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AB 5 Gets a Rework

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By Julie BUTCHER

"The system is rigged against the working poor and middle-class workers. That's the truth. I'm so tired of corporate America. I'm tired of billionaires. I'm tired of income inequality. We are going to have to fight like hell coming out of this to change things. We have no choice," San Diego Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego) who introduced AB 5 in 2019 to help California workers, fashioning the legislation alongside representatives of organized labor to curtail abuses perceived to be caused by the "gig economy."

Signed into law in September 2019 by California Governor Gavin Newsom, effective Jan. 1, 2020, the legislation limits the ability of corporate employers to treat workers as "independent contractors," which curtails benefits that are otherwise offered to company employees.

The new law "will help reduce worker misclassification - workers wrongly classified 'independent contractors' rather than employees, which erodes basic worker protections like the minimum wage, paid sick days and health insurance benefits," Newsom wrote in his signing message.

Under AB 5, Californians are considered employees of a business unless an employer can show the work they perform meets a detailed set of criteria established by a California Supreme Court ruling last year in a case known as "Dynamex." Under those criteria, a worker is defined as an employee if his or her job forms part of a company's core business, if the bosses direct the way the work is done or if the worker has not established an independent trade or business.

According to its proponents, California's bill is arguably the strongest of its kind in the nation, giving the state and cities the right to sue companies over misclassification overriding the arbitration agreements that many businesses use to shield themselves from worker complaints. The new law's supporters point to audits conducted by state employment officials that found almost 500,000 workers were wrongly treated as independent contractors.

Patriot Day Remembered During a Time of Pandemic

By Mary O'KEEFE

COVID-19 has caused many local events to be canceled but the motorcade that acknowledges 9/11 and first responders will go on.

hough the ways events are held have changed - or have been canceled completely - due to the COV-ID-19 pandemic, members of the Crescenta Valley Town Council and Early Rodders did not want to cancel their annual Patriot Day motorcade. Held on Sept. 11, the groups adjusted their event, which has actually made their outreach go even deeper into the community.

Each year over 50 classic cars and hot rods drive through the Crescenta Valley on Sept. 11 in recognition of Patriot Day and first responders. Beginning around 9 a.m., signaled by the playing of the chimes at St. Luke's



of the Mountains, the motorcade, which included fire engines and law enforcement vehicles, would drive past fire stations, the CV Sheriff's Station and Glendale substation in Montrose. In addition, the motorcade would drive past specific loca-

tions like American Legion Post 288 and the Vietnam Memorial in Montrose. In years past the motorcade drove past schools, too, but this year, due to remote learning, select schools only have pod classrooms with a limited number of students

Since 2020 is unlike any other year, some changes had to be implemented to the motorcade while still continuing to recognize Patriot Day and first responders. On Friday,

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» PART II

Rockhaven: Demolition by Neglect?

By Charly SHELTON

Rockhaven. No property in the Crescenta Valley sparks more discussion or controversy over its proper use. Last week, we offered part one of this two-part series on Rockhaven Sanitarium. We shared the history of the property and its current state, specifically that it has fallen into deep disrepair due to an apparent lack of communication and slapdash maintenance efforts. As reported in last week's story, plywood can be seen closing off a breach in the exterior fence, the roof is coming apart while wind-tattered tarps hang down. Joanna Linkchorst, president of the preservation group Friends of Rockhaven, related her interaction with City of Glendale officials who told her \sec GCC on page 15 \blacksquare one area with plywood closing off



the doorway was "not safe" to enter. But Rock haven has the distinctionof being recognized on the National

Register of Historic Places at the state level as a historic district. Under certain circumstances, this

provides owners with protections and benefits while also providing see ROCKHAVEN on page 7



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Big Philanthropic News

Last week, the board of Prom Plus anrole, I handed over the reins of this 25-yearplus organization to Joy McCreary.

only did she attend Crescenta Valley High School, she also attended Prom Plus. She is now a teacher with the LA Unified School District and ran for the Glendale Unified School District board of education. She knows the community and will be a tremendous asset to Prom Plus. I was proud to share with her the involvement in Prom Plus by our community, through donations of time, food, money and working the annual event and various

The PP board also welcomed Jessica Sheen prom at a time. as treasurer. Jessica is a local mom who has worked as an auditor (among other tasks), so she knows numbers! She is replacing Cheryl Davis, who has been on the PP board as treasurer for years and is a volunteer supreme. While on the CV Town Council, Cheryl was instrumental in the Crescenta Valley getting a dog park plus she has worked on the 4th of July fireworks organization and the Christmas Parade Committee ... all this while working full time. I know Cheryl is especially happy in welcoming Jessica onto the PP board.

As Joy grows her board, I'll still be hanging around as the immediate past president. An organization as dynamic as Prom Plus will definitely require a time of transition and I'm proud to be part of that team. Mary O'Keefe will continue working with the student arm of Prom Plus - Prom Plus Club.

The members of Prom Plus Club are some nounced a new president. After decades in the of the best kids around. They are eager to lend a hand, volunteering in a variety of organizations around town. With Mary's guid-Joy is well-known in the community. Not ance, they have identified areas in which they can be of help, even during the pandemic, and are planning to install a Little Library and a Little Food Box. They welcomed Joy warmly when we had a Zoom meeting this week.

I thank everyone who has taken the time to send me a note of congratulations and thanks; it means a lot. And speaking on behalf of Prom Plus, I thank everyone who has supported the organization and look forward to their continue support.

