



FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

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

Like you, just a few days ago I woke up to blue, clear skies. Temperatures were beginning 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-

rooms along with the high temperatures and 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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NEWS

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.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

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.

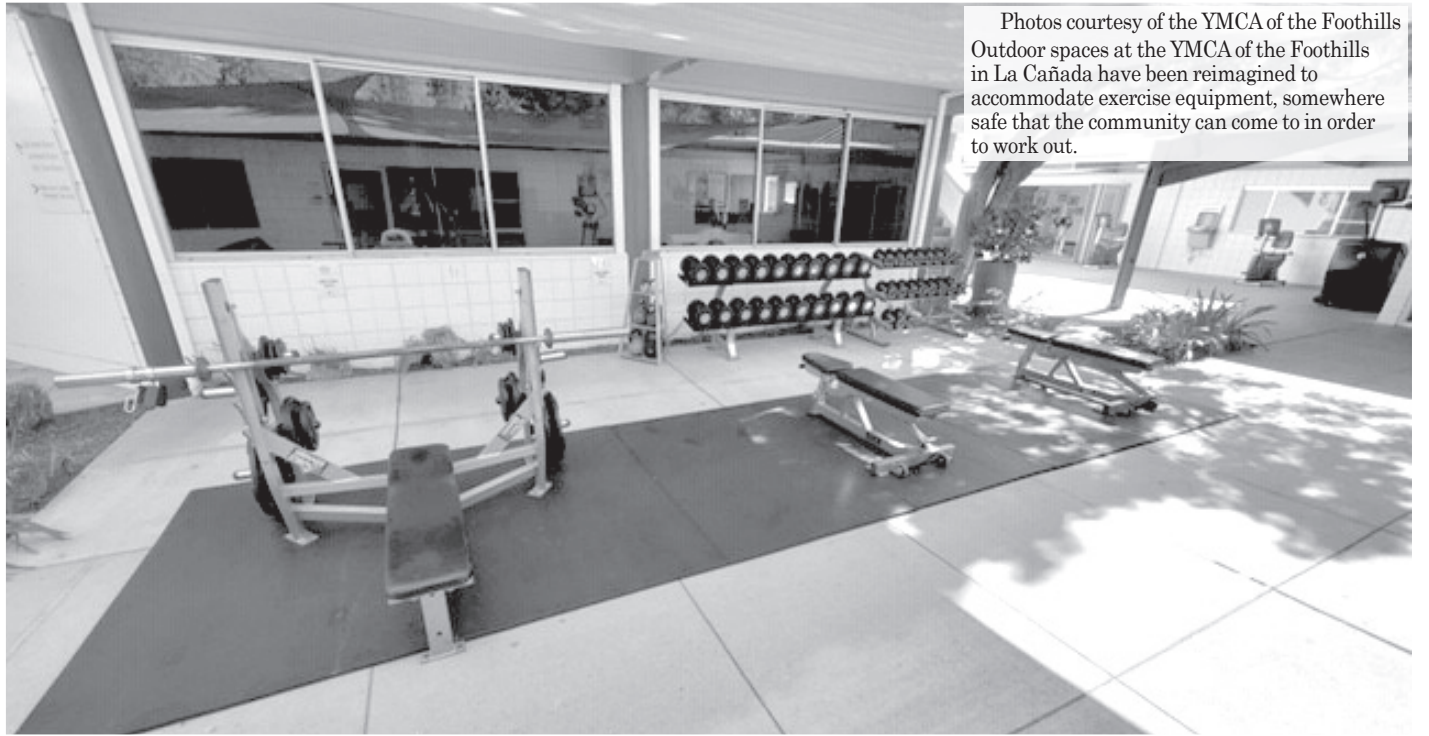
- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when outside.
- Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.
- Set air conditioners between 75° and 80°. Those who don't have air conditioning 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



Photos courtesy of the YMCA of the Foothills. Outdoor spaces at the YMCA of the Foothills in La Cañada have been reimagined to accommodate exercise equipment, somewhere safe that the community can come in order to work out.

