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Commendations Issued, Questions Posed at Council Meeting

Resignation of city manager announced.

By Julie BUTCHER

At the start of Tuesday evening's Glendale City Council meeting, two Glendale city employees were recognized for actions they took "above and beyond" that helped save two lives.

City worker Kirk White was returning a container to a house when he was alerted by a dog that a woman had fallen in her backyard. He ran to offer assistance.

The woman's daughter called the next day to thank the city and said that after falling her mom had already been outside for an hour. She credited White with saving her life. Sandy, the dog, helped.

"I'm just blessed and thankful to be at the right place to help someone," White said via Webex at the council

Councilmember Ara Najarian commented that it sounded "like a Lassie moment."

"How did the dog tell you there was trouble?" he asked White.

"Usually Sandy is inside," White explained. "This time she was outside. And she wasn't showing her teeth; she was more like, 'I have something to show you.' I'm just glad that I understood her."

Councilmember Dan Brotman wondered if the dog should also be recognized. "That's pretty remarkable," he observed.

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) water system apprentice Luis Westendorff was working as part of a utility crew on July 30 when he saw a man on the sidewalk choking. A woman was attempting to help but was not successful. Others were filming the incident. Westendorff administered the Heimlich maneuver, successfully dislodging the blockage, saving the man's life.

"Like Kirk [White] said, I'm just glad that I was at the right place at the right time. Also, this emphasizes the importance of the first aid and CPR training we get," Westendorff said.

Councilmember Paula Devine commended him for having the "wherewithal to see something happening and the willingness to help. We're so proud of you."

Both workers received official commendations.

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Back to School in the 'New Normal' Way

By Mary O'KEEFE

Whether in pods or at home, local students returned to school one way or another.

tudents in Glendale Unified School District headed back to school on Wednesday and, like everything during this pandemic, it was not a traditional first day of school.

For GUSD, remote learning is how the majority of students are being taught with many parents nearby; however, for some "pod learning" was part of the first day back.

"It was fun," said Trevor Atwater, a sixth grader at Lincoln Elementary School.

He and his brother Jared attended the first day of school in Pod C. There were a total of three people in their pod. Pods are classrooms that have a greatly reduced number of students; there are only 1,200 students in pods in the school district. They were













Photos by Mary O'KEEFE, School parents and GUSD

All students returned to school this week including Echo Horizon School sixth grade student Everett Stucker, who is hearing impaired so his set up includes all the extra equipment for the deaf, and Jackson Porter, who said his favorite thing about school so far is the hot lunch.

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Fires and How They Affect Air Quality

By Mary O'KEEFE

As of Aug. 18 over 20 fires were burning across the state. The heat, along with the dry vegetation, creates a perfect wildfire recipe.

People in the areas of the Crescenta Valley and Glendale will not be surprised to learn that fires are affecting air quality. Since the wildfires started, the South Coast Air Quality Management District [AQMD] has issued smoke advisories that, as of press time, were to end today, Thursday.

"Overall, meteorological conditions may bring smoke and ash into portions of the San Gabriel Mountains, Santa Clarita Valley and San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County," according to AQMD.

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Photo by Charly SHELTON

Smoke from the Ranch2 Fire can be seen rising behind the entrance to Disneyland.



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Smoke Gets in Your Eyes ... and Hair ... and Lungs

ning to climb but weren't yet unbearable. Little did I know that this was about to change.

A scant few days later I smelled it before I saw it - smoke from the Ranch Fire permeated my house causing me to take a quick look outside. I saw everything bathed in a grotesque orange haze reminiscent of how everything looked during the Station Fire back in 2009. We live north of Foothill Boulevard and during the Station Fire we were evacuated three separate times. That also was when I launched the Crescenta Valley Weekly; in fact, the first issue was actually distributed on Sept. 4, 2009 – a Friday – rather than Thursday, Sept. 3 because there were so many street closures we couldn't deliver the papers on that Thursday.

Thankfully evacuations due to the Ranch Fire don't seem to be in our future though the haze and stink definitely are hanging around.

Then, like a Biblical prophecy, the heat hit record temperatures. We try to keep our thermostat at higher settings, especially at night, and make use of a fan to keep us comfortable while we sleep. Unfortunately, that wasn't possible this week. I awoke a couple of times during the week simply because I was so hot. We had to cave and lower the thermostat so we could sleep through the night. I do not look forward to seeing this month's electric bill.

And, if you remember, we had an earthquake a couple of weeks ago. So far it's been a pandemic, an earthquake, fires and excessive heat. Is pestilence next?

At least students returning to school this week didn't have to endure crowded class-

Like you, just a few days ago I woke up to rooms along with the high temperatures and blue, clear skies. Temperatures were begin- haze. Most are working remotely, which presents an entirely different set of challenges. More than once I've turned to Steve and said how happy I am that we don't have little kids anymore. I don't envy those who do, especially my son and his wife who are coping with a special needs child. My granddaughter cannot sit in front of a television screen to watch "The Muppets" much less a computer screen for distance learning. My heart aches when I think of the social interaction she is missing during these times - something she very much enjoys and benefits from. I am very grateful that there is a support system in place that will allow them to continue working while providing her with the care she needs.

> I also don't envy the tough choices local school administrators have had to make to accommodate students. In addition, I offer encouragement and kudos to those teachers who have had to create remote learning curriculums. These professionals have had to adapt to unprecedented circumstances during uncertain times. Thank you.

> In this week's issue of the CV Weekly I hope you'll enjoy some of the back-to-school (sort of) photos we'll be sharing as well as the informative stories on the current fire and heat conditions written by Mary O'Keefe and Charly Shelton. So grab a cold iced tea and settle in.

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Weather in the Foothills

Nature paints not; In oils, but frescoes the great dome of heaven; With sunsets, and the lovely forms of clouds..."

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Mother Nature is on a rampage! The weather is out of control. There is more going on than just your "typical summer weather." It's the heat; on Tuesday, the temperature in the Crescenta Valley hit 114 degrees (according to a digital thermometer, hung in the shade on the north side of our house). Turning it up a bit, on Sunday Death Valley, California reached a record 130 degrees. Meteorologists and climatologists are referring to its sky-high temperature as being the hottest "reliably recorded." The validity of a record 134 degrees, set in 1913, has always been questioned. Either one is too hot!

The Midwest was ravaged last week by a deadly derecho. Derecho, a Spanish word, translates to straight, referring to the direction a storm is heading. The entire area of the storm must have winds of at least 58 mph and it must produce a swath of damage that is at least 240 miles long. Last week's derecho was estimated to have covered an unprecedented 770 miles with winds reaching 130 mph. Within the system, 20 tornadoes were reported. Derechos are most common in the Midwestern United States but are still fairly rare.

Wildland fires are burning out of control across California. Moving northward along the Baja Peninsula is Genevieve, a Category 4 hurricane. Rapid dissipation is certain as it contacts the cooler Pacific waters, but residual moisture will impact our local weather.

In a 72-hour time period there were about 10,849 lightning strikes in California. Considered an "historic lightning siege" more than 367 new fires were sparked as of yesterday, according to Jeremy Rahn, a spokesman for the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection or Cal Fire.

Have you noticed the colorful sunsets? Unfortunately, the reason is not good; they are a product of the wildfires. As of yesterday, 30 fires were burning throughout the state.

Extremely hot weather conditions continue through the week. Unfortunately, low overnight temperatures are still warm causing windows to be closed and the air conditioning on. A slight and likely unnoticed cooling is expected into the weekend but no matter; valley areas (CV included) will remain exceptionally hot. Compliments of Genevieve, moisture will saturate Southern California. And it's only August!

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IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING PLANNED

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. On the agenda is a discussion on two proposed building projects on Foothill Boulevard as well as other land use issues in the Crescenta Valley.

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CVIM BENEFITS FROM FUNDRAISER

Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music has a dine-out fundraiser at the La Cañada Panda Express at 700 Foothill Blvd. on Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Patrons can enter the code 315295 in the promo code box when ordering online or mention the dine-out if going in person.

COOLING STATIONS OPEN THROUGH FRIDAY

In anticipation of this week's heat wave, the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. will open Griffith Manor Park, 1551 Flower St. as a cooling station through Friday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The City of Glendale encourages those who do not have a cool place to be during the hottest time of the day to come to the facility to cool off. Social distancing protocols will be observed; participants must wear a face covering at all times and will undergo a temperature check prior to entering the facility.

Those who plan to be outdoors should take precautions to protect themselves from the sun and heat.

- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and lightcolored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when outside.
- Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.
- Set air conditioners between 75° and 80°. Those who don't have airconditioning should take a cool shower twice a day.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even if not thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if in the sun.
- Stay in shade whenever working outdoors.
- Don't forget about pets; they need plenty of water and shade.

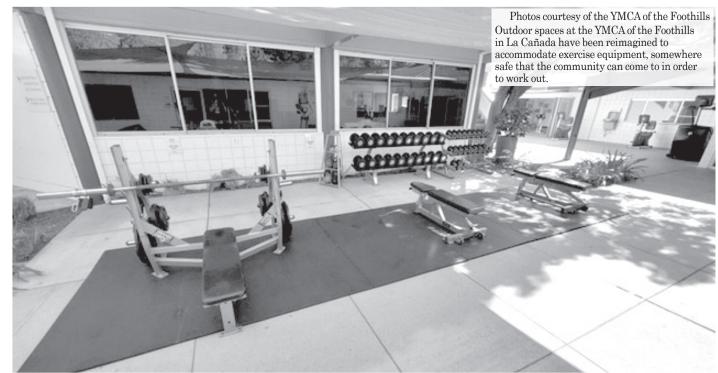
Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps and increased thirst. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention or call 911.

The Community Services & Parks Dept. also has the Cooling Fan Assistance Program available to eligible low-income seniors who live within the boundaries of the City of Glendale.

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YMCA of the Foothills Reopens for Outdoor Activity



By Brandon HENSLEY

ust as the YMCA of the Foothills in La Cañada opened its doors for people to exercise outside, record heat penetrated the Southland. Seems like a cruel trick, but it wouldn't be 2020 without a catch, right?

Nonetheless, the YMCA in La Cañada Flintridge reopened its doors Aug. 12 with safety measures designed to keep members safe while they work on their health. The new procedures include moving the exercise equipment outside, with over 2,000 square feet of outdoor sunshade canopies with 95% UV blocking, according to CEO of the foothills Y Vince Iucalano.

