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Plans for Back to School Top GUSD Agenda

By Julie BUTCHER

The bulk of the Glendale Unified School District's board meetings on Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night was dedicated to an extensive discussion of plans for school opening on Aug. 19, dominated by a conflict with the teachers union about the exact schedule for distance learning when schools open next week.

Many of the parents who called in to the board meeting spoke in support of the Glendale Teachers Association proposal (the "GTA plan.") Ingrid Gunnell urged the District to negotiate a safe and sustainable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), (the term generally used to refer to a public sector collective bargaining agreement) agreeable with the teachers.

One dad who called in to support the teachers reminded the board that the one constant throughout the pandemic has been the service and commitment of "our teachers."

"We need to respect them as professionals, professionals we hired," he said. "We don't tell firefighters how to put out fires."

Glendale teacher Jennifer Waters explained that the GTA plan was based on thousands of hours of research and the input of the 1,250 members of the Glendale Teachers Association.

According to the union, the two sides are close and have reached agreement on the bulk of the plan. However, the greatest outstanding issue is agreeing to an elementary school day schedule.

According to a representative of the union, "Our secondary schedules are close, but GTA's is more student friendly. The District wants elementary teachers to spend nearly 85% of a student's instructional day online conducting video conferencing. Our members know video conferencing is a good way to build community, conduct check-ins, conduct targeted small group lessons, and help kids during office hours; however, GTA educators know our students need a balance of synchronous and asynchronous instruction daily. We believe asynchronous lessons (links,

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Community Still Benefits from Clubs' Dedication to Service

By Mary O'KEEFE

Though it may be more difficult to do, social clubs at the local high school are finding ways of lending a hand.

Students in Glendale Unified School District have been dealing with remote learning and staying away from friends, then practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings when they do go out. These have been difficult adjustments and for those active in school social clubs and participants in extracurricular activities there is another aspect they have to deal with. These students not only are missing their regular in-person meetings but they also are missing their community service.

For students in schools like Crescenta Valley High performing community service plays an important role in their high school career. Though most school clubs have been dormant, some



Photos by Dena BLOOD and Mary O'KEEFE

Members of Crescenta Valley High School Falcons 589 robotics team (left) and the school band collected over a ton of food that was donated to the Bailey Center in Tujunga.

members have found ways to continue their outreach including the CVHS band and CVHS Falcons 589 robotics team, which recently

took in donations for the Bailey Center food center.

"It was originally my mom's idea," said Kimmie Blood, incom-

ing senior and CVHS drum major.

Blood had mentioned to her mom that she wanted to do something

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Record Number of Rescues by MSAR

By Mary O'KEEFE

Anyone who follows Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Montrose Search and Rescue team on social media may have noticed an almost constant stream of incident responses especially over the weekend.

"Our numbers are substantially up from last year, and that was a record breaking year," said Sgt. John Gilbert, LASD Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

The number of calls MSAR has responded to through July 31 is 102; at the same time last year the number of call-outs was 81, Gilbert added.

This increase appears to be in part due to COVID-19. More people are finding new ways to spend their time in a socially distanced way. Several of those who are exploring the Angeles

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Photo courtesy of LASD

Montrose Search and Rescue responds to several types of traffic accidents, like the one pictured above.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Highs and Lows

I find this week that, emotionally, I've been on a roller coaster.

First, I was on a high when I learned about the outreach efforts of Crescenta Valley High School students to collect food for the Bailey Center in Tujunga. Mary O'Keefe's cover story shares how many of the students who are involved in school clubs have felt discouraged – and even a little depressed – because of the lack of volunteer opportunities. Through my involvement in the Prom Plus Club, the student arm of Prom Plus, I've come to know how important volunteering is for these kids. Prom Plus has been able to provide plenty of opportunities to volunteer through the barbecues the organization hosts twice a year, the holiday boutique, bingo, the Taste of Montrose and, of course, the main event: Prom Plus. But due to the novel coronavirus, Prom Plus – and the many events it hosts – was canceled this year leaving the Club's students high and dry when it came to flexing their volunteer muscles.

So I was excited to hear how several of the school's band and robotics team members decided to create their own fundraiser to benefit the Bailey Center that, as our readers well know, has been in desperate need of donations of food for the many homeless it serves. It's a heart-warming story that I know you'll enjoy.

Another story of Mary's that you can read about this week deals with the personal struggles of members of the Goldsworthy and Bailey families as they deal with the governor's decision to commute the sentence of convicted murderer Thomas Waterbury. Back in 1980 Waterbury murdered the sister of one of our family members and even though he got a sentence of life without parole plus two years due to the use of a firearm in committing the crime Gov. Newsom commuted the sentence. The hearing is scheduled for January 2021 when hopefully the family can make a statement regarding why Waterbury should remain in prison. The story will make your blood boil when you realize that apparently nobody is safe from criminals who may well return to the streets despite being convicted and incarcerated.

And what, as the general public, can we expect when these felons hit the streets? Possibly what happened in Alexandria, Virginia. That's where Ibrahim E. Bouaichi was found by police, according to Fox5 News out of New York.

Bouaichi was indicted last year on charges that included rape, strangulation and abduction. He was jailed without bond in Alexandria; however, his lawyers argued for his release due to the pandemic. Over the protests of the prosecutor, Bouaichi was released on \$25,000 bond.

He tracked down his accuser and fatally shot her.

He was chased down by police and crashed his car then apparently shot himself – though not fatally. But don't worry: his lawyers are "certainly saddened by the tragedy both families have suffered here."

Finally the news was announced this week that Kamala Harris, United States senator from California, was chosen as the running mate to democrat nominee Joe Biden. Initially I was totally turned off by the decision. What most ticked me off was Biden's claim that he was choosing as his running mate a woman of color – not the most qualified person, which could be a woman of color, but a woman of color. As a woman I felt pandered to. As I hope every American thinks, I want the best people representing and serving the United States and I question whether Harris is the best choice to sit in the VP's seat.

I have plenty of time between now and Election Day to learn more about the woman who might be "one heartbeat away from the presidency" if indeed Biden is elected. I'll be using that time wisely, learning more about her and Joe Biden. The wisdom I gain will be used when casting my ballot in November – you can count on it.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Presently I noted that the sun belt swayed up and down, from solstice to solstice, in a minute or less, and that consequently my pace was over a year a minute; and minute by minute the white snow flashed across the world, and vanished, and was followed by the bright, brief green of spring."

~ H.G. Wells, *The Time Machine*

Summer weather has settled in; one day is pretty much the same as the next though temperatures fluctuate between hot and hotter. In a state of seasonal doldrums, I stumbled upon a publication of an ongoing National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research project, "Old weather 'time machine' opens a treasure trove for researchers."

As H.G. Wells alludes, time machines have been the stuff of science fiction for generations. But for real? What about a time machine that would allow researchers to reach back into yesteryear and ask questions about long-ago events?

A NOAA-funded research team has assembled a weather "time machine;" the work actually began in 2011 and is ongoing. Known as the 20th Century Reanalysis Project, or 20CRv3 for short, it is a dauntingly complex, high-resolution, four-dimensional reconstruction of the global climate that estimates what the weather was for every single day going back to 1836.

Using NOAA's Global Forecast System, researchers reconstructed the global atmosphere from surface pressure readings, sea temperature and sea ice observations from archival records, some even transcribed by citizen volunteers. From this data, the model estimates temperature, pressure, winds, moisture, solar radiation and clouds. With these, scientists discover unknown hurricanes, study the climate impact of old volcanic eruptions, and investigate the timing of bird migrations and even pandemics.

Besides expanding scientific knowledge, it sheds light on weather-related times in history. Notably, included are the circumstances leading to the tragic sinking of the Titanic and the extraordinary winter of 1880-81, which was chronicled by Laura Ingalls Wilder in her book "The Long Winter." It's the scientific fruit of an international effort led by researchers with NOAA's Physical Sciences Division, CIRES (NOAA's educational outreach) and the Dept. of Energy.

How much fun would it be to pore over writings from a 19th century ship log, a farmer's crop notations, or the diary of a pioneer woman? The sources are numerous and extraordinarily valuable. There's much to learn from and apply to current and future climatic conditions.

Beginning tomorrow and lasting (seemingly) forever, hot weather will overtake much of southwestern California. Thrown into the forecast is a rain shower. No, not a cold one!

Wanted: a used time machine to transport back to winter.

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

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Aug. 16. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace, enjoying the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

LA County guidelines are being followed in requiring visitors to wear masks and social distance while visiting the Preserve.

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

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

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

GWP WESTERN RESERVOIR AND BEL AIRE ELECTRIC SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Glendale Water & Power invites the community to provide input on the future improvements to its Western Reservoir and Bel Aire Electric Substation. Site improvements include landscaping, fencing and drainage enhancements surrounding the reservoir along Raymond Avenue, Bel Aire Drive, and Western Avenue. The community is encouraged to join the meeting online and provide input via an online survey that will be provided after the meeting.

Registration for the virtual meeting is required. Please email GWPconservation@glendaleca.gov or call (818) 548-4828 with name, address and email address by Aug. 14 so registration instructions can be emailed.