After all, Prom Plus is saving lives ... one

I would be remiss if I didn't mention ... the fires. Holy smoke - literally! Waking up over the Labor Day weekend and seeing the Crescenta Valley bathed in orange smoke was too similar to the Station Fire 11 years ago. And the heat - yowza! I am truly thankful that we didn't suffer any power outages and were able to barricade ourselves indoors with the a/c on. Our dogs were grateful, too.

Prayers are with the firefighters as they continue to battle the blazes across our state.

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Weather in the **Foothills**

"Iced tea is too pure and natural a creation not to have been invented as soon as tea, ice and hot weather crossed paths."

~ John Egerton, American writer

In less than two weeks, the summer of 2020 will be a done deal. The summerlike weather, as in past years, will continue into autumn. Before too long, we'll bring our umbrellas out to welcome the first rain of the season. Until that day, such weather is only a dream or fond memory. Back to reality ...

Labor Day weekend temperatures in many areas exceeded those previously recorded. Besides the obvious discomfort, the intensity of the heat and stupidity of a few ignited disaster. Fires continue to destroy structures and trigger evacuations across the San Gabriel Mountains and adjacent foothill communities; similar scenarios are found across California and throughout the western states.

One area that caught my attention was Colorado. It also endured weather whiplash (a meteorology term). On Monday, as wildfires burned, air temperatures plummeted nearly 60°F and snow fell – a summer winter-like storm. Driving the atmosphere's haywire thermostat was the meeting of low pressure with strong high pressure – only a brief respite.

Areas with low pressure are generally associated with bad weather, i.e. storms. On the other hand, areas with high pressure are typically associated with good weather. In high-pressure areas, low-level air will spread outward, allowing air above to come down. This downward motion warms the air, causing evaporation and clear skies - presently hot temperatures and smoky conditions.

Now, a word from retired JPL climatologist and weather guru Bill Patzert: "September heat waves are not new. But the extreme heat – and the duration of heat waves - is new. Over the last century, the average temperature in Los Angeles over the entire year has increased by about five degrees. But the average temperature for the months of August and September has increased by eight to nine degrees."

Heat waves lasting a few days had once been the norm, he explained. And "now we see one-week heat waves."

Currently the weather forecast is rather complex. Cooler temps are expected but to what degree is in question. According to the NWS in Oxnard, it's tricky to predict how much thickness of the smoke layer will obscure the sun. For the time being, smoke coverage is the most influential factor on non-coastal temperature.

My best guess, leading into next week, calls for average end-of-summer weather... daytime around 90 degrees and nights in the 70s. Iced tea, watermelon – served indoors – and short dog walks (sorry pup!) will see us through...

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



NEWS

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More than 70 EDD Envelopes Delivered to One Address

By Mary O'KEEFE

Tlimflam artist, snake oil salesman, con man – all of these are terms that have been around for centuries although, with the introduction of the Internet, the ability to scam has been increased to unprecedented levels.

An NPR [National Public Radio] 2015 story spoke of A.V. Lamartine, a con man who worked a scam on people from Oregon to Virginia in the mid-1800s. The story goes that Lamartine would check himself into a hotel. He would be notably depressed, almost tearful, and caring people would take notice. When the hotel staff would do a wellness-check they would find Lamartine passed out, or almost passed out, with an empty bottle of laudanum, a tincture of opium. He would "be saved" and people who felt so sorry for this "poor man" would donate money to help get him back on his feet. However, it was discovered that Lamartine would pull this same staged suicide attempt in hotels and towns across the country. He knew exactly how much laudanum to take

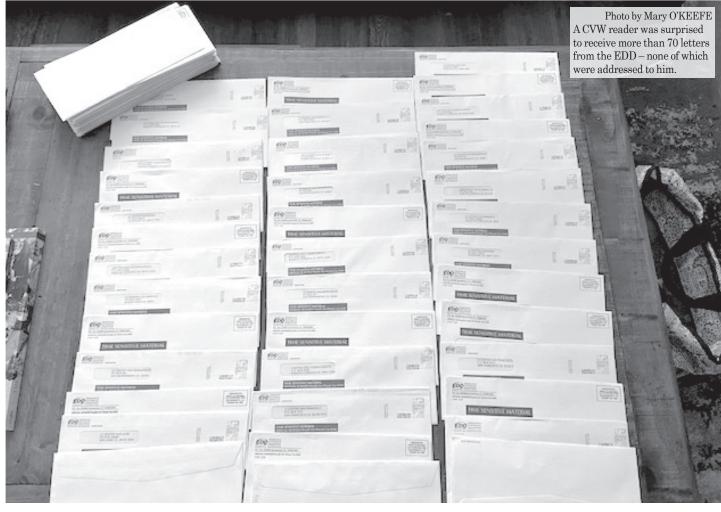
Now with burner phones, emails and social media, predators like Lamartine can easily and quickly reach thousands of people with just one scam.

CVW was contacted by a reader on Wednesday about a scam that appears to be occurring throughout California. The reader, who has asked for anonymity, arrived home to find 78 letters in his mailbox from the Employment Development Department of the State of California (EDD). The letters were all marked "Time Sensitive Material" and were addressed to the reader's address but to 36 different names. Each name had multiple letters addressed to that name.

"I called the police and they said, 'We don't handle this," he said. "It's scary because someone has our address and are using it for this scam."

There have been numerous reports of this type of scam occurring throughout the state.