"By creating this physically distanced outdoor fitness option for our members, we have the ability to stay 'open' even when the state/county vacillate between opening certain sectors of the economy while keeping others (like non-profits and gyms) closed for the time being," Iuculano said in an email this week.

He said the Y began research on the outdoor idea in June 2019, long before the mandated shutdown that began in March of this year due to concerns over COVID-19.

Iuculano said the facility was looking to "innovate" and "reimagine" the use of the outdoor space to make it more accessible and programmable.

A week into reopening, and things have gone smoothly.

"From my interactions with people in our community it has been very positive. People are very curious on the concept and how we came to that decision," Iuculano said.

He noted membership visits since Aug. 12 have increased by 39%.

"What we have done to promote a healthy environment while working out at the Y is to meet or exceed all CDC, State of California or County of LA Health Dept. orders/protocols for disinfecting and sanitation of all equipment, program areas and shared spaces," he said.

Members undergo a health screening upon entry and must wear a mask while in the common outdoor spaces while not using heavy exertion in working out. Members also must spray a provided EPA-approved disinfectant and wipe down every piece of equipment they use.

Now that school has started up again, Iuculano said the Y is working with Glendale Unified School District on how to "best fill in gaps on school day care." He said the Crescenta Valley YMCA location has launched an essential school care camp aimed at students transitional kindergarten to eighth grade.

"We have repurposed the CVY to create distance learning pods for students who don't have a 'stay at home' learning option. So far, we have 30 students signed up for this program and it is best described as distance learning during the normal school day and summer camp activities after school from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.," Iuculano said.

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Local Elected Officials Highlight Impact of Mail Delays

By Mary O'KEEFE

Election Day draws near and questions continue about how inperson voting and mail-in-ballots will be handled during this time of pandemic. There have been calls nationally for voters to request a vote-by-mail ballot as soon as possible. Voters in Los Angeles County will automatically be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot, regardless whether or not it is requested. Registered voters should have received a card from the LA Country Registrar's Office asking for address verification. If the address is correct on the card then no other action would need to be taken; if not then a clarification should be made to the Registrar's Office as noted on the card.

Due to COVID-19 there is an expected increase in those who vote by mail. President Trump and his Administration have raised concerns regarding the ability of the U.S. Postal Service to handle the additional numbers of mail-

in ballots. Recently the newlyappointed Postmaster General Louis DeJoy ordered several changes in the USPS across the country that included removing mailboxes and mail sorting equipment from post offices. These decisions concerned officials, and many in the public, as to mail delivery.

Due to the outcry from the public, DeJoy stated there would be a pause in the changes; however, he did not indicate if any of the removed equipment would be replaced.

On Tuesday, Congressman Adam Schiff and State Assemblymember Laura Friedman held a press conference in front of the Burbank Bob Hope Post Office to address these changes and what they might mean for the public.

Although the vote-by-mail issue has dominated discussion in the media, the slowed down delivery of mail due to the changes has implications far beyond November's

Both Schiff and Friedman spoke

of the thousands of people who had contacted them reporting fall-out from the USPS changes that have slowed down delivery of the mail.

"One constituent, Tyler in Hollywood, wrote to me saying 'My medications have been stuck in the USPS system for a month now.' I am not asking for your help as claims have been filed both with Kaiser and the Postal Service; however, if it wasn't for my emergency stash of HIV meds and antidepressants I don't know where I would be. The slow-down of the Postal Service cannot continue. Please keep working as hard as you can to fix this and get the benefits we need to survive this pandemic," Schiff said.

He spoke of a business owner who also contacted him. She has a small business that is 100% reliant on the USPS, but over the weeks packages that she was expecting and those sent to her customers have been delayed. This cost her money as she had to either refund the sale or resend items. These costs are

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These Days, Where's There's Heat, There's Fire



Photo by Charly SHELTON

Firefighters, like those working the Ranch2 Fire in Azusa (smoke seen in this photo) have a list of things they need to do in order to safely fight these types of blazes.

By Charly SHELTON

There have been 5,762 wildfire incidents this year, according to Cal Fire. These fires are responsible for burning an estimated 204,481 acres and damaging or destroying 181 structures including houses. And with fire season already underway, this number will continue to grow as temperatures linger in the 90°s, at least through the end of the month with no rain in sight. Hot weather breeds more fires. But firefighters can't let a little heat prevent them from getting on the front lines of saving lives and property.

"Hydration is the key," said Capt. Ron Hillson, who has spent 28 years with LA County Fire. "Hydrate before you show up [to the fire]."

He added that dealing with high temperatures due to weather is part of the firefighters' training. Running with 50 pounds of gear can be strenuous in even the mildest spring weather, let alone the 100° or above conditions of the last few weeks. This is not something that firefighters take lightly, Hillson said.

Their workouts prepare them to be able to shoulder a pack in even the hottest conditions.

"You can't just show up and go out hiking up mountains," Hillson said. "You have to incorporate exercise, cardio and stretching."

In addition to the workouts and training, firefighters always check weather conditions and, when it is going to be really hot, they do things like minimize their intake of caffeine and sugary beverages. But the most important aspect in fighting fires in hot weather is simple – "Know your limits," Hillson said.

It is up to the incident commander to know the limits of the crews. The crews are rotated and cooling stations are set up to quickly vent heat. Depending on how hot it is, sometimes firefighters have to take off their gear and submerge their hands and arms in ice water for a quicker cool-off.

Whether it's avoiding sugary drinks, hydroloading or an ice bath for the tired arms of an overbaked firefighter, it is just a day in the life of a first responder on the front lines of keeping the public safe.

Tiny Asteroid Buzzes by Earth – the Closest Flyby on Record

An SUV-sized space rock flew past our planet over the weekend and was detected by a NASA-funded asteroid survey as it sped by.

Near Earth Asteroids, or NEAs, pass by Earth planet regularly. The SUV-sized asteroid set the record for coming closer to Earth than any other known NEA: It passed 1,830 miles (2,950 kilometers) above the southern Indian Ocean on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 9:08 p.m. PDT.

At roughly 10 to 20 feet across, asteroid 2020 QG, as it was christened, is very small by asteroid standards. If it had actually been on an impact trajectory, it would likely have become a fireball as it broke up in Earth's atmosphere, which happens several times a year according to a Jet Propulsion Laboratory statement.

By some estimates, there are hundreds of millions of small asteroids the size of 2020 QG, but they are extremely hard to discover until they get very close to Earth. The vast majority of NEAs pass by safely at much greater distances, usually much farther away than the Moon.

"It's really cool to see a small asteroid come by this close because we can see the Earth's gravity dramatically bend its trajectory," said Paul Chodas, director of the Center for Near-Earth Object Studies (CNEOS) at JPL. "Our calculations showed that this asteroid got turned by 45 degrees or so as it swung by our planet."

 $2020~\mathrm{QG}$ traveled at almost

eight miles per second, a little slower than average asteroids, according to Chodas.

2020 QG was first recorded as just a long streak in a widefield camera image taken by the Zwicky Transient Facility. The image was taken six hours after the closest point of approach as the asteroid was heading away from Earth. A sky-scanning survey telescope funded by the National Science Foundation and NASA, the Zwicky Transient Facility is based at Caltech's Palomar Observatory in San Diego County. NASA's Near-Earth Object Observations Program funds data processing for NEO detections.

Asteroid 2020 QG enters the record books as the closest known non-impacting asteroid. Numerous very small asteroids impact the Earth every year, but only a few have actually been detected in space a few hours before impacting Earth.

In 2005, Congress assigned NASA the goal of finding 90% of the near-Earth asteroids that are about 460 feet or larger in size

"It's quite an accomplishment to find these tiny close-in asteroids in the first place because they pass by so fast," Chodas said. "There's typically only a short window of a couple of days before or after close approach when this small of an asteroid is close enough to Earth to be bright enough but not so close that it moves too fast in the sky to be detected by a telescope."

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Fatal Traffic Accident in Tujunga

By Mary O'KEEFE

As a man in his 80s slept in his parked vehicle on Foothill Boulevard near Pinewood Avenue in Tujunga a black BMW driving traveling on Foothill Boulevard at a reported high rate of speed struck his vehicle killing him.

The fatal accident occurred about 1:30 a.m. on Monday.

The driver of the BMW fled the scene but returned and turned himself into police, according to a Los Angeles police spokesman.

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especially difficult to bear after dealing with a loss of income due to COVID-19.

"A veteran named Andy left me a message that said last Thursday at the West LA VA [Veterans Administration] [he] spoke with veterans who had to drive miles to pick up meds at the pharmacy because they had been waiting up to three weeks to get medication after they ordered them," Schiff said.

The veteran added it usually takes five to 10 days to get this medication.

Friedman had also been contacted by hundreds constituents with the same issues concerning the slow-down in the delivery of mail.

She said the slow-down made her angry because people have had to deal with so much due to the pandemic, from remote learning with their children to unemployment and just trying to keep food on the table. This adds to that stress.

Friedman said in the past when there were office or machine repairs needed or USPS office hours had changed there would be notice given to the public including why the changes were happening.

Darcel Cole Valenta, a retired USPS worker, also spoke on Tuesday.

"I worked for the Post Office in Burbank for 32 years," she said. She said how important it was for active and retired USPS workers

to have their voices heard.

"Our motto here at this office was 'every piece, every day," she said, meaning that no letter or package was left undelivered.

"The things the postmaster general put in place have thwarted that," she said.

She rejected the suggestion the USPS would not be able to handle the increased number of vote-by-mail ballots.

"We can handle the election," she said.

Cole Valenta added Burbank has voted by mail in the past, as have other states, both Democratic and Republican, and the USPS has been able to do its

"We deliver your Christmas packages. We deliver your Christmas cards; there is no difference," she said. "The Post Office is a fabric of the United States. We deliver to every address - not just in the cities but in rural America."

Neither Schiff nor Friedman had exact numbers of how many post offices have reduced hours, how many sorting machines were dismantled or how many mailboxes were removed despite calls for that information, according to Friedman.