CENSUS TAKERS BEGIN VISITING HOUSEHOLDS

Census takers throughout Southern California have started following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau is visiting the non-responsive addresses in its database to collect responses in person. Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone at (844) 330-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those who respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

Census takers follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED FOR BEYOND THE BOX

Glendale Arts and Culture Commission is now accepting artwork for Beyond the Box. Selected artists will paint murals on 30 City of Glendale utility boxes this fall. The program goal is to bring beauty to unexpected places such as utility boxes. Selected artists will each receive a \$750 stipend to paint a utility box.

Interested artists must submit their applications by Sept. 18 and paint the weekend of October 16-18. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/y5byoagd>.

Beyond the Box is supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund.

The Light on the Corner Now Has a Steeple and Cross



Photo by Charly SHELTON
Workers put the finishing touches on the steeple and cross recently installed at Light on the Corner Church in Montrose.

By Mary O'KEEFE

For many the ideal of an American small town is the church with the cross on a steeple peaking through the trees. For the Light on the Corner Church at 1911 Waltonia Dr. in Montrose, that ideal has finally become a reality.

“Well, the original plans for the church included plans for the steeple but [past congregations] never [built] it,” said Pastor Jon Karn.

The talk of adding a steeple and cross has been ongoing since the church opened its doors for service about 80 years ago. Since Karn has been pastor at the church he has voiced his wish for a steeple and cross from time to time. Karn and many in the church felt a steeple and cross would identify them more as a church, and be more inviting for those looking to attend services. For years Light on the Corner Church has been a polling place and because of that, along with being close to business offices that are similar in design, some in the community assume the building is another dentist's office rather than a church.

One of Karn's parishioners, Jaye Crane, echoed Karn's complaint of not having a cross.

“Jaye said, ‘This church needs a cross and a steeple,’” Karn said. “He gently nagged me for months.”

Crane is a veteran who has not been able to attend church services for the past few years due to health issues. He recently contracted and survived COVID-19. Karn and members of his congregation prayed on what to do. Karn talked it over with the church's board and it became clear that this was what the people at his church wanted.

“We forged ahead and it took us several years to raise the money,” he said.

Karn, the board and congregation members wanted to make certain the money to cover the cross and steeple was covered by donations – no borrowing but self-financing – and they did it. For four years the church family at LOCC held fundraisers and, although it took a while to get the cross, its arrival and installation all seemed to be at just the right time as the perfect contractor was found in Eli Bimshtein, who grew up just outside of Nazareth in Israel.

The steeple and cross are now proudly displayed on the church. Karn said the best way to describe it was, “It feels like home.”

“But beyond that it lets everyone know this is a church,” he added. “I thank God and that all the people who donated money.”

For Karn, as for most other religious institutions, COVID-19 has changed the way the church reaches out to its parishioners.

Light on the Corner Church has been holding

remote services.

“We have been doing [the services] on YouTube,” he said.

Karn's daughter Kiana works as the publicist for the church and has helped with the remote service setup as well as letting everyone know about the steeple. The services have been very popular with anywhere from 100 to 500 views on any given Sunday.

“That's more people watching [at times] than can fit in the church,” Karn said.

Karn added he keeps the sermon short and Kiana also speaks during the service. They keep it to about 30 to 40 minutes and tackle some difficult issues during that time but always end with prayers for peace and deliverance for Montrose.

The church board and Karn would love to have a big party to celebrate the completion of the steeple and cross, but the pandemic has put all of that on hold, though they look forward to doing so as soon as things are open again. For now they just invite the community to look up, through the trees and see the steeple and the church that calls one home.

Services are held on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or are available on YouTube for the current season. For more information, visit lightonthecorner.org or call (818) 249-4806.

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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

“Couch Church, Fellowship and Prayers” continues for the foreseeable future at Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Worship services stream on the church’s Facebook page and YouTube Channel at 10 a.m. on Sundays then videos are available on the church’s website at www.lcifoohills.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/Lcifoohills/videos and on the church’s YouTube Channel.

This Sunday, Aug. 16, CYF Director Stephen Robertson will lead the service with a sermon called “There’s Nothing Wrong with Holy Boldness.”

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

Outdoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. through September.

The al fresco gatherings in the LCPC courtyard will offer interactive prayer time, live music, Bible readings and an inspiring message. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask wearing, will be observed.

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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Bailey Center Update

The Bailey Center will be temporarily closed for distribution through Aug. 26 due to street paving. The center is still collecting non-perishable food and funds for when it does open up again. Those who have items to donate can drop them off at the Bailey Center, 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga on Wednesdays between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or at the CVW office at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. Ste. 206 in Glendale/La Crescenta during office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

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Harm That Lasts A Lifetime

By Mary O'KEEFE

At the end of the commutation of sentence release of Thomas Waterbury from Gov. Gavin Newsom it states, "The act of clemency for Mr. Waterbury does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself."

"The harm it caused" seems an inadequate statement.

It was early in the morning of Christmas Eve in 1980 that Waterbury, according to court records and media reports at the time, shot his wife twice in the temple as she slept. He then shot himself, called police and falsely reported that an intruder had entered his home.

The "harm" was in fact the murder of his wife Deborah Bailey Waterbury, who was 26 years old and from a Crescenta Valley family.

The commutation was a surprise to Deborah's family members including her two brothers Robbie and Jeff and sister Kathy Bailey Goldsworthy. The surprise was twofold for the family. The first was, according to Kathy, none of the siblings were notified of the commutation. Their parents have passed away and Kathy's husband Dave said the last he checked his contact information was on the victims' notification list.

"All victims who are registered with the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights Services are notified of any actions on the inmate. Notifications to district attorneys are also conducted. For this case, all proper notifications were made," said Vicky Waters, spokesperson for Gov. Newsom's office.

"We were not notified," Dave said. "I periodically check to see if there is any news about [Waterbury] on the [California State Dept. of Corrections] website. Kathy had mentioned how [COVID-19] is affecting prisons."

He searched the corrections website and searched the Internet for Waterbury's name. He found a media report that covered the commutations. He scrolled all the way to the end and there he found Waterbury's name.

This is something he and the family thought would never happen. When Waterbury was convicted the sentence handed down was life in prison without the possibility of parole and, since he lost his appeal of the conviction in 1983, Dave thought he would be in prison for life.

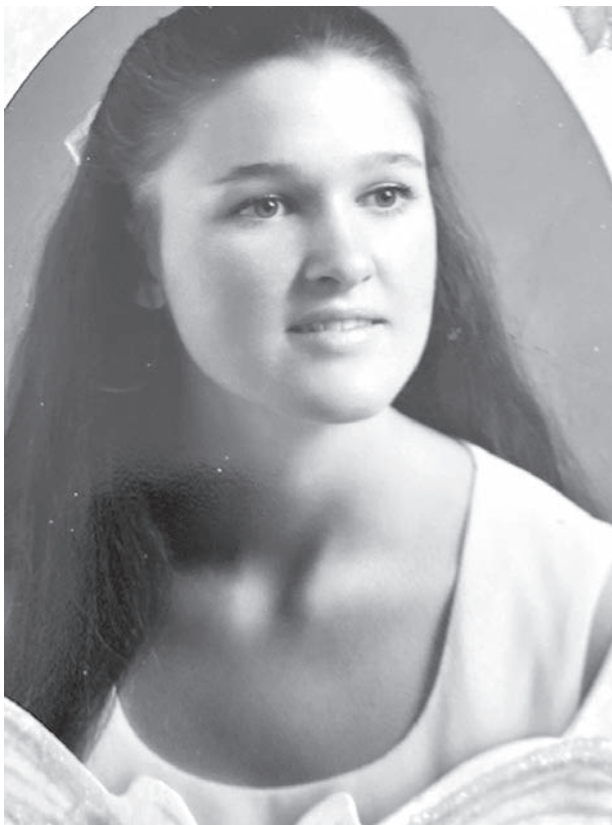
Dave added to commute that decision seems to go against what the justice system had decided.

Gov. Newsom's statement concerning Waterbury includes, "[Waterbury] has held the title of provost for the School of Ministry Institute calls." He added that Waterbury has obtained a bachelor's degree in theology and a master's degree in ministry.

These accomplishments, though, to Kathy and Dave are not enough to commute his sentence. They feel that if he has found a way to help others in prison he should stay there and continue to provide that help.

According to court documents, at 4:48 a.m. on Dec. 24, 1980 a call came into the Rialto police station regarding an "incident" at a house on Lancewood Avenue. When officers arrived they found the front door to the house open and upon entering found Thomas Waterbury crouched on the floor and wounded. He told officers he had been wounded by an intruder he described as "Mexican" and mentioned his wife was also

injured. At the time a neighbor contacted police and told them there was a young child, 8 to 10 years old, in the house. There was no child at the house; the couple in fact did not have a child. During the investigation police found a small caliber gun that during the trial was reported as



There are birthdays and holidays that are painful and the memory of that Christmas Eve lingers.

"The one thing I would like people to know is that he took away [Deborah's] voice on that Christmas Eve in 1980," Dave said. "And now we are the only voice she has."