"It's extraordinarily unfortunate that fraudsters tend to become much more active during emergency situations like the current COVID situation, exploiting the very efforts California and all other states are taking to



issue benefit payments as quickly as possible to workers impacted by this historic pandemic. The EDD's investigation team is aware that people are receiving multiple pieces of EDD mail while asserting they have not filed an unemployment claim. Our investigators are working with local, state, and federal partners in exposing fraudulent schemes at the core of these multiple claims, developing methods to stop and prevent such claims from being paid, and prosecuting the unscrupulous offenders to the fullest extent of the law," stated EDD in an email request about this issue.

EDD has released instructions for people on what to do if they receive multiple items that do not belong to them through the mail or witness other suspicious activity: First, they suggest reporting it immediately to EDD by going to its website and filling out a Fraud Reporting Form; however, the form provided does not cover this particular type of fraud. There is a fraud hotline (800) 229-6297 people can call to make a report but, again, there is not a lot of information available about this particular scam.

People who receive multiple items from EDD that do not belong to them can mail the items back to EDD, P.O. Box 826880, MIC 43, Sacramento, California, or simply write "Return to Sender" on each of the envelopes and give them to the mail carrier.

Receiving the 70-plus envelopes from EDD was disturbing on its own, but it came on the heels of yet another scam attack at the reader's

"Last week we had three [separate] people come and ask why they weren't receiving the dogs they ordered," the reader said.

Neither the reader nor the roommates at the home knew anything about dogs being sold. The people who came to the door all had similar stories of finding a person online who was selling puppies. They contacted the number on the website and arranged to buy the puppy, paying a down payment to the

"One person said he started having doubts when the puppy sellers asked that instead of sending the \$150 deposit to the business send it to his 'cousin's PayPal' account," the reader

According to several reports on both of these types of scams, a common thread was found - many of the residences are recently rented or homes that have been listed as rentals including vacation rentals. This would align with the reader's situation.

Next week CVW will cover more scams and what law enforcement advises people to do to

GRAPE HARVEST AT DEUKMEJIAN

Glendale/La Crescenta, on Saturday morning, Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. to help with the harvest. Please bring a bucket, pruning shears, hat, gloves and water bottle. COVID-19 protocols will apply: mask, six foot distancing.

USC-VHH HOSTING SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION **CONFERENCE**

There will be a two-day virtual conference on Suicide Awareness and Prevention on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is hosted by USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and sponsored by USC-VHH and Matthew Silverman Memorial Foundation. The virtual event is free. To register, go to https://tinyurl.com/ y5jlzl4o or call (818) 790-7100.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Sept. 20. This is a chance for residents to visit the

Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace Time to harvest the Alicante Bouschet grapes and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and at the vineyard. Got to get them before the critters the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your do. Volunteers are asked to come to Deukmeijan camera to capture the morning light and citizen Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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

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

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

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

> For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@

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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

On Sunday, Sept. 13, Pastor Scott Peterson will lead the service with a sermon called "Judgment Blues" then he will lead a time of fellowship on Zoom.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16 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.

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

CV Together Offers Assistance During COVID-19 Era

CV Together, a community outreach of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, is available to help Crescenta Valley residents weather the COVID-19 crisis.

Help is available at no charge to residents needing assistance paying a bill, getting groceries or other necessities, connecting with a counselor to discuss personal or financial concerns, or other services. For more information, contact the CV Together coordinator, Kristy Hicks, at kristyh412@gmail.com or visit lcpc.net/ ministries/cv-together-a-community-care-

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church also offers outdoor worship services featuring live

instrumental music every Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. COVID-safe practices, including social distancing and mask-wearing, are observed.

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

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information about the policies to protect the health and safety of the congregation, visit lcpc. net or call (818) 249-6137.

Walk and Word

Walk and Word on Sunday mornings, a time to discover Scripture while hiking Deukmejian Park, is on hiatus until further notice.

For more information, contact Jean Lavieri at (818) 383-3137 or email jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

Catholics Invited

ICF, the Italian Catholic Federation, is looking for members. ICF is a family-oriented, non-profit fraternal organization dedicated to promoting activities that build faith and family spirit and bring men, women and children of all ages together. The branch members extend an invitation to La Crescenta, Tujunga and Sunland Catholics to join the local ICF branch and share your culture, heritage and religious beliefs. The only prerequisite for joining is being Catholic. Our members are from many 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.

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

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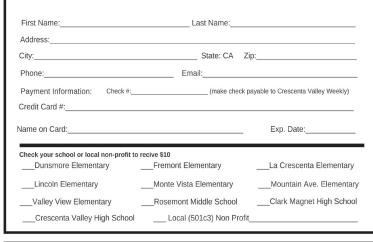
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CRIME BLOTTER

4600 block of Hillard Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a traffichazard. Upon arrival they found a vehicle parked perpendicular on the street. They found the four windows of the vehicle open slightly; the vehicle was in the neutral position with the emergency brake on, a pocketknife with the blade exposed was on the driver's seat, a cellphone was on the floorboard and a bent curtain rod was on the floor of the passenger side. Deputies found the owner of the vehicle who said he had parked the car on the street and normally left the four windows slightly open due to the high temperatures. Other items deputies found in the vehicle did not belong to the owner. Deputies also discovered the key ignition port was damaged and the plastic cover to the key ignition port was on the driver's floorboard.

The incident occurred overnight.

