop a train robbery with the sheer awe of the thing. The whole Cookiewich is rolled in chocolate chips on the edges and served with a spoon because there's no way a human mouth can just open up and take a clean bite without sending the extra ice cream down the shirt. It's fantastic, it's sugary, it's the perfect thing to cool off at an outdoor food festival in July set in an old west town.

Taste of Calico is on Fridays through Sundays currently at Knott's Berry Farm. The response has been so overwhelming to this event that it has been extended two more weekends and now runs this weekend to a sold out crowd, as well as July 31 – Aug. 2, and Aug. 7 - 9. Tickets are going fast, with the first two weekends already sold out. Get yours at Knotts.com and don't miss out on this unique, fantastic and very 2020 event.

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'Carmine's Angel' Provides Whimsical Look at Romance, Life and Death

By Brandon HENSLEY

The turbulent year that is 2020 might have people thinking what we ever did to deserve all of this. A recently self-published novel that explores karma, destiny and the idea of letting go may not hold all the answers for dealing with strife, but for those looking for something to take the edge off this summer, it could offer a bit of critical thinking along with its whimsical tale.

"Carmine's Angel," written by Rosemary Montana, follows 37-year-old Carmine, a single mother about to embark on her final year of college at Cal State University, Los Angeles. The night before her first day, she dies of a brain aneurysm and is taken by her guardian angel, Laurence, to the great beyond. It's there, in a serene setting inside a cottage, where it is discovered that Carmine's death was an error; call it a glitch in the system.

Carmine implores those in charge to let her go back. They do, and this time she'll be able to see Laurence and speak directly to him, though no one else will. This sets the rest of the book up as a "talking to a ghost" story that's, ahem, been done to death throughout history; however, what author Montana is interested in is seeing Carmine, who is impulsive and overly self-critical, trust herself and Laurence enough to lead the best kind of life she was meant to live.

Montana, who has a master's in spiritual psychology, deftly navigates the different arenas of religion as Laurence does his best to guide the often-petulant Carmine. The book doesn't outright endorse any specific religion, though it does reference reincarnation quite a bit. In fact, Laurence tells Carmine that he's been her angel through many different lifetimes, and that Carmine once killed herself. If Carmine plays her cards correctly now that she's been given a second chance after her aneurysm, this lifetime might be the one to give her the grace Laurence desires for her.

"Carmine's Angel" is a book that is brimming with love – perhaps too much love. There isn't a discernable trait from any of the main characters except that they show each other love, and lots of it. As a result, the conflict on any page never presses the reader to guess hard on what will happen next. Carmine, at least, is somewhat fleshed out. She has big dreams for her professional career once she finally graduates from school, she talks to herself even when others are in the room, and she loves Godiva chocolates. The chocolates, coincidentally, act as a symbol for Carmine's character arc; as each one in a scene is eaten, her relationship with the book's love interest, her English professor, either progresses or halts.

The other characters, though, don't have much to do. Again, they all care for one another, as each of their long dialogue paragraphs make abundantly clear, but expository dialogue isn't going to make for a tense story. (Of some importance: characters often say the name of the character with whom they are speaking at the beginning of each dialogue, and that's bound to get on a reader's nerves.)

That why it's important to consider Montana's intent when writing this. "Carmine's Angel" isn't so much about conflict or a look into life and death in an uneasy way; it's a story about companionship and what it means to live a purposeful life. Maybe we've all been down this road before and, if we don't want to be back here again, let's treat each other and ourselves better today than we did yesterday.

"Carmine's Angel" is 323 pages, and was published in 2018 by Balboa Press. It is available on Google Play Books, Apple Books, Barnes & Noble and more.

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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/comedy night 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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From Aug. 17-31, an assortment of items will be available to bid on.

Funds raised from supporters will enable PSHA to continue its music programs and

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Register at <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/showcase-strong-12677>. Preview is Aug. 3.