"Americans in Los Angeles and around the country are experiencing reduced services and delayed delivery because of the operational changes ordered by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, including prohibiting

overtime, decommissioning sorting machines and removing drop boxes. Through its oversight function, Congress will determine how many boxes and sorting machines have been removed from service, and whether any action has been taken to restore them to operation. While the postmaster general recently announced he will be suspending operational changes until after the election, these policies need to be reversed, not just suspended," Schiff said. "On Saturday, the House of Representatives will be returning to Washington to pass the Deliver for America Act, legislation that will require that the services provided by the Postal Service be returned to what they were in January and provide \$25 billion to sustain the Postal Service through the November election and prevent service cutbacks."

Friedman added that despite all her constituents are dealing with their overwhelming focus has recently been on the post

On Tuesday DeJoy released a statement concerning the

"The United States Postal Service will play a critical role this year in delivering election mail for millions of voters across the country. There has been a lot of discussion recently about whether the Postal Service is ready, willing and able to meet this challenge," stated DeJoy.

He added the Postal Service was ready to handle the volume of election mail it will receive. He also stated he is expanding "our current leadership taskforce election mail to enhance our ongoing work and partnership with state and local election officials in jurisdictions throughout the country."

He said that retail hours not change, will processing facilities will not close and "overtime has, and will continue to be, approved as needed." He also stated that the mail processing and equipment

collection boxes will "remain where they are" but did not mention replacing those he had removed.

DeJoy has been scheduled to testify Friday before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security Government Affairs.

Regardless of the changes, the LA County Registrar's Office spokesman Michael Sanchez encouraged voters to return their mail-in ballot as early as possible via mail, vote-by-mail drop box or at any Vote Center. Voting in person will be offered in LA County as well.

CRIME BLOTTER

Aug. 13

4700 block of Viro Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that while he was at home he heard noises at his front door. When he looked through his window he saw an unknown male, described as about 12 years old, wearing a red shirt. The boy was at his front door and took packages that had been delivered. He took the packages and entered a vehicle, described as a gray late model four door SUV. The vehicle then left the area.

The theft occurred at 2:50 p.m.

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported that as he was waiting to pick up food at a restaurant counter another person, described as a white male, 6'4" tall and wearing 200 lbs., brandished a razor blade and began waving it around. The suspect was about 10 feet away from the man. The suspect reportedly was not allowing anyone close to him as he continued to wave the blade. The man stated the suspect appeared angry and was talking but he could not understand what he was saying because he was wearing a mask due to COVID-19.

The suspect left the store and walked toward the west side of the parking lot. Another customer reportedly went to confront the suspect but he kept walking away and eventually went to his vehicle, described as a white Ford van. Another witness, an employee of the store, said the suspect is a "consistent" customer of the restaurant.

The employee approached the suspect, who was standing at the soda machine, and asked if he would like a drink. That is when he took out the razor blade and pointed it in direction of the employee. The employee then asked the suspect to leave.

The incident occurred at

LA County Updates Its COVID-19 Numbers

By Mary O'KEEFE

1.956 new cases of COVID-19. The number of new cases reported included a backlog of 100 test results received from the state and a few hundred cases from a which is citing people in violation lab that delayed reporting.

Backlog cases from the state that track other key indicators, reporting issue.

5,392 and the number of positive cases of COVID-19 to 225,827.

Public Health reported on Aug. 19 the City of Glendale reported 2,823 positive cases of COVID-19, La Cañada Flintridge reported

147 cases, Eagle Rock reported 567 cases, 376 cases in Sunland On Aug. 19 the Los Angeles and 358 cases in Tujunga. In County Dept. of Public Health the unincorporated areas of LA confirmed 61 new deaths and County, Altadena reported 550 cases and La Crescenta/Montrose reported 141 cases.

> Face coverings continue to be required by the City of Glendale, of the face covering requirement.

The Crescenta Valley Skate electronic lab report (ELR) are Park continues to be closed. CVW still anticipated. Data sources has been contacted by residents who are concerned about large including hospitalizations and numbers of skaters at the skate deaths, is not affected by this park. Parks and Recreation officials state they do monitor the The new numbers bring the total skate park and, when they find deaths in Los Angeles County to skaters, tell them to leave. Many of skaters do leave only to return after the official leaves.

> Anyone who has concerns about the skate park can contact the Los Angeles Sheriff's Park Division at (213) 974-8000.

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\$3.5 million for improvements a.m. and 4 a.m. it's 77°." around the city's train station aimed at helping with transit plans for online school opening solutions for the first and this week, Councilmember last miles, those described by Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian Councilmember Najarian as expressed his support for the toughest problems to solve. parents. Najarian is a member of the trips out of Glendale to Union virtually. Station in Los Angeles, Burbank and beyond, Najarian noted City Manager Yasmin Beers that the bulk of the funds will announced her retirement, come from Metro and include effective in October, after 33 "something the bike community years working for the city. Beers has been asking for:" several has been the city manager different types of bicycle since 2018. In 1987, she started lanes. These will include some protected lanes and will be time employee in the Library added on the streets around the Department while going to station. In response to questions school and, over time, held from Councilmember Devine, progressively more responsible city staff affirmed that the lanes positions throughout the city. will be stenciled and painted green for emphasis.

A routine action to destroy obsolete documents piqued Department Deputy Director interest as it included actions to allow for the destruction of Pitchess motion documents, for reimbursable \$500 personal typically used in exploring police protective equipment (PPE) misconduct. City Attorney Mike grants available Garcia explained that those businesses documents are maintained by related expenses. The city will the police department. The also be distributing at upcoming documents at issue in the city drive-thru events four-gallon attorney's office, he said, are containers of hand sanitizer and solely procedural.

Councilmember Brotman reiterated the action.

"So what we're destroying is businesses," she said. just the request for that info and not the underlying information?" He asked that the council Dale Dawson told the CV agendize a future discussion of the city's record retention policy restaurants to utilize parklets "so folks can understand what for outdoor seating is proceeding we keep and why."

Councilmember asked that the city act to to allow outdoor seating to be support the city of Beirut, considered compliant with ADA Lebanon following last week's requirements without the need devastating explosion.

city' relationship with Beirut, to that city. My dad went to more formal response. medical school there and my mom went to nursing school Division is looking at each there," Najarian said. "There's site for accessibility and to not a tourist or official who confirm that restaurants that comes through without stopping apply for these temporary at the [Lebanese restaurant] uses meet current Americans Phoenicia."

hall in the colors of the Lebanese our goal to make sure that the flag and linking donation sites same outdoor dining service and on the city's website.

Najarian asked GWP general manager Steve Zurn about possible black- and brownouts due to the heat and the feasible, restaurant owners can potential advantages of "having apply for temporary sidewalk a locally-based power source - in dining permits in addition to whatever form – at Grayson for the parklet permit to be able times like this."

is exactly what we would within a reasonable distance of address with local sources – an each other and the food service emergency back-up."

combination, starting with an areas that customers find are aging power plant that just difficult to access, we will review can't keep up and transmission the location and ensure that the lines threatened by fire," Zurn appropriate accommodations said. "We tried to buy power, are made to provide equal at exorbitant rates, but could access."

Among a limited bit of council not. Today [Tuesday] was tough business, the council approved [temperatures hit 109°]. At 3

After a caller commented on

"I wish them patience ... lots board of directors of the Los of patience ... the patience of Angeles County Metropolitan Job," he said. "We're going to get Transportation Authority. In through this." He added that his anticipation of increased train son was starting kindergarten

> Since the last council meeting, working for the city as a part-

Reporting to the council on economic recovery measures, Community Development Jennifer Hiramoto announced an Aug. 30 start date to apply to local for COVID-19facemasks free to businesses.

"We're implementing the council's vision supporting local

Montrose Shopping Plaza Association executive director Weekly that the work of local and positive and that Hiramoto Najarian was working with businesses for additional ramping as long as "We may not have a 'sister they were otherwise compliant.

Glendale Public Information but Glendale has many ties Officer Eliza Papazian offered a

"Our Building and Safety with Disabilities Act (ADA) He suggested lighting up city requirements," she stated. "It is experience is accessible to those with disabilities. In a situation where a ramp or platform to street dining (parklets) is not to provide accessible seating Zurn indicated that "this in sufficient numbers located areas being served. That said, "It's a lot of things in if we receive feedback about

Car Chase Ends in La Cañada

By Mary O'KEEFE

Two juveniles were arrested on Sunday after leading law enforcement on a car pursuit along the Foothill (210) Freeway ending on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge.

At about 2:38 p.m. on Sunday, California Highway Patrol -Altadena Office was notified of a pursuit of a gray Nissan Altima reported as stolen. The vehicle was traveling westbound on the 210 Freeway from the City of Arcadia. Altadena area CHP units took over the pursuit aided by an Orange County Sheriff's Dept. airship.

The original pursuit began in Orange County according to a CHP spokesman.

pursuit continued westbound on the 210 in light traffic at speeds between 45 and 100 miles per hour. The Nissan exited and traveled northbound on Lincoln Avenue. The Nissan traversed several surface streets and re-entered and exited the 210 and SR-710 more than once. The pursuit continued eastbound on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge at speeds between 45 and 65 mph. The Nissan turned left, traveling north on Oak Grove Drive and came to a dead end at the entrance to Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The driver made a U-turn and continued southbound on

Oak Grove Drive. When she attempted to turn right onto Foothill Boulevard she lost control of the vehicle and hit a Cadillac, ending the chase.

The female driver and male passenger, both juveniles, were taken into custody without incident.

The investigation is ongoing and charges against both suspects are pending.



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Getting ready to end this ... together!

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Both kids wore their masks and were well aware of COVID-19 restrictions. Wearing coverings is now a natural thing for them. Their mother was grateful though it doesn't replace in-person school - especially not seeing friends although Trevor and Jared have learned to deal with that too.

"We see our friends," Jared said. added.

For others the first day of school started with remote learning at home on Chromebooks.

"It was fine. We had one hourthird grader at La Crescenta Elementary School. "[I saw] most they continue to remote learn. of my friends."

first day was fine but he only knew one kid in his first grade class.

"Most of the kids were on mute the teacher told them to unmute," Ollie said.

The school day was short; in fact, the whole week will be short as used to the new schedules.