All the commutations require the grantees to appear before the board of parole for suitability hearings when parole commissioners will determine whether the grantee can be safely released to the community, according to Gov. Newsom's office. Thomas Waterbury's parole suitability hearing has a tentative date of Jan. 7, 2021.

CVW will continue to follow this story and share updates as warranted.

the night before the killing. She admitted they had been having an affair and they had been together after he was released from jail prior to his trial.

According to reports, Waterbury had also taken out a \$100,000 insurance policy on his wife prior to the murder.

"[San Bernardino] District Attorney Jason Anderson completely disagrees with this decision," said Mike Bires, public affairs officer with the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office, regarding Gov. Newsom's decision to commute. He added it is unusual

to have a sentence commuted for a person convicted of murder and sentenced to life without parole.

Since the conviction Waterbury has not reached out to the Bailey family members. The only contact since the murder was a letter to Deborah's parents during the trial.

"He wrote a letter to her parents when he was out on bond. He wrote them a letter, two to four pages, and basically said he didn't know why they were so upset with him. He said he loved their daughter," Dave said. "He also said she was pregnant ... the autopsy showed she was not pregnant."

Deborah's murder is never far from the family's thoughts.

Photo of Deborah Bailey in 1972 provided by the Goldsworthy family. The decision to commute several life sentences includes that of the killer of Deborah Bailey Waterbury who was murdered by her husband in 1980.

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Street Racers Arrested, Vehicles Impounded

On Aug. 5 at around 8:30 p.m., a patrol officer was driving in the area of Highland Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard when s/he observed three vehicles stopped at a red light. One driver was heard revving the engine. Once the light turned green, all three vehicles accelerated at a high rate of speed westbound on Glenoaks.

The vehicles continued on Glenoaks as they attempted to gain an advantage over one another, jockeying for position, reaching speeds in excess

of 60 MPH. The officer was able to catch up to and stop two of the involved vehicles. The drivers of those vehicles, identified as 21-year-old Christopher Mousessian of Glendale and 27-year-old Hrach Guloyan of Los Angeles, were contacted regarding the observed violations.

Mousessian and Guloyan were both arrested for participating in an illegal speed contest and their vehicles were impounded at the scene.

Drivers Arrested, Cited During DUI Checkpoint

Twenty-three drivers were arrested and 15 drivers cited while a DUI checkpoint was conducted on Aug. 1. The checkpoint was held at Los Feliz Road and Gardena Avenue from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Twenty-three drivers were arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoint locations are based on a history of crashes

and DUI arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

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Back to School ... But Only To Get Books

By Mary O'KEEFE

It was back-to-school book pickup this week for Crescenta Valley High School students who observed COVID-19 requirements of social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

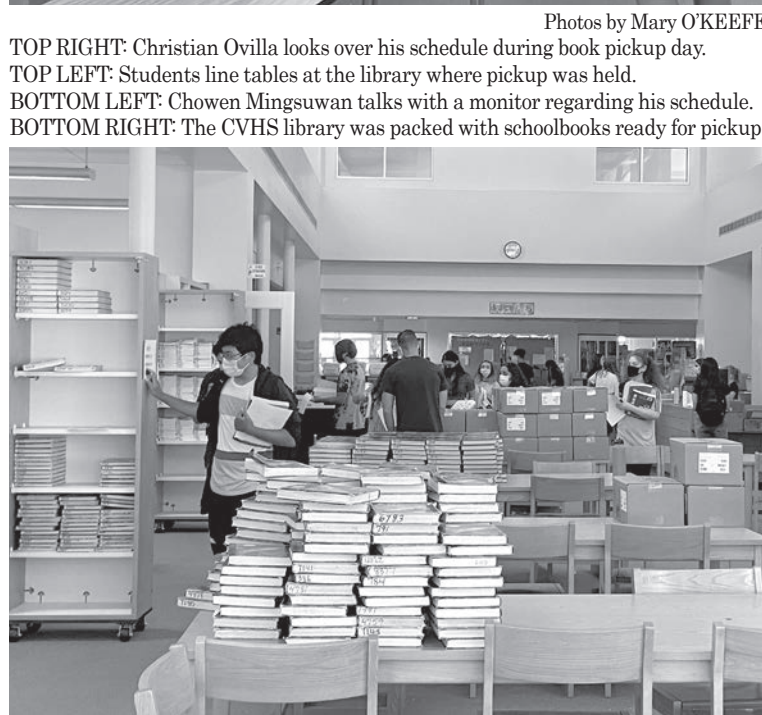
"It's going to be really weird," said Christian Ovilla, an incoming sophomore, of how it will be to return to in-person class.

Ovilla and fellow sophomore Chwen Mingsuwan went to CVHS on Tuesday to pickup their books for first semester. The students entered the school from the far west door of the building where they got their photo taken for their identification cards and the yearbook. They were also able to sign up to purchase the 2020-21 yearbook.

"It's weird and nostalgic to be back," Mingsuwan added.

Ovilla said being at school and seeing everyone wearing masks is a little different but acknowledged that he is so used to everyone wearing masks that seeing people without them would be weird, too.

The students were happy to have some form of normalcy by picking up the books but added they are living in a type of limbo. They'll start the school year with remote learning in the hopes of returning to school in the second semester; how that in-person classroom would look is still something that has yet to be determined.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

TOP RIGHT: Christian Ovilla looks over his schedule during book pickup day.
TOP LEFT: Students line tables at the library where pickup was held.
BOTTOM LEFT: Chwen Mingsuwan talks with a monitor regarding his schedule.
BOTTOM RIGHT: The CVHS library was packed with schoolbooks ready for pickup.

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DONATIONS *from Cover*

that would help the community and bring some camaraderie to the marching band. Her mom, Dena, had seen that the Bailey Center food bank in Tujunga was in need of food support and thought this would be a perfect fit. So did Kimmie. She went to Andrew Kim, the band president, and together they began to plan a donation drive.

“More than half of the band families came and brought in tons of food,” she said.

About 60 members of the band participated in the drive. They either helped get the food donated or they donated it. For Blood it was welcoming to see her bandmates in person, even though they were socially distanced and behind face coverings.

“It was nice to see them in person smiling,” Blood added.

Members of the marching band just completed band camp. Normally they would attend about eight hours in camp then come home but this virtual band camp was much different.

“We did it on Zoom. It was really successful but wasn’t the same,” Blood said.

Finding the silver lining is a family tradition for the Bloods and Kimmie has been able to find the good in the pandemic’s Safer at Home restrictions.

“My favorite part of staying at home is being with my family. If this wasn’t happening they would be all over the country,” she said adding how busy band camp usually keeps her. “I usually see more of the band [mates] and Mr. Schick [CV Instrumental Music director Mat] than my parents.”

The CVHS marching band is an award-winning program that is used to competing. This year, though, most of those

competitions that begin in October have been canceled. Blood said Schick is working on a video that combines the last four years of CVHS music.

“It’s like a throw back,” she said. She is eager to see the end result.

In the meantime she is dealing with remote learning, and remote band.

“It is challenging but it is helpful that we are all in this together and we are all trying to find other things to be excited for,” she said. She said she is crossing her fingers for the second semester when, hopefully, things return to normal and she can return to campus.

The CVHS Falcons 589 robotics team has also been trying to find ways to help their community. During pre-pandemic times team members would be found volunteering at the CV Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair and Montrose Movie Night.

“I was just doing my work one day [preparing] for online school and thinking about what we could do to help our community,” said Kimberly Miller, a CVHS incoming senior.

She was looking for something that 589 could do during COVID-19 while following all the requirements. She came up with a food drive.

Miller added that pre-pandemic there were people who were in need of food and now, months into the pandemic, she knew the need would be greater. She knew the Bailey Center was in need so she wanted to do something to help.

Together with fellow Team 589 member Eric Limonadi a meeting was arranged with mentor Lynn Repath Martos. They contacted

CVHS administration to see if they could use the school’s parking lot as a drop off point and after receiving permission they worked to get the word out.

Last Saturday they collected donations of food and money for four hours. They had a goal of collecting 589 pounds but far surpassed that.

“We collected almost four times that amount! Our total amount came out to 2,201 pounds of [donated food] and \$170, which will go to buying more food for the Bailey Center,” Miller said.

Team members asked their corporate sponsor Meggitt to help, and they agreed to host a two-week food drive at their workplace. The donations will be picked up by Team 589 and delivered to the Bailey Center. In a show of support, the La Cañada High School robotic team also donated to Team 589.

Like band, Team 589 has had a lot to adjust to since COVID-19 struck. Each year robotic teams across the world participate in the FIRST [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology] robot competition. The teams receive a game to play and have six weeks to design and build a robot to play that game with other teams on competitive fields.

“It was really difficult at first because we were at our second competition when it got canceled. We woke up in the morning and were getting ready to go to the competition and then we got an email stating it was canceled,” Miller said. “We all went home. There was really nothing we could do about it; everything was just starting to get closed down.”

The team was due to compete during spring break just before the shut down and Safer at Home became the law of the land. The team had won the Engineering Inspiration Award and qualified to go to the FIRST world championship. That was all canceled as well.