COLORADO STREET BRIDGE PARTY

Pasadena Heritage celebrates one of Pasadena's most iconic structures – virtually. The Colorado Street Bridge Party will be held Aug. 9-15 and will include an exciting lineup for events with something for everyone. Classic cars will cruise the historic neighborhoods of Pasadena and across the Colorado Street Bridge to kick off the festivities on Sunday and the rest of the week will include a lecture on the history of the Bridge by best-selling author Chip Jacobs, a panel discussion on the proposed new fencing with members of the Bridge Task Force and a "story time" and hands-on bridge building activity geared towards the younger generation with architect and structural engineer Chris Peck. Sponsors will be treated to an exclusive talk from renowned artist Kenton Nelson. Detailed information on each event can be found on the website www.pasadenaheritage.org/bridgecelebration.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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 July 20, 2020 - July 26, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your partner may be a lot moodier than usual and need to let off some steam. As an antidote, go for a long hike, jog, or at least a workout together every day. Your mate will be transformed as all that energy gets channeled into keeping fit and feeling fantastic.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Don't be tempted to take risks when it comes to your health. You may overdo strenuous exercise and injure yourself in the process. Or you might try to work out more than you should. You need to pace yourself and know your limits if you want to succeed. Going more quickly isn't always the best way forward.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos is encouraging you to get out and do more than you have in a long time. If you've been sitting in front of a computer when you'd rather be outside, this is going to change during this time. Being a sports-minded person, you'll be out doing your thing, whether it's golf, soccer, or just enjoying the outdoors.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

A number of powerful aspects mean that health issues that have perplexed you will begin to resolve themselves. You may find a treatment that works or find that the problem goes away on its own. Daily meditation may also help you stay calm and peaceful and cultivate inner tranquility, which will be excellent for your health.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

A lot of feelings may come to the surface now, especially emotions that you've been trying to ignore. In order to deal with them, it's better to face up to whatever is bothering you. It's better for your health as well. Don't take unnecessary risks, especially when exercising. You could damage a muscle, tendon, or worse. Go at a comfortable pace.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may have to tend to your partner. He or she could be feeling under the weather now. While you make an excellent caretaker, helping others feel much better, don't forget to be good to yourself, too. Take a break and tend to your well-being. Don't neglect your routines in your desire to help your partner get better. It's a question of balance.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may need to take things a little easier now. Watch out for stressful situations at work that could affect your health and leave you feeling rundown. You may benefit from lightening your schedule and taking vitamins and minerals regularly. They'll fortify you so you can deal with anything.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The Universe is helping you to more clearly see your current state of health. It's also enabling you to take stock of whether you're doing enough to stay at the fitness level you desire. It's all about finding the right balance between happiness and wellness. During this period, any health dilemmas should now sort themselves out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

A series of aspects may encourage you to keep on a course of treatment or your latest fitness regimen. If you've felt discouraged lately, over the coming days you'll have proof that it really is working. The cosmos may encourage you to party. Drink plenty of water and be good to yourself.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This period is going to bring a lot of emotion to the surface. You may feel the need to overeat in order to stuff down some awkward feelings. More than anything, you need to create an atmosphere of peace and calm around you. It will help you make the right decisions about all of your issues, including your health and what to eat. Relaxation is key!

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your partner will be encouraging you to get back in shape if you've slacked off, not that anything will be said directly. It may be the indirect glances or comments that finally get the message home. You have your pride, and having a wonderfully fit, healthy, and toned body is important. You'll be back in the workout routine soon.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You've had enough of timetables and discipline. Now you need to make your workouts fun by doing something different. If you don't often go dancing, this can be a great way to work out in the privacy of your home or as a part of a group. Listening to and moving with the music can almost make you forget that you're exercising.

PET OF THE WEEK

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MARS from Cover

send spacecraft to Mars to collect these cached samples from the surface and return them to Earth for in-depth analysis, according to NASA.

The Mars 2020 Perseverance mission is scheduled to land on Feb. 18, 2021 at Jezero Crater. It has a mission of 687 Earth days.

The landing of any spacecraft on another planet has always been that nail-biting time, what Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineers have referred to as the "seven minutes of terror."

The landing is going to look much like the Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity sky crane landing that used a parachute system but there will be three specific differences. When MSL Curiosity was landing the time to determine when parachutes were deployed was after the landing vehicle

achieved a specific speed in the Martian atmosphere, said Keith Comeaux, deputy chief engineer for Mars 2020 and Launch Cruise EDL [Entry Descent and Landing] mission manager.

"On Perseverance we got a little smarter," Comeaux said. "We now open when we are over our destination."

Curiosity was the first time a sky crane-type of landing was used. JPL has applied to the Perseverance mission what was learned.

The second difference will be the use of cameras to guide the rover to the safest spot to land.

"Jezero Crater is a dangerous area [in which] to land," Comeaux said.

The camera will survey the landing from beneath the vehicle. The computer has mapped the dangerous areas

and will help guide the vehicle to a safer landing.