Lee and Ollie's mom Anna thought she discovered her kids are now attending a class as part of a

and are staffed by a GUSD staff time held on and off during the day. Then there were headphone issues with one child that she wasn't immediately aware of. Both brothers are in the same room when they are attending class, along with their little brother year. that the district offered this option River who has yet to start school. While having the students on headphones is important to keep classes separate it means parents cannot hear the teachers.

Anna is encouraged that her "It's a virtual connection," Trevor sons will be going to La Crescenta Elementary to pick up books, study guides and other items from their specific teachers. Lee's teacher was able to give him books in March when the school closed and it long Zoom," said Lee Torres, a helped. She is hopeful that any future issues will be worked out as

The district has had time to His brother Ollie also said the review what didn't work in March after the sudden school closures and what they hope will work now.

"It's like building a plane and when they raised their hands while flying it," said Dr. Armina Gharpetian, president of the GUSD board of education.

She said district staff has been working on options of how to students, teachers and parents get return to school since the Los Angeles County Public Health There has been some confusion. ordered school closures in March.

"No district had to face this ... the schedule would be similar to remote learning like this," she Ekchian said. remote learning in March. But said. "Nobody knew what Zoom was [back then]."

It was new to everyone and group, then there is a break for the district administration, staff about an hour and then students and board of education worked break into smaller groups. There with parents, students, teachers

populated on a first come basis are apparently four hours of class and community members as they include hand-washing stations as created a "new normal" way of attending school.

Gharpetian added it took a lot of communication, cooperation must have more staff members and learning from the past in preparation for the new school

"It has been a challenge," said Dr. Vivian Ekchian, GUSD superintendent.

GUSD has made national headlines with its "pod" decision. Ekchian said she knew something had to be done to accommodate working parents.

"I saw the need based on working parents who contacted us," Ekchian said.

The pods were a way to start answering those needs. There were a limited number of pods when the program began and Ekchian said there is a waiting list of students who want to attend school via the

Each pod has a small number of students who are able to safely socially distance. Prior to entering any school, everyone - students or adults - must have their temperatures taken. All must wear face coverings and practice all requirements set in place by LA County Public Health.

"The [students] don't go out of the classroom for their lunches,"

"Food is delivered to their classrooms."

The district cleans and disinfects classrooms and playground equipment often. They have converted the water fountains to

well.

Ekchian said she is hoping to expand the pod program but who agree to work at the school campuses in order to do so.

The pods are also giving the district staff a glimpse into what will work when students are allowed to return to school. There may be a slow return that might include some type of mixed in-person and remote learning protocol.

COVID-19 has affected many things in the district including families who are now struggling after losing their jobs or benefits.

"We are now 54% free and reduced fee meals," Ekchian said of the percentage of students taking part in the free and reduced fee meal program.

On Wednesday Lincoln Elementary students who were not in pods and their parents/ guardians drove by the campus to pick up their schoolbooks and programs. There was a sense of excitement when they saw their principal and school staff.

Getting kids excited for school and creating school spirit is something a group of parents of Crescenta Valley High School senior students are working to create. They began by coming up with a new twist on a school tradition: Senior Sunrise.

"Traditionally, seniors would gather at the [track and] field on the Sunday before the first day of school," said Adrienne Griffin, a mom of a senior this school year.

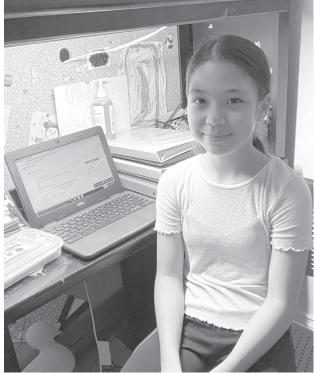
This year, due to COVID-19 and remote learning, Senior Sunrise is not possible. Griffin wanted to do something to excite seniors as they begin the final phase of their K through 12 academic career. She started a Facebook page titled Parents of CVHS Senior Class of 2021. She had a good response from parents who felt the same as she did. The first thing they decided to do was to rethink the Senior Sunrise. The parents worked together and created a mural that included all the names of the senior class. Griffin is an artist by trade and was able to create a sunrise. The idea was to allow seniors to come and take a photo in front of the mural prior to the first day of school.

Lorna Simon, a participating parent, reached out to several places, including CVHS, to find somewhere to hang the mural but had no success. She then contacted the American Legion Post 288, which immediately said yes. The mural is now hung on the side of the north side of the building and can be accessed via the parking lot.

The mural will be up until late Saturday afternoon for any seniors who would like their photo taken next to it.

Any parent of a senior at CVHS who would like to join the parent Facebook group Parents of CVHS Senior Class of 2021 is welcome to do so. The group has a lot of other ideas and plans to support seniors throughout the year.

> To see more photos, visit www. cvweekly/NEWS.



Gemma Yi



Jared and Trevor Atwater



Addie Yi



Wyatt Miller



Reagan Yi



Thalia Miller

Celebrating The Finest

This is the time of year when Crescenta Valley Weekly typically reveals those who earned the coveted title of The Finest.

Simply, The Finest winners are those businesses, people and services that are voted the best. Through hard work, excellent customer service and superior product quality, they have been chosen by readers of Crescenta Valley Weekly as being the best – The Finest – in their field.

CV Weekly usually receives about 10,000 votes; figuring out The Finest is definitely not an easy task. But it's one we undertake with gusto; we live here, too, and are eager to find The Finest place to enjoy patio dining, The Finest doctors, The Finest air conditioning repair people ... among others. We boast over 125 categories to give our readers the chance to offer their opinions on a variety of categories. (Thankfully we don't require every category to be filled out, but we do require at least 10 be submitted for a ballot to be valid.)

Once the winners are determined, our sales staff visits each to give them their certificate and information regarding our annual The Finest party.

The Finest party was held for years at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, a site repeatedly chosen as The Finest Sunset View. Last year it was moved to the courtyard and fellowship hall at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal

Church, an icon of the Crescenta Valley. All the winners were invited to an exclusive party, which over the years has evolved into quite a swanky affair, hosted by CV Weekly. Food was

prepared last year by The Finest caterer Gourmet a go go, party supplies (tables, chairs, linens, etc.) by The Finest Party Rental Store Bonner's Party Rentals and flowers by The Finest Flower Shop Crescenta Valley Florist.

In addition, our sales staff offered the winners the exclusive opportunity to be in our annual publication of The Finest magazine, which showcases the winners. The magazine was inserted into that week's edition of the Crescenta Valley Weekly so our

thousands of readers could learn for themselves those who were voted The Finest.

But COVID-19 put an end to our 2020 plans for The Finest. My thought was how can you vote for a business that is temporarily closed due to state restrictions? Rather than not recognizing any of our local businesses, people and services, I decided to again celebrate the 2019 winners; after all, everyone deserves to know who are The Finest in the area.

I also want to celebrate those who continue working hard to serve the community during these stressful and unprecedented – times. This year, you're all The Finest.

FINEST FOLKS (MEDICAL)

Cardiologist Dr. Eric Lee Chiropractor Dr. Dale Ellwein Dentist Dr. Mark Page Family Doctor Dr. Edmund Lew OB/GYN Dr. Steven Hartford Ophthalmologist Scott W. Beeve, M.D., FACS Orthodontist Dr. Brian Bergh Orthopedist Dr. Stephen Owens Medical Group USCNurse Julie Anderson, RN Dr. Happy N. Khana Pediatrician Pharmacist KB Patel Physical Therapist Kristy Tyler Veterinarian Dr. James Speas

FINEST FOLKS (EXCLUDING MEDICAL)

Accountant Peter Weir Alterations/Tailor Aram's Boutique Attorney Albert Abkarian, Esq. Auto Mechanic Bruce's Automotive, LLC Barber Steve Porretta Caterer Gourmet a go go Community Volunteer Ron Scott Julie Kay Stallcup Dance Instructor Dent Repair All Out Dent Repair Education Principal (tie) Barbara Fariss, Abraham Lincoln Elementary Dr. Scott Anderle, Rosemont Middle School

Education Teacher (Name & School) Yelena Cady, Abraham Lincoln Elementary Will Richards, Current Electric Electrician Faith Leader Scott Peterson Linda Taix-Paccone Fitness Instructor Foothill Construction General Contractor Hair Stylist Jamie Cripe Holistic Specialist Oasis Family Medicine Hypnotherapist Jo McLaughlin Insurance Agent Ted Amorosi IT/Web Specialist Caspian Services, Inc. Music Teacher Ruth Kasckow Cynthia Collins Nutritionist Jonathan DeTuno Personal Trainer Pet Groomer Vivian Waite Pet Sitter Kim Weir Pet Trainer Szashe Rowland, Treat2Train Photographer Andy Kitchen Plumber Foothill Plumbing Police Officer Matt Zakarian Real Estate Agent Phyllis Harb Real Estate Team Marlin Dginguerian & Karineh Amirganian

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Street Performer

Title Agent

Wait Staff Victor Violente Wax Establishment European Wax Center, La Canada-Flintridge Krissy Harb Yoga Instructor

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Music Store Grayson's Tune Town Nail Salon Synergy Nail Bar Non-profit/Philanthropic Group (tie) Prom Plus & VHH Foundation

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Nursery/Garden Store

Party Supply Store Bonner's Party Rentals Pet Hospital/Clinic Montrose Pet Hospital Pet Store Andersen's Pet Shop Pharmacy CVS, Montrose Preschool/Nursery/Day Care Robbin's Nest PreschoolPrinting Shop Copy Network Real Estate Company Dilbeck Real Estate Senior Care Living Foothill Retirement **Shopping Center** Montrose Shopping Park Travel Agency Allure Travel by CTM Vintage Store Ocean View Thrift Yoga Studio Spiritual Heart Yoga

FINEST FOOD AND DRINK

Bakery Berolina Bakery & Pastry Breakfast Jeremy's Coffee Shop BBQ Zeke's Smokehouse Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill Brunch Burger In 'n Out Burger Chinese Restaurant New Moon Cocktail Spot Basin 141 Coffee House Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Delicatessen Schreiner's Fine Sausages Diner/Cafe Jeremy's Coffee Shop Donut Shop Foster's Donuts Frozen Dessert Froyo Life Happy Hour New Moon Indian Restaurant Flavor of India Italian Restaurant Divina Cucina Japanese Restaurant Sakura Korean Restaurant Cho Dang Tofu Mediterranean Rest. Seasoning Alley Mexican Restaurant Joselito's Mexican Food Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill Patio Dining Giuseppe's Pizzeria Montrose Pizza Romantic Restaurant Casa Cordoba Seafood Restaurant Blue Fish Spanish Restaurant Casa Cordoba Sports Bar The Crow's Nest Steakhouse Taylor'sThai Restaurant Cibo Thai