Repath Martos kept the team together and active, virtually, with their summer series talks when 589 alumni would speak about their career and life and how being part of robotics had helped them in the real world.

At present the team is awaiting word from FIRST as to when and where – and how – the 2021 season will start.

“Right now, FIRST has come out and said the FIRST Robotics Competition will be replaying the game from last year with some changes. So our 2021 season will replay the same game,” Miller said.

There has not been any word yet as to what will happen to the teams that qualified to move on to the final competition in 2020.

“We may have to qualify again,” she said.

For now, the team continues its virtual meetings and continues to look for more ways to support the community.

MSAR *from Cover*

National Forest (ANF) have never been there before hiking or driving the twisting roads. Gilbert said the MSAR team has noticed more visitors, not necessarily through rescues but because it patrols the area on weekends and team members are often stopped by people asking questions.

“They may not have been in the [ANF] before and are not sure of the layout. They don’t know they won’t get [cellphone] service, or how to get to the place they are looking for ... [Some] are there for the first time and not prepared to be in the forest to hike or to drive,” he said.

The roads along the Angeles Crest Highway are full of twists and turns, and rocks often fall onto the road from the cliffs.

The increase in the number of calls-outs was even more evident during the first few minutes of this CVW interview, which was cut short when Gilbert and the team received a call to help injured hikers. Gilbert responded to the call and several hours later returned to the interview.

“An informant heard someone yelling for help in the distance near [Red Box]. Our team was paged out, and we responded along with LA County Fire Station 82 and 19,” Gilbert said.

Air support also responded. As Gilbert was driving to the location one of the two hikers eventually made it to a nearby parking lot. He was suffering from a heat-related illness, Gilbert said.

The second hiker was not able to make it to the parking lot; she was also suffering from a heat-related illness. LA County Fire Copter 18 was able to conduct the rescue and get her to an ambulance where she and the other hiker were treated.

“They both were exposed to the warm temperatures and the trail didn’t have a lot of shade,” Gilbert said.

Due to the increasing summer temperatures, Gilbert suggests that hikers who want to visit ANF first research the trail they

want to hike.

“Try to find a trail with a water source or more shade,” he advised.

He added being prepared is imperative for any hike.

“Some hikers may have adequate [supplies] for a day hike but one wrong turn or [getting off] the trail and you can add seven, eight, nine hours to your hike,” he said. “Among the 102 call-outs has been a mix of everything. In the earlier part of March and April, when the weather was wet and cooler, there were a number of vehicles over the side.”

Some of those drivers may not have driven the Crest before and made turns too quickly.

“In April, May and June there were a lot of injured hikers at May Canyon,” Gilbert said. That canyon has a lot of steep terrain.



“It’s good exercise but steep inclines and some are not prepared for those types of terrains,” he said.

An injured ankle is an issue for hikers who still have a mile or more back to the parking lot where their vehicles are parked. Hikers who are injured have to be able to evaluate their injury, to treat it if possible and, if needed, get help.

“You end up asking yourself how bad is the sprain,” he said. “If you [splint the ankle] with sticks and tape and find you can’t put any weight on it you are in a bad spot. If you’re four miles away from [the parking lot] and you don’t have headlamps you are in a more dangerous situation.”

Gilbert said he and the team are glad that more people are enjoying ANF but want them to be safe as they hike and drive along the Crest.

“We understand with the ongoing pandemic there aren’t a lot of activities for people to enjoy. Many are taking up hiking, backpacking and going on a mountain drive,” he said. “We love they are [enjoying] the outdoors but they should come with a lot of caution and respect for what is in the mountains.”


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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Old Lady Scott

“You kids get out of here – this is private property – or I’ll call the police!” For a curious little buckaroo like me, that struck terror in my heart. I mean, all we were doing was playing in the old orchard behind our house, running in-between the orange, lemon and apricot trees. It was new, uncharted land for us cowboys. When we froze and turned around there was a scary old woman, sort of hobbling, with her cane up in the air waving at us. I immediately thought of that mean old lady in the “Wizard of Oz” who took Dorothy’s dog away and later became the Wicked Witch of the West. I’m a goner for sure! So that was how she got her name “Old Lady Scott.” She lived in the big house at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and New York Avenue, an old Victorian-style farmhouse with two stories. From

then on, whenever we drove past it we always looked at the second floor and asked, “Is she looking out now? Is she there?”

So writes Michael McClish. The neighborhood “scary old lady” is a universal experience for many children. For most of us it remains a humorous memory of our youth – the creepy, mean old woman living in an old dark house all by herself. Was she a hermit? A witch? But few of us backtrack and dig deeper to find the real person behind the “scary old lady.”

Michael McClish grew up in CV in the late ’50s, early ’60s. He was raised in a new development on Maryann Street, west of New York Avenue. Behind his house was an old orchard. A dark old Victorian house occupied one corner and there lived the creepy Old Lady Scott we

met earlier. Michael grew up, went to CV High School then to college and finally enjoyed a career in music and teaching. Old Lady Scott’s house was torn down, and a 76 gas station built in its place. The orchard was replaced with auto shops and mini-malls.

Now that Michael is 70, he finds himself looking back at his childhood with a mature eye. He wondered who was the human being behind the Old Lady Scott character who terrorized his childhood imagination. He delved into her life story and wrote a beautiful essay on her life.

At the turn of the last century, the Scott family of Illinois had five kids. One of them had a streak of adventure, and decided to become a farmer in the “wilds” of Southern California. He bought a section of land at the corner of Foothill and

New York. The house and orchards were occupied by various members of the Scott family over the years. The final Scott family member, otherwise known as Old Lady Scott, came here via a rather inspiring story.

Brother and sister Harry and Ellen Scott were born into the Illinois Scotts. Harry married and had one son, Myrl. Soon after the birth his wife died and young Ellen put aside her dreams and took on the role of raising Myrl. She raised him well and, just after WWII, Ellen and her young nephew Myrl moved to the property in La Crescenta.

Myrl did great here in La Crescenta. He was a star pupil at Glendale High, went to Stanford and became a very successful lawyer. Ellen stayed on at the house at New York and Foothill and became the dreaded Old Lady Scott. She had

never married, had dedicated her life to raising her nephew and now lived a solitary life, probably quite lonely. Myrl finally moved her closer to him and cared for her. She died in 1974.

Michael McClish finishes his story: “Old Lady Scott was not a witch at all, just a country lady from Illinois who raised her nephew to be a fine, successful man. Rest in peace, Ellen. I was scared of you but now, at 70, I am singing the praises of your courage, your spirit, and the successes of your nephew Myrl.”

If you’d like a copy of Michael’s full story with photos, I will email you one.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history.

Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

Despite COVID-19, Much is Going On in the Crescenta Valley

As we enter our fifth month under the Stay at Home Order, I know many community members have been feeling restless, emotionally exhausted and drained. This has been a trying time for all members of our community. Is this our new normal? There is so much uncertainty. As we all grieve our lack of normal, I know that we will come out of this. We will build our community back up and take care of each other.

Aside from this pandemic, there are many issues going on in our community. Illegal dumping is a big problem in our community. In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles

County, including La Crescenta, there is a trash responsibility ordinance that requires residents to dispose of their trash on a weekly basis. Whether the resident is a renter or homeowner, that person is responsible for any trash that is in front of their home, even if that trash is not something they put there. Bulky items left on the street have become a danger, not just due to their size and unsanitary conditions, but also because many items are dumped on sidewalks. This is a safety concern for people walking in the neighborhoods. Donation centers are often full but there are so many

options out there to help you get rid of your trash. Try your local Buy Nothing Groups. Your trash may be someone’s treasure. Think outside the box.

For residents in La Crescenta and La Cañada Flintridge who have bulky items that have been dropped at their residence or in their neighborhood, call (888) 838-6746 or download The Works iPhone or Android applications. Anyone who witnesses illegal dumping in the unincorporated portion of LA County can call (888) 838-6746. We are in this together.

Another topic in the Crescenta

Valley is the upcoming condominium development on Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. 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 currently sits. The proposed developer has submitted plans to LA County Regional Planning for affordable housing condo units, but those plans could be months away from approval. Evaluations concerning traffic flow and fire response must still be conducted and approved.

Ines Chessum, LUC co-chair, stated that 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.”

Land Use would prefer to gain more knowledge about the owner’s plans before proceeding with public information.

And lastly, don’t forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thevcouncil.com.

As a community, let’s focus on what we can do today in this moment. We need to protect our community members, wear our masks, support our local businesses and reach out to a neighbor and say “hi”. We are all in this together! Give yourself grace and extend grace to those around you.

Thank you for doing your part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protecting your family, friends, neighbors and community.

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Harry Leon, President CV Town Council

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 'Topsy Turvy' World

Like "Alice in Wonderland," I fell down a rabbit hole into a topsy-turvy world ruled by the White Queen – Gavin Newsom.

"The rule is protesters tomorrow and prisoners yesterday," proclaimed the Queen. "But never shop keepers and school children today."

"Your Majesty," I objected. "It must come sometimes to shop keepers and school children today."