By Brandon HENSLEY

Just 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 Iuculano.

"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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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 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 wide-field 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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populated on a first come basis and are staffed by a GUSD staff member.

Both kids wore their masks and were well aware of COVID-19 restrictions. Wearing face coverings is now a natural thing for them. Their mother was grateful that the district offered this option 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. "It's a virtual connection," Trevor added.

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

"It was fine. We had one hour-long Zoom," said Lee Torres, a third grader at La Crescenta Elementary School. "[I saw] most of my friends."

His brother Ollie also said the first day was fine but he only knew one kid in his first grade class.

"Most of the kids were on mute and when they raised their hands the teacher told them to unmute," Ollie said.

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

There has been some confusion. Lee and Ollie's mom Anna thought the schedule would be similar to remote learning in March. But she discovered her kids are now attending a class as part of a group, then there is a break for about an hour and then students break into smaller groups. There

are apparently four hours of class 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 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 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 helped. She is hopeful that any future issues will be worked out as they continue to remote learn.

The district has had time to 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 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 return to school since the Los Angeles County Public Health ordered school closures in March.

"No district had to face this ... remote learning like this," she said. "Nobody knew what Zoom was [back then]."

It was new to everyone and the district administration, staff and board of education worked with parents, students, teachers

and community members as they created a "new normal" way of attending school.

Gharpetian added it took a lot of communication, cooperation and learning from the past in preparation for the new school year.

"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 pods.

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," Ekchian said.

"Food is delivered to their classrooms."

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

include hand-washing stations as well.

Ekchian said she is hoping to expand the pod program but must have more staff members 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.

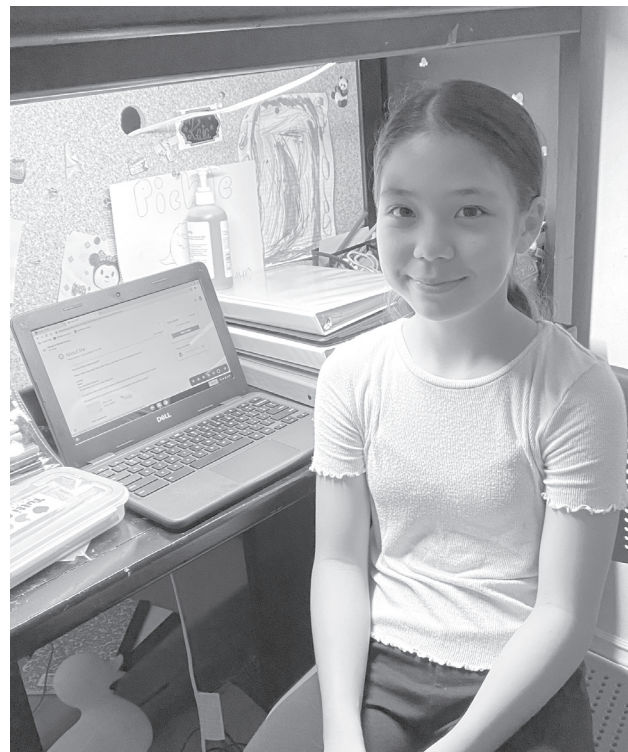
This year, due to COVID-19 and remote learning, Senior Sunrise is not possible. Griffin wanted to do something to excite seniors as they begin the final phase of their K through 12 academic career. She started a Facebook page titled Parents of CVHS Senior Class of 2021. She had a good response from parents 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.com/NEWS.