Aug. 31

4500 block of Briggs Avenue in La Crescenta, a person reported

that he had been contacted by [the Employment Development Dept.] via email stating someone had filed for an unemployment claim using his name. He did not give anyone permission to use his information to

The report was made at 7:58 a.m.

2300 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, a man reported discovering that someone had used his PayPal account to make a payment to a credit card but he did not authorize the payment. When he contacted PayPal to report fraud they replied that his claim was denied because the IP address matched the same one he uses for his purchases. He also reported a few days earlier that, while on his computer at his home, he noticed a remote mouse pointer moving around on his computer screen. He said he did not move the mouse; it was unknown who may have gained remote access to his computer. He canceled his credit cards and changed all access codes.

The initial report was made at

Traffic Stop Leads to Loaded Firearm and Drug Sales Arrest

On Saturday, Sept. 5 just before 11 p.m., an officer was patrolling in the area of Glendale Avenue and Lexington Drive when s/he noticed a vehicle driving with a lighting equipment violation.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and, upon approaching the vehicle, could smell a heavy odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The rear passenger window was down and the officer could see an open backpack with what appeared to be marijuana in a large plastic bag. The officer contacted the driver, 22-year-old Angelo Smith of Los Angeles, and the minor passenger regarding the initial violation and the marijuana odor coming from their vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle produced a loaded unregistered firearm, the large plastic bag of marijuana initially observed by the officer along with additional marijuana, several small plastic baggies, a large quantity of what appeared to be ecstasy tablets, xanax and tramadol, a scale and a large amount of cash.

Smith and the juvenile were both arrested and booked for carrying a loaded firearm in public, marijuana sales and possessing a controlled substance for sale. A short while later, the juvenile



was cited and released to a parent.

Due to Los Angeles County's emergency "zerodollar" bail schedule, Smith was also released with a notice to appear in court.

» ELECTIONS 2020

What Voters Will Find on their Ballot

By Mary O'KEEFE

upcoming November election will have a lot for voters to think about from who should lead the country to propositions that can change the lives of many Californians. Although all elections are important, the Nov. 3 elections have an added twist of being conducted during a pandemic.

Like CVW did during the March primary elections, our reporters will work to keep readers informed on what will be on the ballot and what the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office is doing to keep voting safe during COVID-19.

The County's Registrar's website at lavote.net is a good place to find information concerning voteby-mail, polling places and what will be on the November ballot in addition to answering other questions.

There are several measures that will appear on the ballot. CVW will be breaking these down over the next few weeks. This is how the following propositions are listed on lavote.net:

- 14 Authorizes bonds continuing stem cell research.
- Increases funding sources for public schools, community colleges and local government services.
- 16 Allows diversity as a factor in public employment, education and contracting decision.
- Restores right-to-vote after completion of prison term.
- Amends California

orrection

In the Sept. 3 news article "SuperScoopers are Just in Time" the airplanes were incorrectly identified as helicopters.

Constitution to permit 17 year olds to vote in primary and special elections if they will turn 18 by the next general election and be otherwise eligible to vote.

- 20 Restricts parole for certain offenses currently considered to be non-violent. Authorizes felony sentences for certain offenses currently treated only as misdemeanors.
- 21 Expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential property.
- Exempts app-based transportation and delivery companies from providing employee benefits to certain drivers.

- 23-Establishes state requirements for kidney dialysis clinics. Requires on-site medical professional.
- 24 Amends consumer privacy
- 19 Changes certain property tax 25 Referendum on law that replaced money bail with system based on public safety and flight risk.

County/Countywide Measures:

J - Community investment and alternatives to incarceration minimum county budget allocation.

Local Jurisdiction Measures

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safety measure. Next week in addition to the measures CVW will cover local candidates in the Nov. 3 elections.



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Bringing Attention to Postal Predicament

By Mary O'KEEFE

States Postal Service continued Crescenta avenues.

The USPS has been receiving Postmaster General Louis DeJoy testimony. and comments from President mail ballots this November.

After DeJoy's appointment before the U.S. Senate DeJoy and to mail carriers. committed to delivering ballots

are many who do not trust him to do so, especially since a statement A show of support for the United released by USPS and DeJoy did not make a clear commitment to last Thursday with local residents replace or repair the items taken holding signs reading "We Must from the postal service, only "that Protect our USPS" and "Honk the mail processing equipment and for the Post Office" in front of the blue collection boxes will remain USPS office at Honolulu and La where they are," according to a USPS statement.

"He was so rude," said Maggie support from people across O'Rourke, a USPS demonstrator, the country after the hiring of of DeJoy's manner during his

She and others at the post office Donald Trump voicing his concerns shared their disappointment in about the agency's ability to handle DeJoy's attitude toward many of an anticipated increase of vote-by- the senators who were questioning

Madeline Dow was another mailboxes were removed from local demonstrator. She has organized neighborhoods and mail sorting a local get-out-the-vote postcard machines were dismantled across program and felt it was important the country. Although in testimony to show her support to the USPS

It is not just the mail-in ballots and election mail on time, there that she and O'Rourke were We Must PROTECT PLEASE Photo by Mary O'KEEFE Local supporters of the USPS demonstrated outside the Verdugo

concerned about but also how the slowdown of mail has affected delivery across the country, including those who are waiting for medication and Social Security

Dow has been waiting for a delivery that has been stuck in a Kansas City office for two weeks.

"This is not a hoax," Dow said. "It is dangerous."