"No, it can't," said the Queen. "It's protesters and prisoners every other day. Today isn't any other day, you know."

(Apologies to Lewis Carroll.)
Les Hammer
 Pasadena

Edison Tree Whackers

On July 26 we received an Edison Notice of Vegetation Activities. There is a power pole in front of our house. This is the third recent time our pine tree has been targeted by Edison. After the first crew trimmed the tree this year a second crew came here about a month later. I told them to leave the property saying the work has already been done. They had invaded our property with ropes and spiked boots without asking.

Did the first crew not properly record their work? Did the first crew do inadequate work? Did the second crew not inspect the work done given that I told the second crew to get off the property?

Last winter we spent \$3,400 having our trees pruned, including this pine. We take good care insisting on Class 1 manicure pruning in the winter when tree growth is at its slowest. Edison crews don't perform at this level. Our trees are worth \$100K-plus in landscaping value

Let's not make a mountain out of a molehill. Since 1977 we have been involved in this lovely tree community. We have solar electricity. Edison, put your power lines underground or at least better manage the tree whacker subcontractors.

Ted Baumgart
 La Crescenta

Why is Glendale Still Considering Allowing Use of Roundup?

In May 2017 the Glendale Unified School District banned the use of (herbicide) Roundup.

Plaudits to Glendale City Councilmember Dan Brotman for removing a proposed contract for weed control services from the Council's consent agenda because the proposed contractor would not agree to forego the use of Roundup. The Public Works director's assertion that the contractor would be discouraged from using Roundup is irresponsible. On June 24, the New York Times reported that Bayer, the parent company of Roundup's manufacturer Monsanto, agreed to pay \$10 billion to settle more than 95,000 claims that glyphosate, the chemical in Roundup, causes cancer. More than 30,000 claims are not covered by the

settlement.

Public Works is concerned about the additional cost of prohibiting glyphosate's use but apparently is content to live with the increased cancer risk to Glendale residents and workers. This cavalier attitude would be a grave concern at any time, but it is especially cruel now when the City Council should be able to focus on protecting Glendale residents' health and financial security during the COVID-19 pandemic rather than needing to divert time and attention to deal with an issue that should never have come before it.

Mary-Lynne Fisher
 La Crescenta

Things We'd Like To See

– An impromptu drive-in theater for La Crescenta in the little-used parking lot behind Office Depot using that building's massive, white-painted rear wall

as a movie screen. Perfect for summer and fall evenings.

– British Prime Minister Boris Johnson (channeling Margaret Thatcher) sends the English Fleet to Hong Kong with a message to the Chinese communist regime: Since you have abrogated the 1997 treaty by your new tyrannical laws and actions, destroying the liberties and freedoms long enjoyed by city citizens under the United Kingdom, we are taking back Hong Kong. You have 24 hours to get out of town!

– Resist the madness of the mob! There is an eerie resemblance to the French Revolution in these days of protest across the country. Despite the validity of many, protests have veered off into the nonsense of politically correct thinking and identity politics that divides, deceives, misinforms, creates intolerance

and attempts to push logical, calm debate into a straight-jacket of agenda-driven ignorance. And it has all been accompanied by violent, destructive anarchy. I half expect a resurrected Madame Defarge pointing her knitting needles at new victims for the metaphorical guillotine.

– Let the people decide the fate of objectionable statues; establish a vote instead of mob action or government-sanctioned destruction of historical figures that still have something to say about our history. Mob action and governmental removal under cover of darkness only serve to show the remarkable appeasement of the deconstructivist, neo-Marxist, identity politics in the driver's seat today seeking, in essence, a "historical cleansing" of our history. A black historian living a block from the avenue of Confederate statues in

Richmond, Virginia, asked why not keep them and add all new plaques and verbiage to tell the whole story? It's a perfect teaching moment to keep our history alive in space and time (paraphrased). Yes, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were slave owners, but without them and their compatriots we would not be here today nor would we be imbued with any of their guiding philosophies or be speaking the language we do.

– Guiding philosophies: *Old Indian proverb: There are many trails in the forest that all lead to the same clearing.

A young black woman protester was quoted on the news: "We are all brothers and sisters under the skin because we all bleed the same color."

Stuart Byles
 La Crescenta

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Dr. Ronald and Georgiana Wu Guests of Honor at Drive-In UNGala Fundraiser



Where there's a will, there's a way. Stymied by COVID-19 restrictions to host an outdoor, garden-style gala in April, the Adventist Health Glendale Foundation dreamed up another way to present its annual recognition celebration and fundraiser – and called it Drive-In UNGala 2020!

Unlike any prior gala produced by the foundation, Drive-In UNGala 2020 was held on Aug. 5 at a “pop-up” drive-in theater atop the eight-level parking structure at Americana at Brand.

Following coronavirus-related health safety guidelines, everyone was to remain inside vehicles during the evening's program. Starring roles on the big screen featured Dr. Ronald and Mrs. Georgiana Wu, along with family members and friends, in video tributes and remembrances that recognized the Wus' 50-plus years of service to the hospital and local health care.

More than 200 guests arrived in vehicles and were greeted by

Dr. and Mrs. Wu, accompanied by Alice Issai, president of Adventist Health Glendale, who joined with others in waving small commemorative flags to mark the occasion.

Each vehicle received popcorn and sweet treats to help guests enjoy the evening's festivities, which concluded with the showing of the popular musical, “Mamma Mia!”

Donors to UNGala 2020 contributed more than \$1 million to the Foundation, supporting COVID-19 patient care and other greatest needs in the hospital. Donations included major gifts and sponsorships by the S. H. Ho Foundation and Pacific BMW, Glendale Adventist Emergency Physicians and an anonymous grateful patient – plus a long list of additional sponsors.

“It meant a great deal to our hospital family and community to pay tribute in person to Dr. Ronald and Mrs. Georgiana Wu,” President Issai said. “We have recognized these two individuals for their extraordinary contributions

to Adventist Health Glendale and our patients by naming our auditorium in their honor.

“The pandemic forced us to postpone the ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this spring, so we were very pleased to create a way to celebrate the Wu's at our foundation's Drive-In Gala.”

Foundation President Irene Bourdon emphasized “how vital the hospital's lifeline is to our community, especially now. Our doctors, nurses and support staff are very grateful for the generous donations helping to protect our frontline healthcare providers and saving lives.”

Dr. Wu, a former Glendale obstetrician widely known for helping women with difficult pregnancies, retired from private practice in 2017 after being involved in the delivery of an estimated 20,000 babies. Meanwhile, Georgiana participated in countless hospital support programs and fundraisers, including two terms as president of The Guild.

Following the Wus' tribute videos shown on the drive-

in's two big screens, guests responded with resounding applause, flashing headlights

and honking horns.

Submitted by Vic PALLOS

Photos courtesy of Adventist Health Glendale Foundation

LEFT: From left, UNGala co-chair Dr. Harlan Gibbs, Georgiana and Dr. Ronald Wu, Dr. Annette Ermshar, UNGala co-chair Amanda Dundee and hospital President Alice Issai.

RIGHT: Dr. Ronald and Georgiana Wu appear on one of two big screens during the tribute video.

Twelve Oaks Forms Alliance to Benefit Senior Living Campus

Twelve Oaks Foundation (TOF), which owns Twelve Oaks Senior Living located in the Montrose neighborhood of Glendale, has entered into an affiliation with Episcopal Communities & Services for Seniors (ECS) headquartered in Monrovia.

The announcement was made earlier this month by Rose Chan Loui, board chair of Twelve Oaks Foundation, and James Rothrock, president/CEO of Episcopal Communities and Services, that the board of directors of both organizations approved the affiliation in support of their mission and vision to serve the senior community for the long term.

“We're enthusiastic that this union will result in great synergies that allow for the enhancement of the Twelve Oaks community and the creation of more moderately priced housing and service options for seniors in the Glendale and San Gabriel Valley areas,” stated Rothrock. “Twelve Oaks and ECS are nonprofit senior living communities, which ensure that surplus resources are reinvested in their campuses.”

“Twelve Oaks Foundation's board is proud to build on the legacy that began in the 1930s when James and Effie Fifield donated their residence to provide a home for widows with moderate means,” added Chan Loui. “As stewards of the mission that the Fifields created, we are excited about the opportunities offered by our affiliation with ECS and believe we have found the perfect partner. Like Twelve Oaks, ECS is a charitable organization with a long history of serving seniors. We look forward to writing the next chapter of Twelve Oaks together

and creating an even stronger and more dynamic community.”

Plans for the La Crescenta campus include enhancement of landscaping throughout the property and completion of the renovation of existing buildings, which will increase the number of available residences from 35 to 45.

Because Twelve Oaks Senior Living and ECS are non-profit senior living communities, they are committed to serving seniors of all socioeconomic means. The affiliation with Twelve Oaks further fulfills ECS's mission regarding moderate income seniors:

- Both organizations engage in fund development and with the affiliation, the Episcopal Communities & Services Foundation (ECSF) will accept designated donations for the Twelve Oaks community.
- Twelve Oaks Foundation will establish a benevolence fund at ECSF for the purpose of assisting TOSL residents whose financial circumstances change and to establish programs to serve the senior community in the vicinity of Twelve Oaks Senior Living.
- The family of volunteers at Twelve Oaks Senior Living will continue to provide inspiration to the ECS family. Volunteers will continue to be welcomed, ensuring a kind and caring environment.