FINEST ENTERTAINMENT

Art Gallery White's Art Gallery Concert Venue Descanso Gardens Hiking Trail Verdugo Mountains -Beaudry Fire Trail Loop Bolton Hall Historical Museum Museum Live Theatre Glendale Center Theatre Library La Crescenta Library Park La Canada Flintridge Memorial Park Sunset View Deukmejian Wilderness Park

VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Augie's Tavern Memories

The Crescenta Valley has had were friends of ours. In fact, Dru Dawe its fair share of little neighborhood bars, sometimes jokingly referred to as "dive bars." Barru, My Place, Intermezzo, Up the Hill, Village Pub, Avignone's ... the list goes on and on. Augie's Tavern was one of these. It was located at 3352 Foothill Blvd., on the southeast corner of Foothill and New York Avenue (CHurchill 8-9948). It was an odd little building, a former real estate office. An old phone booth graced one corner of a tiny parking lot, and an advertising billboard graced the roof. It seems to have opened in the early 1950s, and closed before 1980. A used car lot took

the place, but I was able to collect and convinced all the cute girls in several Facebook posts containing memories of Augie's. Hopefully you'll enjoy these (anonymous) comments:

"I believe Ollie Dawe was the last owner of it and died of a heart attack both his daughters (Dru and Dale)

dated my brother Mark for a while (Bet my money on a bob tailed horse - Dru Dawe, Dru Dawe'). Often La Crescenta Gas Company employees would patronize after work. Had just one pool table as I recall. Remember seeing a jar of pickled pig's feet on the bar. Could be wrong, but think it was strictly a beer bar."

"Great little beer bar, and pool table. Dated the bartender's exgirlfriend and took her there. Next thing I know they are rolling around on the pool table making out and I was watching Hogan's Heroes. 'I know nothing!"

"At one time my brother and his I don't have a definitive history of friend were 'promoters' for Augie's town to drive around with a 'Meet me at Augie's' bumper sticker on their car. It seemed to work and business improved!"

> "I remember Augie's as a teenager. When I was finally 21, I went in there

"I was a regular since I was 18! Shhhhh ... don't tell anyone!"

"During the mid-1950s there was a very popular burger stand, Geno's, just across from Augie's on the north side of Foothill. During slow parts of the day, Geno, the owner, would recruit one of us teenagers to watch the place while he hopped across the street to soak up a couple of cool ones at Augie's. Augie's had at least one very good customer."

"Walking home from Clark Junior High, my friend would open the door and yell, 'Drunks!' As 12 year olds we thought it quite funny and actually the patrons inside did, too."

"A lot of my family members played on their pool leagues. Being younger, I was stuck at home babysitting all

"My mom loved their pickled pig's

"We'd stop there on my way home from Clark Junior High. We'd get a

bottle of coke and a beef stick and continue down the hill snacking after school."

"Played pool tournaments there before I was even 21. Dick was the owner. I remember he had a silver 'vette'. Loved that place."

"They had a good baseball team and cold beer."

"Loved Augie's! Had the best times with knowing everyone! My bro John, sister Tanya and I all hung out there. Paula was bartending."

"Augie's was a standing joke in my house. We always said, 'Where's Dad? Down at Augie's?' My dad was a teetotaler and that's the last place he'd be!"

"John and Gloria sold the bar to another couple. I forgot the couple's name. The guy worked at the Foothill Datsun next door."

"Went there a few times, also the bowling alley."

"My ex spent lots of time there drinking and playing pool with his buddy Dave. It was a dive!"

"I used to play guitar there every week or two back around 1970 or so. Great times and memories about that cool little bar!"

"Augie's! I spent a lot of time and money there! And don't forget 'The Seahorse' up Foothill near Lowell!"

"My dad used to go there every Saturday afternoon. When we asked where he was going, he told us he was going crazy."



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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » LAURA FRIEDMAN

Unemployment, Financial Shortfalls Plague State

We have now entered the sixth month of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has hugely impacted our society and lives; it also altered our work in the legislature. COVID-19 disrupted the halls of Sacramento when several of my colleagues contracted the illness. In response, the Capitol was shut down for weeks to protect the health of staff and the public. Since returning, we have been working at a breakneck pace to continue to fulfill our duties

to the people of our state. We have a lot on our plate, and it is essential we do everything we can to ensure this Federal funding or internal revenue important work is completed.

The legislature is struggling to address issues with unemployment, help our small businesses, secure resources and protective equipment for first responders and essential workers, and provide our schools and students with the tools they need. State revenues are declining leaving us to hope that the federal

government acts by releasing sorely needed stimulus money. generation might be our best chance to stave off devastating budget cuts. But we are now waiting for the federal government. We are exploring each and every idea that might help California.

Among my most pressing concerns as a legislator is the looming rent and mortgage crises. On top of record unemployment in the state,

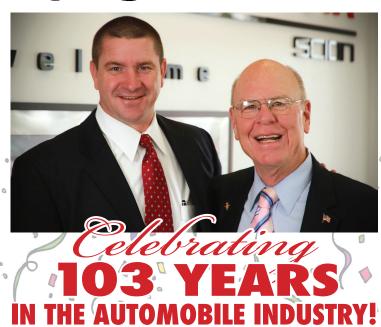
a major increase in our population of unhoused residents would be a crippling blow to our economy and a humanitarian disaster. Over 100,000 Californians are already living on our streets. Countless more are only one missed paycheck or unemployment check away from falling into homelessness. The housing crisis started long before COVID-19 and the pandemic has greatly accelerated its impacts.

Every single day I hear from my

constituents about their struggles to pay their rent or mortgage and, as eviction moratoriums come to an end, I believe the legislature needs to take swift, bold and decisive action to keep Californians in their homes. Earlier this month, I joined a group of my colleagues to introduce AB 1436, legislation that will allow small landlords, homeowners and tenants in financial distress due to the pandemic to temporarily defer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Her Two Cents

I would like to respond to two pieces from the

In the From the Desk of the Publisher Robin wrote that she was ticked off about "Biden's claim that he was choosing as his running mate a woman of color" and did not say that he was picking the most qualified person. Every vice-presidential candidate is chosen to help boost the candidacy of the person running for President, whether to "balance" the ticket geographically or appeal to a different group. Some are well qualified (I think Senator Harris in this category, as have most others) and some are less so (Sarah Palin, for instance). Biden went on to praise Sen. Harris' background and experience. Trump immediately started with the name-calling ("nasty," "disrespectful," "madwoman") as well as latching onto a new "birther" conspiracy theory. I hope we all do our homework prior to voting (as Robin assured her readers she would) to see who would be the best to solve the country's enormous problems with the pandemic, economy, racial justice, health care, status with our allies and just plain empathy.

The second is the letter is by David North entitled "Apologies Go Both Ways." First of all, I am very sorry that he had such a traumatic encounter in your teens. Those young people who attacked you and your friend were criminals and should indeed have been punished and apologized to you. But the Black community is not an entity and neither caused nor condoned this and does not owe you an apology, just as we in the White community did not cause deaths such as those by various White mass shooters (think Las Vegas or the man who killed Blacks at a church). This is quite different from the City of Glendale, which had "laws" on the books (or at least unwritten policies) called Sundown laws, to arrest/harass anyone who was Black who was in the City when the sun went down. Glendale was also the home at various

times to the KKK (including a cross burning) and the Nazi party. [I was a kid during the latter time and saw the hateful literature distributed around Glendale, including in/near schools.] It is fair for the City to look at its past and acknowledge it and figure out ways to apologize and atone for it, perhaps by teaching what went on so it does not happen again.

> Jackie Gish Glendale

Keep the Parklets

Can we at least all agree to keep the parklets along Honolulu Avenue if and when the COVID-19 restrictions are behind us? The extra public space is good for us, and good for business, and we deserve it more than the city deserves a few more parking meters.

Ian Harris La Crescenta

Doing Good - as a Business and Citizen

The Goodwill store on Verdugo Boulevard has been closed because of the pandemic. However, donations were piling up in front of the store causing an unsightly mess and a health hazard.

I contacted the Glendale police and Goodwill Industries to report this hoping one or the other organization would clean it up. However neither organization did.

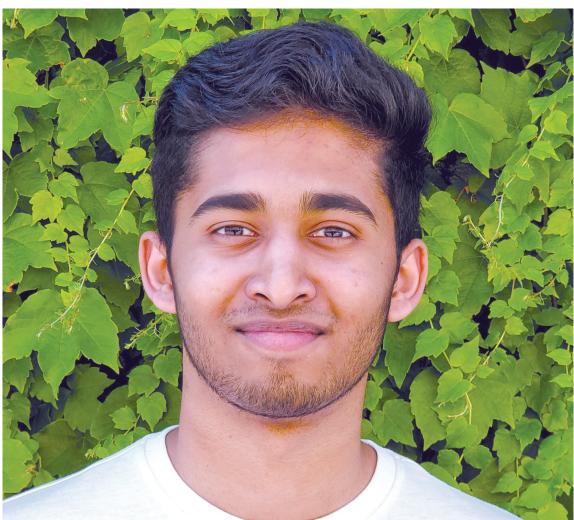
Classy Cuts hair salon is next door and owner Jenny Khachekian and her husband took it upon themselves to remove all the accumulated donations, clean up the area and tape it off, hoping to keep people from leaving more stuff in front of the store.

Big shout out to Jenny for doing the right thing as a citizen and business owner! I love Classy Cuts and Jenny Khachekian!

> Karen Franchot Montrose

YOUTH

Work of Local Graduate Recognized with Milken Scholars Award



By Lori BODNAR, intern

rescenta Valley High School 2020 graduate Rohin Manvi was recently named a recipient of a Milken Scholars award. Manvi was one of 11 students in the greater Los Angeles area to receive the prestigious award.