But beyond the national implication this has become a very local demonstration with those holding up signs not just in support of the USPS (the institution) but also for their personal mail carriers and postal workers, some of whom they have known for years.

"There is a worker at this post office named Kevin that we have known [forever]," Dow said.

During the demonstration many cars honked support as they drove by, and an employee from a local business brought out water for those holding signs.

Dow said of all the things

that have been going on in local politics the need for this type of demonstration has been a surprise.

City post office.

"I never dreamed that I would have to demonstrate to [protect the USPS]," she said.

Her actions, and those of other supporters, did not go unnoticed by postal employees.

"We really appreciate [the supporters] and their appreciation of the post office," said Kevin Marcus, postal employee of the Verdugo City location.

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a reduced number of classic cars and hot rods will be making their way through the Crescenta Valley. There will only be 40 vehicles this year, and although the motorcade will pass by three elementary schools, it will not be driving past any other schools. It has also added USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Adventist Health Glendale to the route.

"We will be honoring the front line workers," said Dwight Sityar, organizer and member of Early Rodders.

In addition to the two hospitals, several nursing/assisted living homes are on the motorcade route. Organizers are aware of

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how isolated the pandemic has made those living in assisted living homes feel and thought this motorcade would be a safe, socially distanced way to add to the residents' day.

The cars will be driving by the front of all locations except for Twelve Oaks Senior Living, where the motorcade will go into the driveway.

"[Early Rodders] did [a motorcade] for Memorial Day and it was such a hit with the residents," said Denise Gotto, executive director at Twelve Oaks Senior Living.

Residents at Twelve Oaks will line up on both sides of the site's

parking area, wearing masks and observing socially distancing rules as they did during Memorial Day; however, this time Gotto has invited the residents' families.

"And our neighbors," she added. All will be required to observe social distancing and face covering

"This time we have gift bags we will hand out to all the drivers as they go by," she added.

Although residents still see each other on occasion, COVID-19 guidelines have limited their interaction. This motorcade adds an excitement, especially since they know what to expect.

"They are even more excited, especially the men who will talk about this for weeks," Gotto said. "It brings back memories for them."

Patriot Day honors the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. It is observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. In Crescenta Valley the day was traditionally recognized with two events, the first was the motorcade that honored first responders and was a way of thanking them for their continued service in keeping the community safe, especially during the wildfire season. The second event was a time to remember those who had lost their lives during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This second event often had speakers who were on the East Coast at the time of the attacks, who had volunteered shortly after Sept. 11 or had lost family members and friends as a result of the terrorism. This year due to COVID-19 the second part of the event has been canceled.

To see maps of where the motorcade will travel, visit www. cvweekly.com/NEWS.



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9:43	MONTROSE SPRINGS RETIREMENT HOME
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9:58	CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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10:20	ALBERTSONS GROCERY STORE
10:25	GLENDALE FIRE STATION #28

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certain restrictions.

The National Register of Historic Places was created with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and falls within the purview of the National Park Service. It is the national official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. This includes sites of national, state or local significance in the areas of history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and/or culture. Being on the National Register at the state level of importance as a historic district covers most of the Rockhaven Sanitarium buildings as well as the gardens in a blanket designation.

According to California State Statute 37361, "[City government] may acquire property for the preservation or development of a historical landmark. The legislative body may also acquire property for development for recreational purposes and for development of facilities in connection therewith."

This is what the City of Glendale did in 2008 when it purchased the Rockhaven site. The City actually saved the property from being demolished by its then-owners, with the intention of finding a development partner to make it a public community space, said Eliza Papazian, public information officer for the City of Glendale.

But after 10 years of ownership and numerous failed attempts with developers to make suitable use of the buildings while preserving their character, "City Council decided to pursue alternative options," Papazian said. Most recently, a development company wanted to use the Rockhaven property as a boutique hotel but this proposal was also left to expire due to the financial infeasibility of the work that needed to be done.

When it purchased the property and stated that it would preserve the resource, the City made a public commitment.

"The Glendale City Council has an obligation to protect the City's resources and remains committed to doing so," Papazian said.

So while the bids go out time and again for developers to work with the site Rockhaven

rots. The roofs fall apart, water seeps in and entire rooms become "not safe" to enter. It might be easier for the City to find a developer to use the land and recoup some financial losses if the historic buildings weren't playing a part in the decision-making process. But due to the protection in place from local laws, outright demolition of the buildings is not allowed.

"Demolition by Neglect means the process in which the owner of a building or structure allows its ongoing deterioration over a period of time as a result of lack of maintenance, failure to secure it from pests or vandals, and/or failure to take reasonable measures to prevent ingress of water or wind through the roof, walls, or apertures, leading to deterioration and/or structural failure constituting a threat to public health and safety," according to the City of Glendale's Municipal Code 15.20.020.

The Glendale Municipal Code specifically references the conditions found at Rockhaven, namely the failure to secure the site and taking measures to prevent ingress of water, leading to a threat to safety. The Code also admonishes these conditions stating in 15.20.120 Duty to Maintain Historic Resources: "Every owner of a designated historic resource shall maintain [the property in a manner that] does not constitute 'demolition by neglect' and prevents deterioration, dilapidation and decay of any portion of such resource."

When asked pointedly about these conditions, which resemble "demolition by neglect," Papazian said, "The City is not deliberately letting the property deteriorate. The City treasures the historical significance of Rockhaven and will continue to uphold it."