To ensure a smooth transition, the current management, provided by Northstar, will work with ECS management to provide administrative support for the foreseeable future. ECS is committed to retaining team members currently working at

see TWELVE OAKS on page 15

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Buying During COVID

Dear Phyllis,

I am living in my mother's house who recently passed. I am not the trustee but a beneficiary. My husband and I can only afford \$500,000 and are looking in Palmdale. I need the money from my inheritance to complete the sale. With COVID everything is so restrictive. The first time we even looked at a home I had to submit a prequalification letter and sign disclosures before we were even allowed in. And then we were only given twenty minutes to decide whether we wanted to buy the home. Each time we want to see a home we have to sign COVID disclosures. We finally found a home and decided to write an offer. The down payment is coming from my mother's house which will be

going on the market next week. Now my Realtor just sprung on me that if my offer is accepted, I will need to make a 3% earnest money deposit to escrow or \$15,000. I do not have that kind of money. At this point I am wondering if she is the one putting up these roadblocks. Are things really this tough for home buyers today? **John**

Dear John,

I feel your frustration. As a real estate professional, I too am frustrated by all the rules and challenges. Let us address your concerns one by one. Yes, because of COVID only buyers who are prequalified are viewing homes. And this makes perfect sense, especially with homes that are occupied.

As far as showing time frames, that is determined by the seller and their Realtor®. But I agree that twenty minutes is a very short timeline. And certainly, puts an extra burden on the agent and the buyers to be sure to be on time.

The earnest money (aka good faith) deposit is negotiable; however, it is customary that it is 3% of the purchase price. Perhaps you have a family member who will help you with a loan. But discuss this with your lender. The lender will want to verify the source of these funds and additional documentation will be required. If the money is “seasoned” and in the bank for several months, the additional paper trail may be unnecessary.

Best of luck to you on your move!



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» RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Going to ‘Town’



Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: The Smokey Porky sandwich, a new 12-hour smoked pulled pork sandwich with Town BBQ sauce, dill pickle, cole slaw and onion straws.

TOP RIGHT: The wings pair well with the Brussels sprouts and a glass of white wine.

BOTTOM LEFT: Outside dining in addition to take-out make it easy to enjoy the offerings of Town.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The ranch bowl is a new addition to Town's menu.

By Charly SHELTON

This week continues our series spotlighting hometown favorite restaurants adapting to the new normal of COVID-19 life. And it marks our first restaurant in the series to make use of the newly-created seating areas behind the massive K-rails along Honolulu Avenue through the al fresco Glendale program. However, expanded outdoor seating is just one more pleasantry among the many great aspects of dining at Town.

Town Kitchen and Grill is probably the newest restaurant to become a staple in Montrose. It fits in alongside old standbys and new favorites alike and holds its own with a diverse crowd of regulars and longtime fans from around LA. It feels like it has always been a part of Montrose yet retains a freshness thanks to the inventive seasonal menus and exceptional weekend specials. Suffice it to say, this is a great restaurant.

And I should know – my wife is a server and manager at Town. She brings food home regularly and I find myself hanging out in the restaurant when she's off the clock. Most of

my friends have worked at Town at one point or another. My Dungeons and Dragons group, The Fighters, was composed of all Town staff. I was the token non-employee invited along because, well, I'm cool.

Town has been a big part of our lives since it opened. I've had every single thing on the menu time and again. But after years of eating at the same restaurant over and over, I have yet to get tired of it. After hundreds – and I mean literally hundreds – of meals there, I still get excited over the old favorites. But with my wife out on maternity leave since the pandemic shut down so much in March onward, it had been a while since we'd eaten at Town.

We were brought out this week since it reopened in the parklet outside its front doors and it was like seeing an old friend again. Nobody dislikes The Brussels, Brussels sprouts fried with bacon and tossed in balsamic vinegar and cheese. The Shishito peppers may just be the best in LA. But among all the great dishes that are featured each year, it's the new ones that are the most exciting. Something as simple as chicken wings – found in restaurants around the

world that are usually just okay in those places – have been elevated to amazing at Town.

We went in for happy hour, which is every day from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Reduced prices, a simple menu and good drinks – it's a win-win. On the happy hour menu are the classic wings, which are new since the reopening. Now, I've had wings all over the country. My wife's family is from Buffalo, New York, so I learned quickly what an acceptable wing was in her family: fried just so, spicy sauce, blue cheese dressing not ranch. After visiting Buffalo to have some good wings, you realize how mundane and poorly made chicken wings are in most places. There hasn't been anywhere with wings comparable to Buffalo that I've tasted. Until now.

The wings at Town are the product of experimentation by owner Jim Collins and Chef Sebastian Gomez. After much trial and error to find just the right combination of chicken, crispy fried crunch and sauce, they hit the jackpot. The wings are surprisingly crisp on the outside, hearty, thick chicken inside, and just enough sauce to not drag it down. Honestly, the crispy outside is what

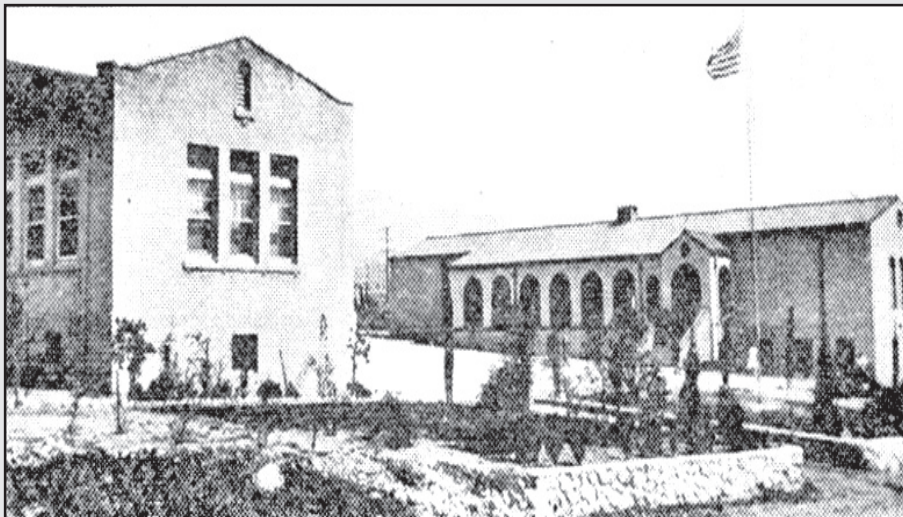
sells it. Something about keeping the crunch while still holding plenty of sauce is just magical. I would go so far as to say they might be better than Buffalo. I know those are fighting words in my house, but it's worth sleeping on the couch for these wings.

Another new offering is the expansion of the bowls on the menu. The poke bowl has been around for a while and it's perfect for summer. Now for the season, the selection has been expanded. Love their Town burger but it's just a little too heavy on a hot summer evening? Try the burger bowl – all the same ingredients on a bed of lettuce or rice. Or the steak bowl, with sliced skirt steak, sliced veggies and an amazing chimichurri vinaigrette over a bed of rice or lettuce. Pair any of these with a good glass of wine and al fresco dining, and it's a fine evening.

Town Kitchen and Grill is open for take-out and dining outdoors in the extended seating area in front of the restaurant. With umbrellas for the afternoon and string lights overhead in the evening, it's a beautiful place to enjoy dinner or happy hour. Town is located at 2276 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

THEN & NOW | Lincoln Elementary

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » Originally built as Westside Elementary School in 1924, the name was changed to Lincoln very soon after opening. The school was built at the intersection of New York and Altura avenues. Note the stone wall in front of the school.

Now » Lincoln Elementary was rebuilt in the '50s, both in response to stricter seismic codes for school buildings after the '33 Long Beach Earthquake and to accommodate increasing enrollment from the "Baby Boom." But look ... The original stone wall is still there, incorporated into the newer retaining wall along Altura Avenue!

'Bioluminescence Wonderment' at Mini Park Gas Station



"Bioluminescence Wonderment" is a temporary art installation at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station featuring glowing jellyfish. It ends on Aug. 21. The artist is Jennifer Swain.

Many beaches and waters glow blue or green due to marine organisms that create their own light as a result of a biochemical reaction. This installation aims to give people the opportunity to see a little bit of what it is like and enjoy its

glowing colors.

This temporary art installation is sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, and support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association.

Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station is located at 1020 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale.

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Deborah A. Lott, author of "Don't Go Crazy Without Me: A Tragicomic Memoir" will be in conversation with Melissa Cistaro, author of "Pieces of My Mother" today, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

"Don't Go Crazy Without Me" tells the tragicomic coming of age story of a girl who grew up under the seductive sway of her outrageously eccentric father. He taught her how to have fun; he also taught her to fear food poisoning, other children's infectious diseases, and the contaminating propensities of the world at large. Alienated from her emotionally distant mother, the girl bonded closely with her father and his worldview. When he plunged from neurotic to full-blown psychotic, she nearly followed him. Sanity is not always a choice, but for the 16-year-old, decisions had to be made and lines drawn between reality and what her mother called her "overactive imagination." She would have to give up beliefs carried by the infectious agent of her father's love.