The third change also has to do with a series of cameras. These will document the landing. There is a high definition camera at the top of the capsule to capture the opening of the parachute and a similar camera at the bottom of the sky crane to film the rover's touchdown. And another camera will be directed up at the descent stage as the parachutes are cut away and that portion of the descent vehicle flies away.

If all goes as planned photos of this landing will become as iconic as those of the Eagle landing on the Moon.

This mission has been a bit unusual and challenging due to COVID-19.

"It definitely has been a challenge for the team," Comeaux said. "I would like to give a shout-out to our team in Florida. Our team has, pardon the pun, persevered through all of the challenges we have had to face."

Team members did have to change the way they did business to accommodate social distancing. Most of JPL staffers are working from home instead of going into the lab and have conducted their business via video conferencing.

Comeaux will be found practicing social distancing in mission control at JPL on launch day July 30.



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RELIGION

Question:

I despair when I read about trophy hunting. I've researched many

Holy Books including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. All of them include that humans should not be cruel to animals. Even the religions that advocate animals for food say that, until the time they are used for food, they are to be treated humanely. Trophy hunting – hunting down innocent animals – is not humane. I can't understand for the life of me the ego that just has to have a bear rug or the head of an animal in their den. To me, these individuals are breaking spiritual laws.

What do you think? ~ Animal Lover

Dear Animal Lover,

Thank you for your reaching out in compassion as it relates to those winged and four-plus footed siblings with which we share this planet. I too have a hard time understanding what it is in a person that creates a need to collect "trophies." I have a number of people in my family who are hunters, and I am amazed at the love and care they show in what they do. They are the first who speak about the health and wellbeing of the animals and the protection of habitat. They also make incredible use of all parts of their harvest, and while doing so give thanks for the life of the animal.

I have also known one "trophy" hunter in my life. For years I had heard of a room that the husband of someone who my wife worked with had in his house. We would often visit their home for dinners and work get-togethers, but I never saw the room itself until we attended his retirement party and he just had to show off his trophies to the rest of us. And as you spoke about "ego" in your question, his was on full display. The unfortunate side was that he seemed to be compensating for a lack of true relationship in his life. And I think this may be one reason that some need to gather trophies.

I kind of relate this to the life of King Nebuchadnezzar and his need to have everyone bow to his statue (his trophy). If we are needful of spiritual and relational life and are not willing to reach out in love to God or others, we will replace it with something (often that we can control) to fill the gap. We build a statue or a Golden Calf or a temple, a financial portfolio – whatever it might be – to give us some sense of worth. I would call this idolatry. And in perusing that room, one secretly hidden in the basement, I began to understand this man a little more – he wanted to be a god. In control of his world, power shown over the animal kingdom and control over who is let in and who is kept out of his "secret" life.

Trophy hunting for me is a sin of idolatry, and the self becomes the idol and the trophies are the spoils of worship. This man seemed so sure of himself when he was in his own space but remove him from his "temple" and the façade began to crack. I wonder what he is doing

now, in this time of COVID-19, when it seems no one is in control, but in reaching out in love to those around us by simple things like wearing a mask we reflect the love shown to us by God.



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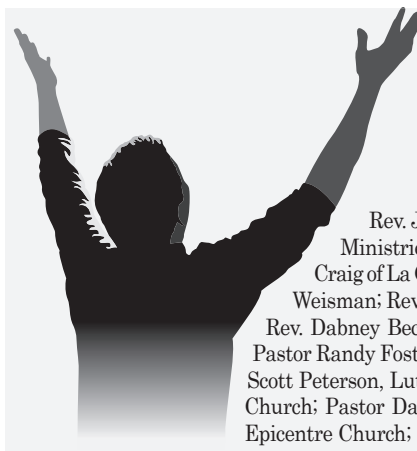
Dear Animal Lover,

As soon as I read your letter, I immediately knew that I needed to respond to you. I also knew that I might not be the most objective minister to respond to a question about trophy hunters! I am a longtime vegan/vegetarian, and animal rights activist. Ever since I was a child, I could never understand cruelty to animals, or to people for that matter. I simply could not wrap my mind, or heart, around the idea that it was a "thrill" to hunt down a defenseless animal, not use it for food, and then proudly hang the dead body parts on a wall (I know I'm preaching to the choir here).