Papazian told CV Weekly that access to the site will be secured and the buildings will be re-tarped as necessary before the rainy season. And as of now, "There are no agreements to dispose of the land at this time," Papazian said

To read the first half of this story, visit CVWeekly.com.

LA County Updates Its COVID-19 Numbers

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sept. 8 Los Angeles County Public Health reported 671 new positive cases of COVID-19 and 61 new deaths. The high number of deaths reported is due to a backlog of reports received by Public Health over the weekend. The low number of new positive cases reflects reduced testing due to the excessive heat.

There is a concern that numbers will climb after the recent Labor Day holiday with high temperatures that saw thousands flock to local beaches.

"Just over two weeks after Independence Day, the County experienced increases in cases, hospitalizations and deaths. For example, the seven-day average of daily reported COVID-19 cases around July 4 was about 2,200 cases per day, but two weeks later the number of new cases increased to over 3,100," according to a statement from Public Health. "If you were

potentially exposed to COVID-19 over the holiday weekend, you are encouraged to get tested. For example, if you were in a crowded area this weekend and people were not wearing cloth face coverings, you should get tested. If you were around someone who was feeling sick, you should get tested. And if you were with someone who has tested positive for the virus, even if they never felt sick, you should get tested. Testing sites are open and appointments are available."

Public Health reported on Sept. 8, the City of Glendale had 3,267 positive cases of COVID-19 and 168 deaths, La Cañada Flintridge reported 172 and seven deaths, Eagle Rock reported 622 cases and 20 deaths, Shadow Hills had 57 cases and zero deaths, Sunland has 418 and 28 deaths and Tujunga reported 460 positive cases with 14 deaths. In the unincorporated areas of LA County, Altadena reported 661 positive cases and 13 deaths and La Crescenta/ Montrose reported 177 and two deaths.

Update on the Bobcat Fire

As of Wednesday the Bobcat Fire burned 11,456 acres and is zero percent contained. The fire, which is burning in the Angeles National Forest near Cogswell Dam and West Fork day use area, started just after noon on Sept. 6. It is burning in a heavy vegetation area in steep, remote terrain.

Crews are working dozer lines around the fire and concentrating on the southern and eastern portions of the fire.

On Tuesday night residents close to the fire area, including those in Arcadia, Monrovia and Pasadena, were warned to be ready for evacuations if expected winds sent the fire toward homes.

One of the Bobcat incident commanders $\,$

said, "We survived the wind test." The concerns were the winds would drive the fire south but on Tuesday night they drove the fire to the northeast and away from homes.

"It is pushed northeast, one half mile from Highway 39," said John Clearwater, ANF spokesman.

As of Wednesday there were three water dropping helicopters and one aircraft on the fire along with 401 personnel, 33 engines, nine hand crews and four dozers.

As of Wednesday afternoon there was a Type 1 incident management team, which are assigned to larger fires, and will provide more resources and more capabilities for fighting the fire.



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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

La Crescenta's Connection to the 'I Love Lucy' Show

was a fabulous storyteller and he had a photographic memory of the past. Some of his stories seemed far-fetched and some I frankly doubted. But over the years, many of the stories I thought "tall tales" were borne out as true. He wrote up several of his stories, of which this is one. His stories were as long as they were entertaining, so I'll paraphrase.

The story of the "I Love Lucy" show and her on-screen pregnancy was an interesting one. As many of us know, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez neighborhood grocery store on played a married couple (Lucy and Ricky Ricardo) on the wildly popular sitcom in the mid-'50s. But they were married in real life as well. At that time, any implication out that it used to be a market.) It on TV of sex was strictly forbidden, including pregnancy. When Lucille named Max Mayer. Ball became pregnant during the

This story comes to us from the filming of the show, it was assumed late Charles Bausback. Charles was that she would step away from an institution here in the valley. He filming. But Lucy and Desi were at the height of their popularity, filming "I Love Lucy" in their own studio, Desilu Studios, and they wielded some power. They made the decision to buck the system and make Lucy's pregnancy and birth (Desi Arnez Jr., 1953) part of the show. The boy, called "Little Ricky," was a central part of "I Love Lucy" through the years and was played by various child actors, not the real

> But getting back to La Crescenta There used to be a small Florencita Avenue just below Montrose Avenue. (It's a house today, 2460 Florencita, but last time I checked, you could still make was run in the 1950s by a local guy

Max was a character. For

instance, he ran two telegraph services from the store: Western Union and Postal Telegraph and he kept his "official hats" for each service in the back room. If you wanted to send a Western Union telegraph, he would excuse himself, disappear into the back room and reappear wearing the Western Union hat to take your order.

Now, according to Charles Bausback, in 1953 Max Mayer and his wife gave birth to twin boys on the exact same day, and in the exact same hospital, as Lucille Ball was giving birth to Desi Jr. When the "I Love Lucy" producers came to visit Lucy and Desi Jr., they looked through the window of the nursery, saw Lucy's baby, and right next to him the two Mayer twin boys looking very much like Lucy's baby.

In those days, a child actor was not allowed to be under hot studio lights for very long. Twins were often recruited to play a single child with twins being switched out for one another under the lights. Again, according to Charles, Max Mayer was contacted by the producers to see if his boys could be hired to play Little Ricky and he said yes. The twins, Joe and Mike Mayer, were employed to play Little Ricky for about three years. With the money the Mayers received, Max was able to go to college and finish his degree.