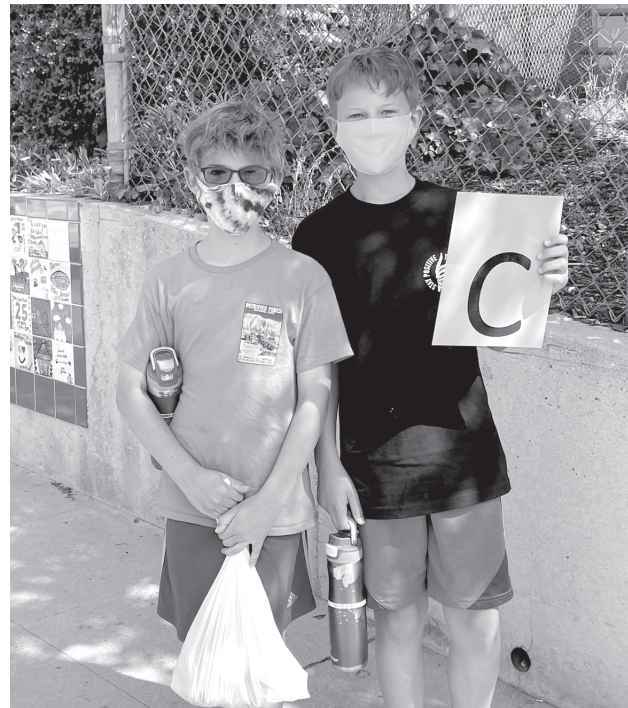
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Celebrating The Finest

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.

CV Weekly Congratulates The Finest of 2019



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YOUTH

Work of Local Graduate Recognized with Milken Scholars Award



By Lori BODNAR, intern

Crecenta 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 to 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 self-sustainable, 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 co-captain 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 week.

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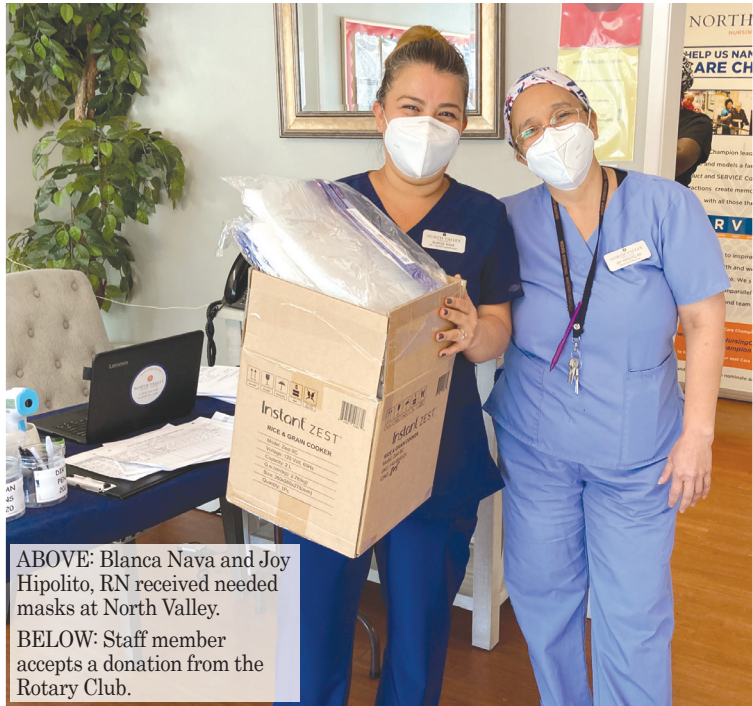
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Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary Club Helps Local Medical Facilities



ABOVE: Blanca Nava and Joy Hipolito, RN received needed masks at North Valley.
BELOW: Staff member accepts a donation from the Rotary Club.



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 Sunland-

Tujunga Neighborhood Council, which provided the Rotary Club with a \$480 Neighborhood Purposes Grant, the much-needed 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/>.

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.

To commemorate the 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 information about the La Cañada Thursday Club and its long history in La Cañada can visit the website www.lacanadathursdayclub.org.

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 LA-area 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 failure.

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 Making News

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.

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.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Knecht to Perform for Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts

On 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 its 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.