At the very end of your letter, you question whether or not the trophy hunters are breaking "spiritual laws." When I read that, I knew that I could speak to you about that question without any bias whatsoever. In my studies of world religions, I was taught that there are spiritual laws that do apply to all of us because we are actually spiritual beings. These are not the same laws as the Ten Commandments, which you may have heard about. Within all major religions there exists a common thread. This is called The Golden Rule. Quoting the Christian Bible, it simply states, "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." However, living by the Golden Rule does not mean that I can force anyone to change or share my beliefs. The founder of the Science of Mind and Spirit, Dr. Ernest Holmes, taught that everything is made of one source energy which is in, around and through all things. He also taught that all people have free will, and can choose to use their life energy in whatever way they desire ... for good or otherwise. Our lives are governed by spiritual laws of love and intelligence, which apply to all of life, in the same way that we are governed by physical laws, such as gravity, and electromagnetism.

These days I see so many examples of people choosing violence over peace, and hatred over love. But I also see heroes working on the front lines in hospitals, risking their lives to care for victims of COVID-19, and I see children peacefully marching for an end to racism, and volunteers working in animal sanctuaries and shelters. Rather than condemn others for their choices, and stand by and watch, I choose to take action for a cause that is in alignment with good. This will shift the balance for good on the whole planet.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Look into your heart and find something



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that you can do to help heal, inspire and make a difference in your life, and in the lives of all animals that are being treated inhumanely. Namaste.



Rev. Karen Mitchell
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Question:

Both my husband and I were raised attending the same

church where we were married. We continued attending and brought two beautiful children into our lives. The children were in church nursery as babies and now, at ages 3 and 5, they had attended Sunday school until churches were closed over three months ago. We were fortunate to have our services online, but there has been nothing for children. We've found it very difficult to explain to our children

the reason they can't go to Sunday school right now. We went on the Internet and purchased a children's Bible and Christian activities for them. We told them for now Mommy and Daddy will be their Sunday school teachers. Still they keep asking when they can go back to "their" Sunday school.

We've run out of answers for them. Can you help? ~ Bewildered Parents

Dear Bewildered Parents,

With the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic, we now find ourselves faced with circumstances that we don't know how to deal with, mainly because we've never experienced them before. We are literally learning by trial and error as to what works best for our new stay at home lifestyles. I can appreciate the tender age of your children and how they would want to go to Sunday school. I also appreciate the difficulty of daily parenting along with playing the role of Sunday school teachers. Unfortunately, for the time being, the "new normal" requires that many of us take on new roles and new responsibilities in our families

and our jobs.

As a practical matter, I would suggest you speak with the pastor of your church and ask for suggestions. The youth director of your church might have some really wonderful suggestions as to ways to continue with the children's ongoing religious education through books they can recommend or games to play that have a spiritual basis. Many students are taking Zoom classes provided by their school teachers. Ask if the youth director is open to offering religious Zoom classes for the children. There are also a variety of religious educational videos on YouTube geared toward children of all ages that will provide valuable spiritual lessons.

I also recommend praying for spiritual inspiration. We are each adapting to meet the demands of our evolving environment and the challenges that none of us have experienced before. This pandemic has required that we adapt in new ways that we didn't know we had the capabilities of handling and, if we let it, it will inspire us to come up with new and inventive ways to thrive. The founder of Religious

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Science said, "Nature will not let us stay in one place too long. She will let us stay just long enough to gather the experience necessary to the unfolding and advancement of the soul. Nature demands change in order that we may advance." You and your husband are faced with a wonderful new opportunity to bond with your children on a spiritual level, one that you might not have had the chance to without these circumstances. Look for the gift that this situation brings to you and it will guide you as to the best course of action to take.

have served as the teachers of God's big story. In Deuteronomy 6:5-7 we find the Great Commandment that was reemphasized by Jesus Himself when He was on earth: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

I know it's disappointing that many local churches are not able to engage children during this pandemic. And certainly parents need help to do so. But let me suggest a simple search on YouTube using the words: "preschool Bible lessons" in your search. I can also personally recommend the SoCal Kids channel on YouTube. A good read on this subject and the spiritual development of your children is "Spiritual Parenting, an Awakening for Today's Families" by Michelle Anthony.

One more important thing I want to share with you. No question your kids need church, but never forget that your church needs the kids. I suggest that you and your children reach out to their Sunday school teachers and let them know how missed and loved they are. This time of quarantine won't last forever, and we sure want those volunteer servants returning!

Blessings to you as you continue to minister to the spiritual needs of your children! And, hopefully, we'll be back together in the house of God soon!