That's Charles' story and he's sticking to it! A quick check of the internet states the Simmons twins were the first Little Ricky, soon replaced by the Mayer twins. They had been spotted at a "twins picnic" and recruited to play the part. They did very well in the role, but after three seasons their parents declined to continue. After that child actor Richard Thibodeaux (stage name Richard Keith) took on the role. The Mayer twins grew up in CV, graduated from Crescenta

Valley High and went on to college. Today they both live in Idaho.

As a historian, it's very hard to separate fact from fiction and, in some cases, not worth the effort. The Mayer twins did play Little Ricky and they were from La Crescenta. On the details, it's Charles versus the Internet. I think I'll go with Charles.



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NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » HARRY LEON

Hot – and Dangerous – Month

It's September, school is in (800) 611-1911; latest information session and life is getting a little back to our new normal; however, heat.

The state's power grid was stressed by record heat across the entire service area over the holiday weekend, currently affecting close to 36,000 Southern California Edison – SCE – customers. SCE is doing everything it can to call in more repair crews to reach all of our community residents. The scope of outages - both actual and proposed - is enormously challenging and the Council is asking for patience from all of our residents.

Remember: If you see a downed power line, always consider it energized. Stay away and call 9-1-1. Crescenta Valley residents and SCE customers can report or inquire about outages by calling

is also available at sce.com/outages. You can also stay informed by with September comes extreme visiting sce.com/staysafe, twitter. com/sce and facebook.com/sce.

> Los Angeles County welcomed the Super Scoopers back from Quebec for the 27th consecutive year to tackle wildfires. With a capacity of up to 1,600 gallons of water, Super Scoopers exceed the capabilities of other fire aircraft. LA County is experiencing high temperatures, dry terrain and gusty winds, so we're glad to have these aircraft here to support our talented firefighters.

> We anticipate fires will begin picking up in the coming weeks, so please be sure to have an evacuation plan in place. In case of an evacuation, bring snacks, water, medication, photo ID, important documents, cellphone and charger.

Also, make sure to clear brush around your house to keep fires at bay. Stay up-to-date on social media during an emergency by visiting the LA County Fire Dept., the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept., and the Red Cross Los Angeles. Visit the fire department's website to read its Ready! Set! Go! wildfire action plan to ensure you're prepared.

Illegal dumping is happening in our community. In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including parts of La Crescenta and Montrose, there is a trash responsibility ordinance that requires residents to dispose of their trash on a weekly basis. You are responsible for any trash that is in front of your home, even if that trash is not something you put there. Bulky items left on the street have become a danger, not just due to their size and

unsanitary conditions, but also because many items are dumped on sidewalks. This is a safety concern for people walking in the neighborhoods. Please take pride in our community and keep it

Another issue that has come up in our community is construction without permits. A home or business is a significant investment for a property owner. Work done without obtaining a required permit is illegal construction. Unpermitted construction can cause problems for current or future property owners. It can also affect resale value. If you would like to report a violation, call 2-1-1. This is a countywide hotline answered 24 hours a day. If you are unsure if you need a permit, check out https://dpw.lacounty.gov/ building-and-safety/permits/.

And lastly, don't forget our monthly CV Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil. com. Election season for the CV Town Council is coming soon. Keep an eye open on our website and Facebook page for more info.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yasmin Beers's Failed Leadership: Glendale Needs an Outside City Manager

A few weeks ago Yasmin Beers nnounced her retirement as Glendale's city manager after less than two-and-a-half years in that job. Serving a part-time Council and rotating mayor, our city manager wields especially enormous power. Ms. Beers leaves Glendale in the midst of a crisis — it is reeling from the pandemic, facing new and significant budget shortfalls and sluggishly grappling with calls for racial and social justice.

Ms. Beers is in her early 50s. Based on current life expectancy data, she may well reap more than \$6,000,000 in retirement salary and benefits, vastly more than if she had retired from her previous position and more than most residents will make in a lifetime of hard work. Under the circumstances, with many Glendale residents out of work and the City coping with

an affordable housing crisis, her decision to abandon Glendale, even leaving aside the tonedeaf announcement and "this decision was so difficult" pablum, is obscene.

I hope that Council will take note of Ms. Beers' decision to take the money and run and do what they failed to do in 2018: conduct a serious outside search and hire someone who can take a fresh - and hard look at this City: someone who can tackle our budget problems, stop allowing GWP to stall on the Grayson Power Plant, and challenge the hideous development that continues to plague Glendale and that is headed straight for Honolulu Avenue, Verdugo Road and Foothill Boulevard, with the blessing of staff; someone who is not eager to stick around a few more years to plump up the pension. Glendale needs someone with vision and experience and intelligence,

interested public service with a keen understanding of how cities do and should work, and not just how we do things in Glendale.

> Catherine Jurca Glendale

Meatball Needs Some Meatballs

It was great seeing Meatball on the front page of the Crescenta Valley Weekly (Aug. 27) and knowing how he is doing. If Meatball is need then the community that put him in the spotlight should step up and supply the guy with meatballs!

As we all send in our donations. we know that Meatball will be in "meatball heaven" eternally.

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> Pat Kerr Tujunga

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Need Help with the Kids? Call the Rescue Sitters!