The Milken Scholars program was founded in 1989 by Mike and Lori Milken to honor and give financial assistance to exceptional students based on academics, community service, leadership, and the ability to overcome obstacles or personal challenges, according the organization's website. The scholarship is open to college-bound high school seniors in the Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and New York City areas. The scholarship includes \$10.000 in cash and mentoring and resources for life, including career-related counseling, assistance in securing internships, opportunities for community service and a fund to assist in the pursuit of any post-undergraduate career goals.

"We're proud to welcome these outstanding young people to the Milken Scholar family," stated Chairman Mike Milken. "At this difficult time for our nation, we know that they – like all the Scholars over the years – will continue working to change the world for the better."

In many ways, Manvi has already done that. He designed a water sensor and WaterNotifier app so that villagers in rural India will know when water will flow into their area. Most of the time, water is turned off in the villages. The days and times when the water flows from the pipes are random.

"Families cannot afford to miss a chance to collect water, leading women and children - like my aunt and grandmother - to resort to watch agonizingly over the pipes. Despite the lengths they go, large portions of water are still lost to the ground before collection," Manvi said. "To alert them and other villagers when the water is supplied, my goal was to develop a completely selfsustainable, affordable and scalable water sensor that could communicate information to thousands of villagers who lack Internet, reliable electricity and smartphones. My company directly impacts over 100,000 lives, saves an estimated 40,000 liters of water, and saves 500,000 man-hours every year."

There were many challenges that Manvi faced during his project.

"Especially in the beginning, when work started to feel like an obligation and growth was still intangible, I questioned why I woke up at 3 a.m. every day to work on this project," he said. "Motivation was scarce when flight expenses restrained me from even seeing the faces of the villagers, and when successful implementation only came after dozens of failures the prospect of repeating the process on a larger scale seemed daunting. The project meant an endless number of design iterations, hiring and training employees, dealing with Indian politics and becoming nearly nocturnal to make video calls to manage operations remotely. I worked on the first design for six months only for local infrastructure to cause it to malfunction."

Despite all the challenges Manvi faced, he was able to install an effective water sensor so villagers in India know when water flows in their area.

Manvi's passion for science, technology, engineering and math [STEM] has set his innovations in motion.

"As I strive to do more," he said, "my love for STEM has been a driving force behind the innovations I've only just begun to implement. Whether I am designing new electrical circuits and software or debating with my advisors over the next step to take, the whole experience has enabled me to realize and express my passion for helping others."

Manvi's original WaterNotifier app won the 2017 Congressional App Challenge for California's 28th District. He serves as a project advisor for CV Enterprises, a software company for CVHS students overseen by the computer science teacher. He also was cocaptain of the CVHS Science Bowl, a CVHS Link Crew leader, a FIRST Robotics Competition team leader, and AP Scholar with Distinction. Manvi was also the only high school student selected to judge Glendale's Tech Week Awards. He teaches practical electrical engineering to students at two schools in rural India, leading classes remotely.

Manvi looks ahead to how the Milken Scholars award will further his goals.

"I will be using the scholarship money to cover my student contribution to attend Stanford," he said. "I will most likely be majoring in computer science. In the future, I would like to start or be a part of a startup company as an entrepreneur."

Another 2020 CVHS graduate, Jiyoun Roh, was also a Milken Scholars award recipient. Her achievements will be shared next





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Hills Rotary Club Helps Local Medical Facilities

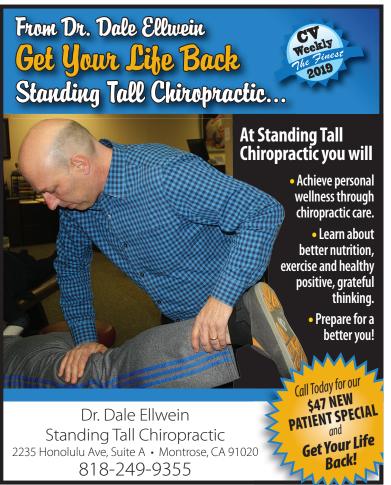




The Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary Club has reached out to local care-giving facilities to help keep medical staffers and their patients a little bit safer.

During this pandemic, masks that are so critical in protecting patients and staff are often in short supply. Working to help fill gaps in the supply chain, the Rotary Club delivered 430 face shields to local medical facilities. Working in partnership with the SunlandTujunga Neighborhood Council, which provided the Rotary Club with a \$480 Neighborhood Purposes Grant, the muchneeded masks were distributed to Oakpark Healthcare Center, High Valley Lodge, New Vista Nursing and Rehab Center and North Valley Nursing Center.

For more information on the Rotary Club, visit https://www. facebook.com/Sunlandrotary/.



Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow | Thursday Club Celebrates 19th Amendment



Members of the La Cañada Thursday Club Debutante Program are dressed in suffragette attire as part of their community service hours to create awareness and spread the message for women to get out and vote. Grace Fontes, Maddie Reinosos and Lauren Gmelich are in front of the club with a suffragette flag. Girls will also be in front of the club on Aug. 26 when the club is lit up to celebrate the 19th Amendment.

commemorate 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the constitutional right to vote, the historic La Cañada Thursday Club, which was founded in 1912, will be illuminated in purple and gold at dusk on Wednesday, Aug. 26 in honor of the "Forward Into Light" campaign.

The official suffragette colors of purple and gold will be lighting up the front of the 1920s clubhouse located at 4440 Woodleigh Lane. An official suffragette flag will also be flying at the club. Elizabeth Knight, the founder of the club, and other early La Cañada Thursday Club members were vocal in their desire of raising awareness about the suffragette movement in the local community. Across America, the campaign will include the lighting of state capitols, skyscrapers, bridges and city halls to celebrate this occasion. Anyone who would like

ThursdayClubanditslonghistory in La Cañada can visit the website www.lacanadathursdayclub.org.

information about the La Cañada

Accolades for Adventist

Adventist Health Glendale has, once again, been independently verified by U.S. News & World Report as one of 2020's Best Hospitals in its annual ranking.

The hospital, celebrating its 115th anniversary, is 12th among the 132 hospitals in the Los Angeles area and 20th in California from among 424 hospitals. These rankings place it, again, in the top 5% of hospitals statewide and the top 10% of LAarea hospitals and further validate its standing as a destination medical center for advanced care; nearly a quarter of all patients come from outside the primary and secondary markets.

These rankings are based on in-depth analyses of clinical outcomes, staffing, technological capabilities, patient safety and patient satisfaction from nearly

5,000 hospitals nationwide.

In addition to the overall ratings, Adventist Health Glendale ranked high performing in the following adult specialties: diabetes & endocrinology, geriatrics, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology & lung surgery and urology.

Finally, Adventist Health Glendale ranked high performing in the following common adult procedures and conditions: colon cancer surgery, COPD and heart

Recognition such as this, the 5-star rating from CMS and the 11th consecutive 'A' grade from The Leapfrog Group, have come as a result of the hospital's ongoing focus on superb patient experiences, continued expansion of advanced technologies like the

structural heart program, and the unwavering commitment to providing safe, quality outcomes for our patients.

"These results recognize our cornerstone as a center for top decile care. This enables us to meet unexpected demands, including the COVID-19 pandemic, with innovation, agility and a singular focus on living our mission to inspire health, wholeness and hope for our patients and our communities," said Alice Issai, president of Adventist Health Glendale. "I'm so proud of our team's dedication in these turbulent times and the work they've been doing to meet the demands of this crisis. It's the same commitment I see in calmer times, which really speaks to what an amazing group of professionals here caring for our patients."

People Makı ews

Jestena Galvan, daughter of Jesse and Jamie Galvan, granddaughter of Jan and Nancy Detanna of La Crescenta, earned a place on the San Diego State University dean's list after completing her junior year. Her major is interdisciplinary studies: psychology, counseling, social work.

Elijah Eigenbrodt, Peter Hovland and Anissa Olona from Glendale, Andrew and Michael Calmette from La Cañada Flintridge and Allison Lombardo from La Crescenta have earned placement on the Gonzaga University dean's list for spring semester 2020. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Gonzaga University is a humanistic, private Catholic

University providing a Jesuit education to more than 7,500 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Washington, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities. Gonzaga offers 75 fields of study, 23 master's degrees, four doctoral degrees in one college and six schools.

——TRAVEL & LEISURE —

Knecht to Perform for Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts

n Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Alexander Knecht will perform works for solo violin by J.S. Bach and Eugène Ysaÿe on a Facebook stream and Youtube.

Alexander Cai Knecht, 29, from Loma Linda, completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree under full scholarship at USC in 2018, where he studied with Bing Wang and Brian Chen. He holds a master's degree from the Juilliard School where he studied with Masao Kawasaki, and bachelors' degrees in violin performance and mathematics from La Sierra University, where he studied with Jason Uyeyama.

In 2018, he became a member of the viola section of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra. During the past year, he has served as a

teaching artist for the Caesura Youth Orchestra at Columbus Elementary School in Glendale. This summer he also represented CYO as a teaching artist in the YOLA At Home Virtual Seminario in collaboration with El Sistema USA. Earlier this year he was invited as a guest violin sectional coach to Glendale High School. Last year he founded a free violin class outreach program at the Los Angeles Chinese Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He has been a mentor teaching strings in the CKC-Music community engagement program in San Bernardino since its founding in 2008, continuing to the present day through Zoom.

Last month he performed in an online celebration of the violin caprices of Sophie-Carmen Eckhardt-Grammaté as part of a celebration of Canada Day hosted by Scott St. John of the Colburn

School. He remains an active teacher and performer online, and is grateful for high-speed Internet.

In past summers he has been a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, the Music Academy of the West, and the Gonggeng Music Festival in Zhejiang Province, China. He comes from a musical family of Chinese, Korean and Caucasian ancestry including three siblings, all of whom play and teach string instruments.

Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating it 12th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

To see upcoming concerts, visit http://glendalenoonconcerts. blogspot.com.

For more information, email glendalesda@gmail.com or call (818) 244-7241.



Dangers of 'Exposing the Past'

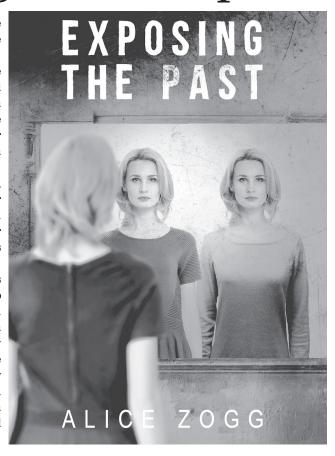
Local author Alice Zogg announces the release of her newest novel, "Exposing the Past."