Pastor Randy Foster



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Dear Bewildered Parents:

Wow! Who would have thought coming into this new decade we would experience what we have faced in the past few months! As a church that has been forced to move all ministry online, I can say it has really been challenging and even more so for the families who have lost the opportunity to receive help in the spiritual development of their children. But having our worlds disrupted has a positive side not just a negative side. It can force us to come to the realization of what is personally most important for our children and for ourselves as well. As a pastor and Christian educator, I commend you for faithfully engaging your kids in Sunday school all these years.

You've stumbled on an important realization early on in your parenting journey: The spiritual development of your children is your responsibility as parents. We are all thankful to God that we can receive support from the faith community. But since the creation of the family, fathers and mothers

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 - and YouTube channel. After the live stream, the service can be found at www.lcifoothills.org. This Sunday, July 26, Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon on "Wisdom of Heaven." Take part on Sundays at 11 a.m. for a time of fellowship via Zoom. Details are available by contacting the church office.

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

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

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

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For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about its policies to protect the health and safety of the congregation, visit 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.

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.

Members do not need to be Italian to join or participate in ICF's evangelical and charitable work, but must be Catholic. Call (818) 952-1969 for more information.

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some action.

Discussion of structural racism needs to be a lengthy dialogue, not a one-and-done deal. This problem has plagued this country for over 400 years and will not be solved overnight. Yes, you are going to feel uncomfortable

during these discussions. That's too bad. BIPOC are made to feel our race every day; unlike you, we cannot choose to avoid it.

Another reason why your boards and commissions fail to include the diversity of this city: You are looking for people

who think exactly like you and will remain obedient to you, but merely have slightly different skin tones. This is indeed a difficult task because most people with non-white skin tones have different experiences of life and therefore think differently. We say things that you do not want to hear but need to hear - things that disrupt the self-congratulatory echo chamber that you are fond of living in. That is, you are going out of your way to find the Clarence Thomases of the world, to whom you can point and say, "See, I appointed a Black man to a seat of power" - but who will change nothing.

That's not going to work anymore. Black Lives Matter protesters in LA are chanting "Jackie Lacey Must Go!" - note that incumbent DA Jackie Lacey is a Black woman who maintains the existing power structure.

Karen Kwak
Glendale

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TWO STRIKE from Cover were suggested by the Crescenta Valley Town Council and the community. About four years ago CVTC rejected a plan because the proposed trail cut through the entire park with half going through open grass area, said CVTC President Harry Leon. "We asked Parks and Recreation to redesign," he said. "The community wanted it to be [compliant with accessibility guidelines of the] ADA." In comments submitted to the CVTC, the community also wanted a path that was easier to traverse without the extreme sloping designed in some areas.

The project should be completed in August. "We are very excited this will make a positive impact," Glasscock said. The project will create a walking path from Two Strike Park to the Eagle Canyon Channel on the southwest side of the park. The project includes parking compliant with the ADA and a bike ramp at the path. The trail will be located along the baseball field and travel down to a walking bridge that crosses the Verdugo Wash. During last week's CVTC meeting questions were brought up

concerning the bridge at the end of the 2700 block of Henrietta Avenue that is in need of repair. Concerns were voiced about the railings along the path that were used by skateboarders. "We can do things to the railings to make it a little more difficult [for skaters]," Glasscock added. Plans include installing brass nuts along the railings to prevent skaters from sliding along the rails. The bridge is not managed by Parks and Recreation but Glasscock is reaching out to the LA County office that does manage it to continue improvement talks. "The bridge wasn't in the scope

[of the project] that belongs to [LA County] Public Works. So [CVTC] put in a request with [the office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger] to [look at the] bridge," Leon said. The path was the second phase of the overall plan. The first phase was to clean up the park including taking out trees that had been damaged by drought, adding planters and upgrading the play equipment, Leon said. "The community has asked for an outdoor gym but that has to go through [certain protocols] before it gets approved," he added. "I am very grateful to the Supervisor's office in making sure our community is

taken care of. We are really excited anytime we can promote a feature in a park that can provide people with more opportunities to be active." Having an additional walking trail is even more important now with COVID-19 restrictions. Users of the trail will observe social distancing protocols. Prior to the project, the path in Two Strike Park was overgrown in some areas making the trail hard to identify, but now it will be available for all to enjoy. Glasscock notes the advantages that go beyond providing a place to exercise. "It is a key connection between streets and neighborhoods," he said.



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