To take part in this Zoom virtual event, go to <https://zoom.us/j/98094837364> today, Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

THE VIRTUAL VERDUGO HUUT! (HOOTENANY) FOUND ONLINE

The next virtual Verdugo HUUT! experience is on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Virtual HUUT! is an online affair that premieres the third Saturday of every month, just like the live show. Songwriters, poets, essayists, and comedians from around the country contribute to a streamlined, fun experience that is less clunky than Zoom and more exciting than watching laundered masks go round in the dryer.

The sixth COVIDeo is "In the HUUT of the Night," a celebration of sticky summer days in quarantine. Tune in on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UUVerdugo>. Previous outings at the Verdugo HUUT! can be found at www.verdugohuut.com.

DNC MEMBER SPEAKS AT LOCAL DEMO CLUB VIRTUAL MEETING

Michael Kapp will join the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club for the Zoom meeting on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. At only 30 years old, Kapp is the youngest elected California DNC member in a generation. He's been active and progressive and has been involved in reforming the DNC. Members look forward to his insight on the Democratic National Convention beginning the following day, Aug. 17.

In addition, Dr. David Sawcer, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of clinical dermatology in the Keck School of Medicine at USC and director of clinical and translational research, will speak on COVID-19 issues, specifically regarding the development of vaccines, a particular interest of his.

President Lora De La Portilla also announced that members in good standing will vote on where to spend the Club's Campaign 2020 war chest, \$7,800, on local and national races. A slate of options will be presented to the members for approval, including supporting Assemblymembers Laura Friedman and Luz Rivas, Congressman Adam Schiff and nearby congressional candidate Christy Smith in the Santa Clarita/Palmdale area.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta

Valley and Sunland-Tujunga areas. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. For more information and ZOOM log-in, the Club's website is www.ccdemclub.org.

PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE OFFERING MUSIC, AUCTION

In maintaining its tradition of keeping music alive and front-and-center for youth through its music programs – Music Mobile, Youth Concert and Instrumental Competition – funded by contributions to the Showcase House and hosted events, PSHA is holding its first online auction.

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 will allow it to continue awarding gifts and grants to a diverse list of local and regional non-profit organizations in support of their efforts in the community.

Register at <https://www.charityauctiontoday.com/auctions/showcase-strong-12677>.

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.

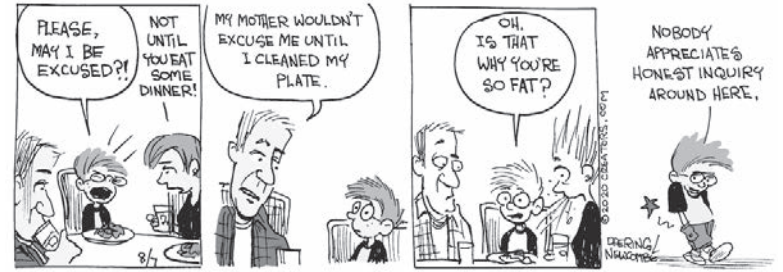
Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Corporate and individual sponsorships are also available.

MAKING MUSIC THE SUZUKI WAY – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way – Every Child Can Learn!" parent information night on Monday, Aug. 31 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend. For more information about the organization, visit the website www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org. To receive the Zoom meeting ID, and to RSVP, visit www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org/contact and send an email request. The Suzuki Music education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

The Suzuki Method is renowned for helping children develop musically, especially from a young age, and SMPLA offers music education in violin and guitar. Early musical education significantly enhances a child's brain development, motor coordination and speech, and also increases a child's level of discipline, awareness, and character. Suzuki Music education philosophy and method of music instruction is invaluable for children of all ages.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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August 10, 2020 - August 16, 2020

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're drawn to natural, organic products to keep your skin looking beautiful. You're also drawn to fresh, organic food to nourish your body from the inside out. Buy the best products, because your health won't improve if you exist on junk food or other cheap options. You deserve the best, so make sure you get it.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This is an interesting period in terms of your health. You may feel vulnerable to colds or other infections. If you have a lot of social events to attend, it's best to prepare by taking a few supplements that support your immune system. The Universe will help put you back on track.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your well-being depends on investing in the right information for your lifestyle or condition. Go on a fact-finding mission to discover how to transform your lifestyle into an art that expresses your unique qualities. You'll then experience health inside and out. You'll shine when you resonate with what is true for you.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You want to look stylish while you work out, so you may decide to splurge on some new gym clothes or shoes. Feeling fabulous and knowing you look good may motivate you to exercise more diligently so your body looks as awesome as the clothes you wear. Do whatever it takes to motivate you. Be beautiful inside and out!

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Get your partner or a friend to accompany you on a hike in the countryside. You could do with exercise that includes an element of adventure without being too rigorous. If you're a member of a hiking or biking group, you may even meet a special someone on one of your long rambles.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Knowledge leads to action now. A book or website may cause you to reflect more deeply on your health and what you can do to improve it. This may be a good time to face the situation, while you're inspired by the many possibilities available. Don't purchase any big-ticket items yet. Wait a week or so and you may get a much better deal.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The cosmos may encourage you and your lover to commit to doing more things together now. It's an opportunity to give yourselves a new lease on life. Make working out a priority. It's a way to release any accumulated stress and tension. You'll feel much better inside and out.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

The Universe is going to bring a few changes. It also offers you the chance to make a fresh start in a number of areas. If you've neglected your health, it may be because of overwork. Getting well is a matter of getting your life into balance and keeping it there. Exercise can also help you combat the effects of stress.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

The Universe is encouraging you to make some sweeping changes to your health. If old symptoms flare up or new ones appear, visit your health professional. Take a look at your diet, especially if the scale has been creeping up. You'll find that you're responsible for how you feel.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The Universe brings you a chance to shine. You may be more conscious of your image than usual, and this could cause you to think about getting back into shape. Get a glow by working out daily. Make sure you walk in nature. Most of all, let go of any negative thinking.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Get the lowdown on an ongoing health issue. Get a second opinion if you need one, and read about the subject. You'll begin to see the problem from a fresh perspective. This is going to change your action plan. Where once you might have felt powerless, you'll now realize that you can be healed.

♊ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Travel abroad may be an excellent way to relax after a period of illness or stress. The more willing you are to look after yourself and even pamper yourself a little, the more quickly you'll recuperate. Don't try to get back to work too soon or take on a punishing schedule that you can't maintain. Give yourself the space to breathe and enjoy life.

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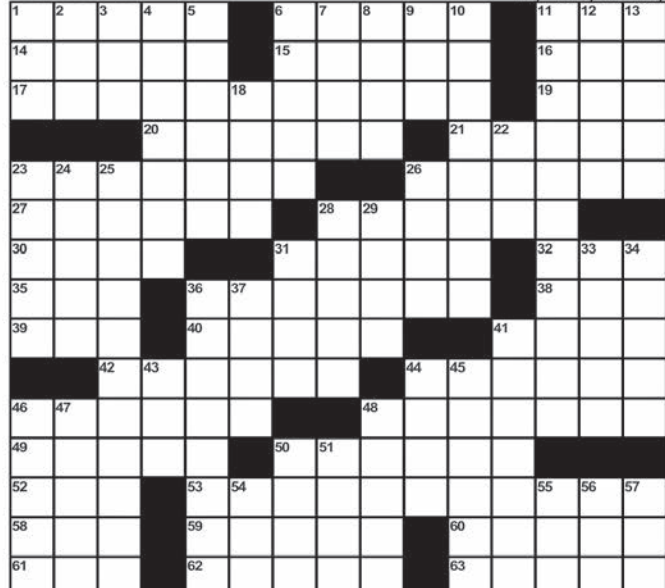
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- 11) More, in Mexico
- 14) Escape the clutches of
- 15) Male friend, south of the border
- 16) Org. many lawyers belong to
- 17) Work done by hand
- 19) "___ to worry"
- 20) Washes
- 21) Fawning flatterer
- 23) Sticks around
- 26) Oscar recipient
- 27) Lessens
- 28) Reduced in rank
- 30) Poor dog's portion
- 31) Like an old woman
- 32) "Holy smokes!"
- 35) Plains antelope
- 36) Chutney fruits
- 38) Breakfast of gladiators?
- 39) Start to suspect?
- 40) People with fan clubs
- 41) Self-congratulatory
- 42) A place to gamble
- 44) Wife or daughter
- 46) Short dash
- 48) Perked (up)
- 49) Top-notch
- 50) Lacking a key, musically
- 52) It makes an embarrassing sound
- 53) Treating roughly
- 58) Operetta division
- 59) Ceased
- 60) Chilling, in a way
- 61) Assent word
- 62) Small hills
- 63) Cover with cloth

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- 1) Stitched skirt edge
- 2) State next to Miss.
- 3) Be on the ticket
- 4) Provide formal training
- 5) African ear of corn
- 6) Extravagant parties
- 7) Muscat sultanate
- 8) Ad ___ (makes it up)
- 9) A star may have a big one
- 10) Tenons' partners
- 11) First two in the first garden
- 12) "Humble" place to live
- 13) Mythical goatlike creature
- 18) Means of clarification
- 22) Number of gods in monotheism
- 23) Where to hit a bucket of balls
- 24) Poet's blacks
- 25) Literary drafts
- 26) Fabric ridge
- 28) The A in WASP
- 29) Book jacket briefs
- 31) In due time, poetically
- 33) Early stage seed
- 34) Carried on, as war
- 36) Ill-fitting title
- 37) Mine opening
- 41) Perfume tester
- 43) Archery asset
- 44) Twain lad
- 45) Got away from
- 46) Use an aerosol
- 47) Going rate
- 48) Lots
- 50) No ifs, ___ ...
- 51) "Of ___ I Sing"
- 54) Darth, at one time
- 55) One musical Gershwin
- 56) Small drink
- 57) "Whiz" opener

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Re: The November Election

Here's an idea: Let's research all those we will be considering for office in November and not just vote the incumbents. It is certainly easier to vote for who we know, but by not researching those who are running, might we be losing out on an unknown gem?