What do you do when you meet someone who looks just like you? Sherry Rinaldi and her husband were on a vacation on Maui, Hawaii when she happened to see the reflection of another woman in a mirror who had her face. What else did they have in common?

Returning to her home in California, Sherry does a little research even though her husband tells her it might not be a good idea. Despite the warning, she tracks down her look-alike and soon discovers there are things buried in both their lives that are deadly.

A murder from 40 years ago triggers another death as the truth slowly comes to the surface. This will change everybody's life.

Author Alice Zogg was born and raised in Switzerland. She met her husband, a fellow Swiss, in New York City and the two made their home in the United States. The family relocated to Southern California in 1967. La Crescenta has been the author's hometown for over 40 years. She is an avid traveler and plays racquetball and golf.





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THEN & NOW | Augie's Tavern



Then » Augie's Tavern was a typical neighborhood bar, located at 3352 Foothill Blvd. on the southeast corner of New York Avenue and Foothill. Augie's set up shop in a former real estate office sometime in the 1950s and closed before 1980. This photo is from around 1960. Note the old telephone booth.

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » A used car lot, Car City Sales, now sits where Augie's Tavern once was. Car City Sales is a part of La Crescenta's tiny "auto row," consisting of one new car dealership, Bob Smith Toyota, and several used car lots. Thanks goes out to the late Bill Boukidis for the great shot of Augies's!

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Final Publication Date October 29, 2020 Space reservation deadline Mondays at 12:00 PM

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Space reservation deadline Thursdays at 5:00 PM

2021

January

Healthy Living

Publication Date January 21, 2021 Space reservation deadline January 14, 5:00 PM

February

Love is in the Air

Publication Date February 11, 2021 Space reservation deadline February 4, 5:00 PM

March/April

Easter and Passover

Publication Dates March 25 & April 1, 2021 Space reservation deadline March 18 & 25, 5:00 PM

March

Camp special and Spring Break

Publication Dates March 4 & 11, 2021 Space reservation deadline February 25 & March 4, 5:00 PM

May

Moms & Proms

Publication Date May 6, 2021 Space reservation deadline is April 29, 5:00 PM

June

Pet Appreciation

Publication Date June 10, 2021 Space reservation deadline is June 3, 5:00 PM

Graduation 2021 Special Publication Date June 17, 2021 Space reservation deadline is June 10, 5:00 PM

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Support is needed for the Glendale Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash - K.I.D.S. - taking place virtually on Oct. 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This signature fundraiser benefits the philanthropic outreach of the Kiwanis of Glendale and gives participants who "adopt" a duck the chance to win anywhere from \$500 to \$10,000! Adoptions are available for as little as \$5.

Banners are available to promote the duck splash, local residents and businesses. For more information, visit www. cvweekly.com or www.ducks4kids.org.

ART THERAPY FOR CANCER PATIENTS

A program discussing the benefits of art therapy for cancer patients will be given online by the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Julia Cooksey Evans, a two-time cancer survivor, will share her personal experiences and discuss the benefits of art therapy. Online participants will be provided with a free coloring book for the workshop. Participants will provide crayons or markers.

The Cancer Support Community-Pasadena is located at 76 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215 in Pasadena. For more information, call (626) 796-1083 or visit www.cscpasadena. org for more information.

AAUW TO RECOGNIZE SUFFRAGETTES

On Aug. 26, AAUW's Glendale Branch will join AAUW members throughout the United States in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that granted women the right to vote for the first time. This "shout out" will be done virtually due to COVID-19. Many AAUW members will wear purple, gold and white, the colors adopted by the suffragettes during their campaign. Public buildings in some cities will display colored lights to recognize this 100th anniversary.

The AAUW Glendale Branch plans to resume meetings via Zoom in October on the second Saturday when its members will hear a review of the propositions presented by Susan Hallgren, branch public policy chair. Look for details in early October.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities, and meetings, visit https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/.

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.

Through Aug. 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.charityauctionstoday.com/ auctions/showcase-strong-12677.

VIRTUAL DOC TALK LECTURE

The next presentation of the free USC Verdugo Hills Hospital lectures is titled "Your Health is Not on Hold -Safely Resuming Surgery at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital." It focuses on arthritis and joint replacement in the new normal and takes place on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m. via Zoom teleconference. It will be presented by Paul Gilbert, MD and Nathanael Heckmann, MD.

Register at (818) 952-2228 or visit uscvhh.org/doc-talks.

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, Sept. 14 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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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Visualizing your perfect body will help you achieve it. Practice seeing yourself in peak health every day. Your imagination is a powerhouse that can encourage healing and help transform your body to a healthier state. If you need to diet, envision your fit body and you'll get there.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It's time to read about the psychology of health and find out how your thoughts powerfully influence your well-being. If you're willing to release negativity, you'll be filled with energy and you'll experience healing on an inner level. This will translate to the outer level if you make it a regular

₩ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Partnerships are playing a major role You're like a jumping bean, restless in your well-being now. Perhaps your partner is encouraging you to look after yourself better or work out together. your nervous system, such as oily It's possible that you may be looking fish or flax. Vitamin B can also help to after an ailing partner and need some strengthen your nerves and keep you help and support as well as some time out. Whatever you need is there for you now.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your desire to attain a high degree of Take care of your liver, because you fluidity and flexibility may reach new may be in the mood to indulge. If you levels. If you haven't tried yoga or have a lot of social events coming up, tai chi, you may be surprised at how it will help to cut back on fatty foods good they are at helping you regain and stick with the low-fat or nonfat suppleness, especially if you spend a versions. Moderation is key. Mood lot of time sitting. Fencing, dancing, or swings can encourage you to eat the swimming can also help you regain a wrong foods. Be wary of cravings for greater range of movement.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You need to get grounded regularly. If Reflect on your health goals, because you have a tendency to live with your head in the clouds, you could forget to eat properly and neglect symptoms that have been with you for some time. Exercise and gardening are very grounding. Exercise that helps you feel connected to the earth is good for you.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your health continues to be important. The cosmos gives you an opportunity to take stock and decide where you want to go from here. If you're already reasonably fit, you may want to take it to the next level. If you've never been involved in a fitness program, you may want to start. Get feedback from experts and then go for it.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're full of energy and passion, which gives you a leading edge when it comes to looking good and feeling fit. You have plenty of chances to take this a stage further by reassessing your exercise routine and finding ways to increase your workouts. Take time to completely relax as well. Tension may creep in when you least expect it.

⋘ SCORPIO 0ct. 23 - Nov. 21

Think about reorganizing your home so that it reflects your current health goals. If you have a spare room for exercise equipment, decorate it so that you're motivated to work out every day. Make it a fun place to be. Look at your kitchen, too. What do you need in order to prepare healthy meals?

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

and full of energy. It may help to eat foods rich in fatty acids that feed calm in a crisis. A nutrient-rich diet with a few well-chosen supplements will help you stay well.

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

rich foods.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

you may have lost track. The desire to stay in top condition comes down to positive self-esteem. When you feel good, you're naturally drawn to make the best of yourself and look after your body. Think about where you want your health to be in five years. It's time for action.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Listen to your dreams, as they may provide valuable guidance about your current health situation. If you have any health issues, try to see the answer in your dreams. It helps to listen to your intuition. You're powerfully connected to it now. A spiritual discipline like yoga or tai chi will balance your physical, mental, and emotional selves.

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ACROSS

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how intense and angry people get when discussing politics. I do not share my political affiliation or opinions even though I'm constantly asked. I just say I don't discuss politics and leave it at that. Recently, though, a friend told me she was dropping a longtime friend because they don't agree politically. I just listened and didn't respond to her rantings. My thinking is each and every one of us is entitled to their political opinions that shouldn't affect friendships.

What do you think? $\sim Closed\ Book$

Dear Closed Book,

You got a lotta nerve bringing up politics! You're probably one of those people! Don't you realize how crucial this particular election is? America hangs in the balance! How can you be neutral about America!? Sorry. Just kidding. Let me

calm down.

One of the many things I appreciate about this greatest country on God's green earth is freedom – freedom to speak my mind, freedom to be political, freedom to not be political, the freedom to be persuaded or to persuade others. Particularly now, when giving your opinion on one of the controversies of the day can get you "canceled," it's a privilege to be able to speak your mind freely. I've seen this freedom of speech under attack for some time now. It's never been more dangerous to have the wrong opinion. I am regularly censored on social media. Free speech is fleeting. My advice would be to enjoy it while you can.

On the other hand, you have the great freedom of keeping your own counsel. Your political opinions are yours to share or keep. You enjoy one of America's great liberties, to hold your peace. You are free.

Second, while there's been an attack on free speech in America, there has also been a rising tide of intolerance. I fondly remember college days and discussions that would go into the night, thrashing out this idea or that. Those days of dialogue don't exist anymore or at least not like they used to. Antifa now burns Bibles in my old hometown. Moderate Republicans and Democrats are getting harder to find. America has polarized. The same is true with your friends. So it's not surprising that political discussions have become harder. There's a new spirit in America: "If your opinion is different from mine, it's wrong and I don't want to hear it!"

Third, it might be wise to reexamine the idea that differing political opinions should never affect friendships. Friendships are based in large measure by things in common. In a polarized America, the stakes get higher and friendships strain. I can't help but remember the story of a resourceful man named William, the last colonial governor of New Jersey. In the lead up to the Revolutionary War and even during the war, he did everything he could possibly do to thwart the efforts of American independence and his patriotic, America loving father. He was imprisoned more than once, spent eight months in solitary confinement, exiled to New York and then finally sent to England. He never returned to the land of his birth. And he never really made peace with his patriot father, Benjamin Franklin.

Politics. Should they affect friendships? How can they not?



Rev. Jon T. Karn pastorjon@lightonthecorner.org

Dear Closed Book,

These are very hard times for everyone, not just the political divisions which are the worst they've been in my lifetime, but also the pandemic, making most people anxious, nervous and depressed. Since people are on edge, conversations are more volatile than ever. Our parents used to say that we should never talk about sex, religion or politics. We should listen to that good advice but, since the "cat is out of the bag," people feel free to say whatever they want.