Alexander Knecht

Dangers of 'Exposing the Past'

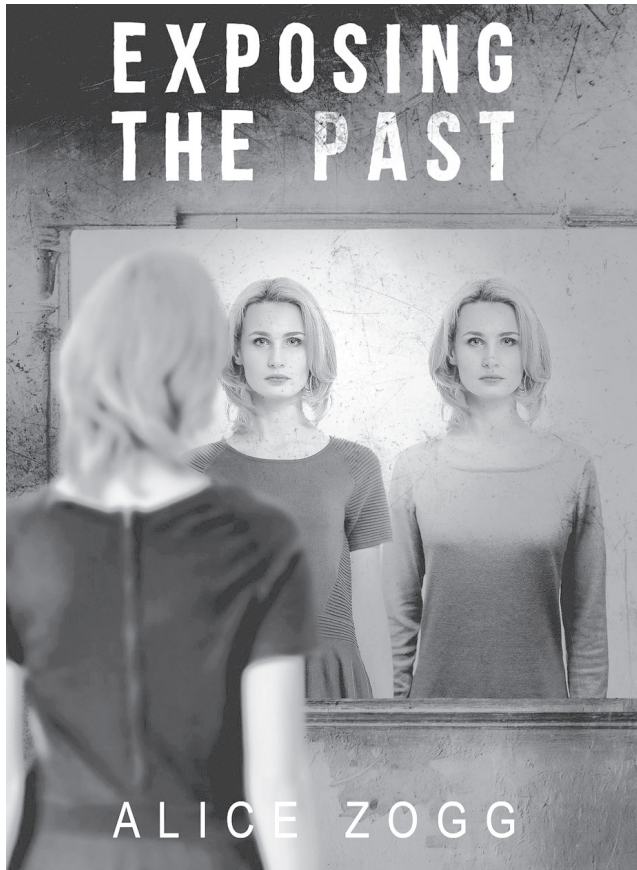
Local author Alice Zogg announces the release of her newest novel, "Exposing the Past."

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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.



Author Alice Zogg

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THEN & NOW | Augie's Tavern

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



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.

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 Augie's!

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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.lcifoohills.org, Facebook page at facebook.com/Lcifoohills/ 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.

Details for all of these events (and more)

are available by contacting the church office.

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

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ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization

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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

The level of smoke advisory is “unhealthy for sensitive groups” meaning those who are elderly, children and people with certain conditions including lung disease and/or heart disease are vulnerable to pollutants. In addition, ozone levels, which are not directly 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 issues for the area are the Lake Fire, which is burning northeast of Castaic in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), and the Holser Fire in Ventura County that is burning west of Santa Clarita near Lake Piru.

The Lake Fire began on Aug. 12. As of Aug. 19 it had burned 25,948 acres and was 6% contained.

“The Lake Fire was active overnight [Aug. 17-18] where the fire jumped a containment line southwest of Atmore Meadows. Night

flying helicopters performed water drops to slow the spread as the fire burned in steep and inaccessible terrain. Firefighters continue to be challenged with high temperatures, critically dry fuels and drought stressed trees. Pyrocumulus clouds are expected to form again today [Wednesday] in the afternoon with the potential for dry lightning strikes,” according to Cal Fire.

There remain in place mandatory evacuations ordered in nearby neighborhoods to the Lake Fire. The fire started in the ANF near Lake Hughes, is moving north and is over eight miles to the northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138. There are several road closures in the area.

All National Forest System lands are closed within the Lake Fire closure area.

The fire danger in the ANF has continued to increase. On Aug. 1 an order was issued that changed fire danger level in the Forest from “very

high” to “extreme.” This order 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 this time.

“For the safety of our firefighters, we must close this section of the Angeles National Forest for a time,” said Rachel Smith, ANF deputy forest supervisor. “Once full 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 3,000 acres and was 30% contained.

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

Another AQMD Smoke Advisory concerned the

Ranch2 Fire that has been burning north of Azusa and Duarte. Although the warning does not include the specific areas of the Crescenta Valley and Glendale smoke from the fire is in several areas of 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.

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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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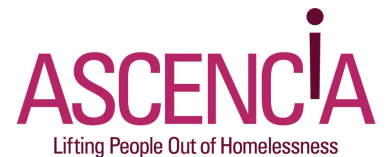
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