Term limits: there is an idea that I hear more and more people pondering. I'm all for term limits as I believe there is always room for new ideas and change. If there were term limits, some people might be encouraged to volunteer their knowledge and their willingness to serve after leaving office, but perhaps in a different capacity. That might prove exciting for them and for all of us too.

I'm looking forward to the coming November election. I will vote and I hope that you will, too.

Tracy Collins
La Crescenta

News vs. Propaganda

What is the difference between news and propaganda? Today it is more challenging than ever! News should be accurate and factual as it happened. Propaganda is usually partial information for a purpose.

Why are there two versions of the same published textbooks for education taught in government schools? There are the so-called California and Texas versions. The version used in each state is determined by the leadership of each state.

Why is there such division now in our country that is a demonstration of love or hate? We are all children of God and citizens of the United States. Are we not proud of our Constitution and the freedoms it has given us? Why is America's history being torn apart and downgraded? Why are all our freedoms in jeopardy?

Why are demonstrations that destroy federal or public property and innocent people's businesses considered peaceful demonstrations? Why are all police dealings being described as brutality? If we were doing their jobs would we have more insight?

Why are our churches being hampered to preach the word of God? Religion is the backbone of our civilization for good over evil. Power over others has become the future focus it appears. Some people believe that we have lost the ability to determine right or wrong. Wrong has no boundaries and is often cleverly disguised.

All these factors are involved in the future direction of our country.

Kenneth J. Micheli
Arcadia

Apologies Go Both Ways

I am writing in response to the article in the Aug. 6 edition of CV Weekly by [Julie] Butcher, "Panel on Racism Launches Series." In the article one of the panelists talked

about "acknowledgement, apology and atonement" for Glendale's past history on racism and suggested that "Hopefully Council will soon pass a resolution to give that acknowledgment greater voice and will add an official apology."

My feeling is that apologies go both ways.

In 1960, when I was 16 and living in Glendale, a friend and I went to a Dodgers game at the Los Angeles Coliseum. We parked a few blocks from the Coliseum and walked through Exposition Park. We were confronted by a group of African American youths who were about our age. They demanded we give them our money. When we refused they attacked us. My friend, who was a year older and much larger, took on two of the attackers. I was struck from behind and realized my only option was to run. Thirty minutes later my friend and I met up at the ticket booth, purchased tickets and saw the game.

My point is that we never asked for or received an apology from the African American community. In fact, to my knowledge, no leader from that community has ever offered an apology for the multitude of crimes that have committed against white people over the past 60 years. If my community is to apologize for past sins then leaders of the African American community should acknowledge and apologize for their past sins.

David North
Glendale

Public Voices Needed for Rockhaven

Glendale City Council will conference with seven developers on Tuesday, Aug. 18 concerning the price for sale or lease of Rockhaven Historical District. Glendale purchased the property in 2008 with the intention of preserving the site and opening it as a community park.

We at Friends of Rockhaven urge local citizens to speak up and demand that preservation of, and public access to, the site's buildings and grounds be prioritized. Rockhaven is a place of significance in terms of both women's history and the history of mental health during the early 20th century. It is listed on the California Register of Historical Resources and the National Register of Historic Places. Rockhaven was one of the first private sanitariums in the U.S. created and owned by a woman in order to serve women. For more information, please visit <https://www.friendsofrockhaven.org>.

Please contact City Council representatives today and urge them to stay true to their original intent to preserve Rockhaven and allow public access to this important historical site.

Laurie McFarlane
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pre-recorded lectures and assignments, learning/assessment tools, virtual libraries, exchanges across discussion boards, etc.) are important so that all students can access knowledge with a flexible schedule. Asynchronous lessons allow students to learn material at their own pace, internet problems won't preclude learning, and teachers can put more thought and planning into making instructional materials accessible to students instead of trying to both teach a lesson and monitor technology and students, all at the same time."

Glendale Teachers Association President Taline Arsenian emphasized the need for "parents to educate themselves on what the GUSD and GTA proposed schedules look like." She urged parents to read the [edsurge.com](https://tinyurl.com/y7efje7k) article on what a remote learning school day is (<https://tinyurl.com/y7efje7k>) to understand that more screen time and more video conferencing does not equate to a better learning experience for students.

"Parents can email the GUSD school board and Superintendent Vivian Ekchian to advocate for the GTA proposed elementary and secondary schedules for a safe, sustainable and family-friendly distance learning experience," said Arsenian.

Parent Meline Mailyan addressed the board "on behalf of more than 100 other parents" in support of the GUSD schedule as including "more live instruction and accountability."

"We'll do our part as parents" to support the plan, she said.

The District has shared an update on negotiations including a chart comparing the relevant positions of the parties that can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2lwplay>.

School Superintendent Ekchian detailed plans for opening, commended school staff that has worked throughout the summer to get Glendale's schools "safe and ready," and summarized changes that have been made to prepare for the school year to begin.

Consistent with orders from the governor and legislation passed statewide (AB 77 and SB 98), Glendale schools will reopen in-person utilizing a hybrid model combining in-person and distance learning only after the County is

off the coronavirus monitoring list for 14 days. The earliest Glendale schools could meet this metric is Oct. 16.

For the virtual opening on Aug. 19, the district has purchased more than 10,000 Chromebooks, 1,700-plus portable hotspots for those with intermittent connectivity, 3,000 noise-cancelling headphones, and more than 600 webcams for teachers without adequate technology for teleconferencing.

On campuses, water fountains have been reconfigured to also serve as hand-sanitizing stations; Plexiglas and directional arrows have also been installed. Schools have been disinfected and deep-cleaned; protocols have been developed to ensure sanitary processes are followed once school starts that include daily health checks. Each school has designated a COVID coach to support teachers and staff and families at the school, and a COVID response team is prepared to help with whatever is needed.

"We've never been through a pandemic before," the superintendent reminded.

The hybrid model caps each classroom at no more than 10-12 students with signs on tables and desks to enforce social distancing. The district has hired 35 new teachers, too.

Ekchian commended the District's facilities staff for "working all summer to ensure maximum safety." Regarding the dispute with the union over the proposed schedule, she insisted that "despite miscommunications and misunderstandings, we're very close to agreement."

Teachers are participating in voluntary training webinars starting this week and will be paid to participate in virtual trainings in advance of the start of school. The district plans a "welcome week" beginning with a virtual or drive-thru "red carpet" welcome on the first day.

The schedule for each school is posted on the school's website.

"[I hope] this helps us move from crisis management to thriving," said board member Jennifer Freemon.

Speaking in support of the schedule and the plan presented by the superintendent, Freemon said, "Structure and routine are

necessary and good. Having been a classroom teacher, this is kind of exciting [giving teachers] the flexibility to figure out if full class or small group instruction is best. I'm excited for the start of school."

"There is no perfect plan," board member Shant Sahakian noted, "not during and not after the pandemic. There is no guidebook. This is remarkable work on behalf of the community. Ultimately the schedule provides flexibility and a balance between synchronous and asynchronous learning time. But we need to also keep in mind the parents who did not call in. We must speak for them as well."

Board member Greg Krikorian asked staff to compare Glendale's plan to that of other districts. San Diego teachers have agreed to 180 daily minutes of live teaching time; Burbank, 125 minutes (with a shortened Friday); South Pasadena has secured agreement for real-time teaching for at least 50% of the day. Glendale's schedule assumes 100 minutes per day in live or group teaching.

"Our students need the predictability of a schedule," Krikorian said. "We certainly aren't on the high end. Fifty-four percent of our students receive free or reduced lunches. There are 55 languages and dialects spoken in the district. I don't know where ... these allegations [came from] that we're pitting parents against teachers. In my 30 years I've never heard that. One thing is unique here is the strong community that loves each other."

The district is also utilizing school campuses for "technology learning pods" to provide safe childcare for essential workers and others potentially at risk. More than 1,100 families have already signed up for the free program.

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