I, too, had to drop a longtime friend because she couldn't accept my bi-racial Latina granddaughter who had the nerve to go to that left wing radical university Berkeley! So I blessed her and let her go. I had to draw the line as other people

You are doing the best by not responding. People have the right to have their own opinions but you don't have to engage. If the other person is offending you with their words of wisdom, you also have the right to say, "Let's change the topic."



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wonderful children who are questioning what's happening in the world as far as the COVID-19 and protests are concerned. Janna is 10 and Justin is 12. We've raised them with Christian values and have attended church until the recent shutdown. Our family now

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views services online. Janna and Justin are questioning God's role in the chaos. Actually, we are as well. We have had many discussions and are open to their questions.

Their latest question led us to ask for help: "Does God expect us to figure this out for ourselves?" Thank you for your suggestions.

~ Stumped Parents

Dear Stumped Parents,

These are good questions and ones I'm sure a lot of people are asking. It is a chaotic time. Our faith reminds us that God is in the midst of the chaos. In the beginning, as creation was happening, God was in the midst of the chaotic swirling waters and the howling winds bringing forth order and new

God is still doing that today. In the midst of our chaotic lives and times, God is bringing hope, peace and assurance. We see this most through the actions and words of others, times when we are reassured by beloved family members and friends that it is going to be okay, that hope and love are still very much alive! And God does not expect us to figure this out by ourselves. God gives gifts and talents to each person and we are invited to use these for the common good. So doctors and nurses, teachers and administrators, scientists, community leaders, responders, postal workers, pastors and all those who continue to keep us safe and our communities running are the ones who help us figure this all out. We must trust one another and we must trust the wisdom God has given to each of us, wisdom that says, "All are loved and all are valued."

I'm reminded of the wise words of Mr. Fred Rogers who said, "Look for the helpers." I invite you and your family to look for the helpers in your community and then discern how you might help those around you. When we help each other we realize we are not alone, and we do not have to figure this out all by ourselves.

I will hold your family, and

our community, in my prayers as we journey through this time together. And remember: God is always with us!

Blessings,

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Dear Stumped Parents,

I have found that, over the past five months, the social distancing and isolation practices have brought a severe sense of loneliness to families, especially children. It is no surprise then to have questions about God's presence with us: Are we alone in this? Where is God in the midst of our crisis? Your children are asking questions that echo across the globe.

I think the wisdom of the past see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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can help us see toward a brighter future.

Personally, I keep returning to Israel's exile to Babylon. When a foreign power brutally defeated them, it was assumed that their God was defeated, too. They were absent from their land and faith and worship. In Jeremiah 29, the prophet begins by rejecting the easy answers given by leaders – "We'll be through this in no time!" Instead, God's instruction was to make this new reality a home:

they were going to be here a while. But it wasn't forever. After two or three generations, God would return the people back to their land. It is at this point (after the rejection of easy answers) that God makes the familiar promise: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare, to give you a hopeful future" (Jeremiah 29:11). This experience transformed Israel's perspective. When faced with suffering, God is inclined to be with us rather

than rescue us from it. We want escape; God gives endurance. Does God expect us to figure this out ourselves? I believe that God has given us what we need – scientific expertise, alternative means to worship and bond with others, creative ways to educate at a distance. But we must also be wary of quick fixes, denials and exploitative greed from those in power. One way for children (and adults) to experience God's "with-ness" is a practice of

lament and gratitude. We name what hurts us while also naming what evokes hope. We refuse to see one canceling the other. The joy of God remains with us in our painful experience. To deny it is to deny the very hope we have. Take heart in knowing that this is not the first time that faithful people have questioned God's presence in nationwide suffering. Consider the joy we experience when God's presence is finally found as we continue to

search (Jeremiah 29:13-14).



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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.lcifoothills.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/Lcifoothills/videos and on the church's YouTube Channel.

This Sunday, Aug. 23, Pastor Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon called "What Say You?" then he will lead a time of fellowship on Zoom.

On Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m., Pastor Scott will lead a time of prayer and scripture on Zoom.

The knitting group, Knit Together, meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom.

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are available by contacting the church

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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 familyoriented, 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 ethnics groups.

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

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FIRE from Cover

is "unhealthy for sensitive groups" meaning those who are elderly, children and people with certain conditions heart disease are vulnerable to associated with the fires, were expected to reach "unhealthy" to "very unhealthy" air quality index levels on Wednesday afternoon and evening, stated AQMD.

The fires that are causing mandatory issues for the area are the Lake Fire, which is burning northeast of Castaic in the Angeles National (ANF), and the Holser Fire and is over eight miles to the in Ventura County that is burning west of Santa Clarita south of Highway 138. There near Lake Piru.

The Lake Fire began on the area. Aug. 12. As of Aug. 19 it had burned 25,948 acres and was lands are closed within the webcam imagery and social 6% contained.

"The Lake Fire was active overnight

The level of smoke advisory flying helicopters performed high" to "extreme." This order Ranch2 Fire that has been water drops to slow the spread as the fire burned in steep and inaccessible terrain. Firefighters continue including lung disease and/or to be challenged with high temperatures, critically dry pollutants. In addition, ozone fuels and drought stressed levels, which are not directly trees. Pyrocumulus clouds are expected to form again today [Wednesday] in the afternoon with the potential for dry lightning strikes," according to Rachel Smith, ANF deputy Cal Fire.

> evacuations ordered in nearby neighborhoods to the Lake Fire. The fire started in the ANF near Forest Lake Hughes, is moving north northeast of Interstate 5 and

> > All National Forest System Lake Fire closure area.

The fire danger in the ANF 17-18] has continued to increase. On where the fire jumped a Aug. 1 an order was issued containment line southwest that changed fire danger of Atmore Meadows. Night level in the Forest from "very Advisory

prohibits all campfires within the ANF. No fires of any type, including cooking stoves, lanterns and similar devices that use propane, white gas or similar fuels, are allowed at fire is in several areas of the this time.

"For the safety of our firefighters, we must close this section of the Angeles National Forest for a time," said forest supervisor. "Once full There remain in place containment on the Lake Fire is achieved, the order will give the Burned Area Emergency Response team (BAER) a chance to reduce erosion, flooding and mudslide potential."

The Holser Fire in Ventura County, as of Aug. 18, burned are several road closures in 3,000 acres and was 30% contained.

> Based on satellite imagery, media posts, the Holser and Lake fires produced heavy smoke on Tuesday morning, according to AQMD.

AQMD Another Smoke concerned

burning north of Azusa and Duarte. Although the warning does not include the specific areas of the Crescenta Valley and Glendale smoke from the San Gabriel Valley.

The Ranch2 Fire began in the afternoon of Aug. 13 in the area of San Gabriel Canyon Road and North Ranch Road. As of Aug. 18 it has burned 4,300 acres and is 19% contained.

AQMD advises those in the areas impacted by smoke to limit exposure by remaining windows indoors with and doors closed or to seek alternate shelter, and to avoid vigorous physical activity.

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their rent or mortgage payments until the worst of our public health and economic crisis is over. This is an unprecedented measure, but one that I will be fighting for in Sacramento so that my constituents can go to sleep at night knowing they won't lose their homes due to a crisis that is outside their control. In addition to this measure, I will continue to work on essential housing production legislation to add new units while also providing economic stimulus in the form of community investments and jobs.

The clock is ticking. We have a constitutional deadline to pass legislation by midnight on Aug. 31. While the 2019-20 session will officially end, our work must not. From my perspective, it would be unacceptable for the legislature to adjourn until January and for legislators to return to their districts if critical housing security measures and other COVID-19-related issues have not been resolved. I believe it is crucial that we make sure it is the legislature, not solely the executive branch, that is putting forward solutions to the many challenges we are facing. As legislators, we represent a diversity of districts - collections of communities with unique needs and challenges. While we need to act fast, we must be certain that those actions are effective and beneficial to all the people we were elected to serve. Whether through legislative oversight hearings or a special session called by Governor Newsom, it is imperative that we move forward with our efforts to address the impact of COVID-19 in California and our recovery.

In the meantime, we are continuing to work to connect our constituents with the services they need. Whether it's helping someone break through the backlog at the Employment Development Department to access their benefits or assisting a small business with navigating the regulations to reopen safely, my office is open and I am happy to help. This is a big job with a lot of responsibility and I am grateful every day to have the opportunity to serve my district.

While we continue this work, I'd love to know what you think about my proposal to save homeowners and renters from the impacts of this crisis. What do you think of my suggestion that the governor prepare to call a special session? As always, if you or someone you know requires help or if you have an idea or question, please reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@ Assembly.ca.gov.

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Drop off centers are accepting donations of non-perishable, non-expired goods. Donors are asked *not to* donate chocolate or any other food item that can melt. Thank you.

LOCAL DROP OFF CENTERS



Bags and Grace

Providing immediate relief to those in need.

Ascencia

Needs new clothing with tags still attached, due to COVID can no longer accept used clothing. Gender neutral t-shirts, sweatpants, athletic shorts in sizes Small to Extra Large. To coordinate drop off at Ascencia call Faith Riley (818) 246-7900 ext. 120 or you can drop off clothing at the CV Weekly offices.



The Bailey Center at United Methodist Church of Tujunga

9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Drop offs only on Wednesdays 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

GIVE

BLOOD

email mo5966@sbcglobal.net



Salvation Army

320 W. Windsor Road in Glendale. Financial donations can be made at

glendale.ca.salvationarmy.org

Blood Drive

We have three upcoming blood drives! Our first one is with Huntington Hospital, Thursday, August 27, 2020. To make your reservation for that blood drive

please call (626)676-3035. Our Next ones are: Monday, September 14, 2020 and Thursday, October 15, 2020 with the American Red Cross. To schedule your appointment for those please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: YMCAfoothills.

Please call the CV Weekly with any questions 818 248-2740.



Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church

2700 Montrose Ave. Donations can be accepted every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Wishing you all calm and health!



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629 Camino Grove Ave. Arcadia

This original owner home is a blank canvas just waiting for your personal improvements. A formal entry welcomes family and guests to the large living room. Features of this 4-bedroom two bath pool home include newer double paned windows and hardwood floors. A comfortable family room leads to a pub style bar which opens to the fenced back yard and pool. Conveniently located across the street from Camino Grove Elementary and close to shopping and restaurants. \$1,050,000



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