By Lori BODNAR, intern

or those who've needed childcare while working, even while working from home, the Rescue Sitters are ready to lend a hand. The Rescue Sitters, founded this year by Aleek Tabakian and Grace Hovsepian, babysit kids so that parents can focus on their jobs during the pandemic. They provide free childcare from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. In addition to Tabakian and Hovsepian, the Rescue Sitters include Lilly Boghossian, Solange Meserkhani, Lori Shabazian, Tatiana Tabakian, Aleena Kendrijian and Karine Tandratsyan. The all-girl group attended Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School and are alumnae of Vahan and Anoush Chamlian Armenian School in La Crescenta.

The idea for the Rescue Sitters originated after the girls saw parents struggling to juggle their work life while looking after their kids at home, particularly during remote learning.

"When COVID-19 started, my siblings and I would come every day to my parents' business," said Hovsepian. "We saw a lot of the workers trying to focus on work while having to watch their kids. We then came up with the idea of helping out these parents by babysitting the kids for free. I shared this idea with Aleek and we [approached our] close group of



friends to help these parents."

Tabakian added, "We want to do this to help the community by babysitting for free. We also help the kids with their homework."

Their altruistic outreach will hopefully be around after COVID-19 is just a memory. The Rescue Sitters are planning to continue providing childcare after the pandemic is over. The current group comprises eight 14 and 15 year old girls who are certified in CPR and babysitting.

The Rescue Sitters are a nonprofit organization and every donation they receive is sent to a charity.

"Since we are a non-profit, if we get donations we send them to charities. Since the explosion happened in Lebanon, we have donated to Lebanon. The donations also go to Armenia for COVID-19 supplies or to other charities," said Hovsepian.

The Rescue Sitters are taking precautions to reduce the spread

of COVID-19 when providing childcare.

"We bring masks, hand sanitizers, and gloves when we babysit," said Tabakian. "We sanitize once every 30 minutes and wear gloves the entire time. We also set up Zoom meetings to watch the kids, tutor and entertain them if the parents are not comfortable with people entering their house during the pandemic."

The Rescue Sitters send two of their sitters to the home location for

two hours. The Rescue Sitters try to be outside as much as possible when babysitting in person so the kids can get away from screens and also to reduce the risk exposure to COVID-19.

Parents can contact the Rescue Sitters at Instagram:@rescuesitters and their email rescuesitters20@ gmail.com. The Rescue Sitters are also making a website for their non-profit childcare program and they will add the link to their Instagram once they get the website up.

Local Students Advance in Scholarship Program

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit

Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

Over 90% of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

To learn more, visit www. nationalmerit.org.

From La Cañada Flintridge, the following students advanced to the semifinalist position:

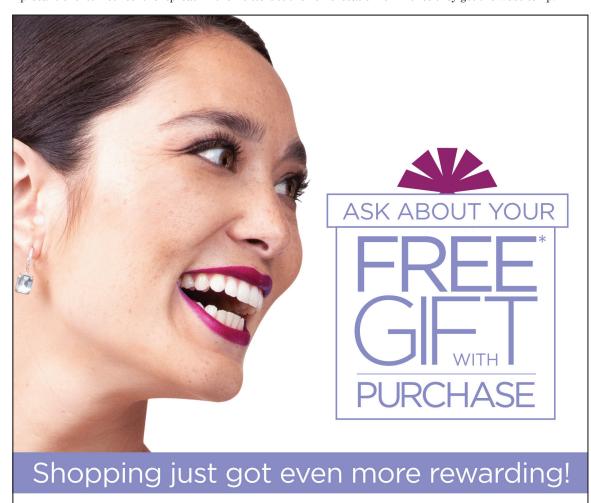
Flintridge Preparatory School: John MacLeod, Rodolf Ruiz, Claire A. Senft.

La Canada High School: Derek Ahn, Ian Baik, Hee Su Chung, Trin J. Chung, Reza Hemmati, Derek L. Jiang, Olivia L. Joung, Chase A. Kerstein, Jordan A. Lay, Nadia L. Lintag, Michael T. Lisano, Ellaney N. Matarese, Cassidy M. Olson, Amelia E. Seropian, Leila R. Thompsky.

From La Crescenta, the following students advanced to the semifinalist position:

Crescenta Valley High School: Anahita Ahmadi, Prashanth S. Bhaskara, Adarsh Chilkunda, Jaya S. Hamkins, Margaret W. Kim, Sarah Nakama.

From Tujunga, Alex Yeghikian of Verdugo Hills High School advanced to the semifinalist



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Trying Something New at Hill Street Café

By Charly SHELTON

This week continues our series spotlighting hometown favorite restaurants adapting to the new normal of COVID-19 life. We head east to La Cañada to Hill Street Café & Bar, a staple in the Crescenta Valley since 1991. Hill Street Café moved off of Hill Street, just a block west, many years ago and into the larger location it currently occupies. After a remodel in 2016, the café barely resembles what it once was. The one constant amidst these changes is that diners can always count on Hill Street Café for a good

Hill Street Café & Bar brought us out for dinner last week to show how they're staying safe operating under the new reopening guidelines during a pandemic. The location at 1004 Foothill Blvd. has plenty of space outside to accommodate the outdoordining-only mandate. The patio is tight on spacing, but Plexiglass dividers between tables keep parties separate and safe. Out in the parking lot area, the former exit lane has been transformed into an al fresco dining space beneath a large white tent and running string lights. Either of these locations makes for pleasant dining in a safe and clean space.

The food has always been, and continues to be, the real draw at Hill Street Café. simple-yet-satisfying salads to exciting dishes from all corners of the globe, Hill Street's extensive menu has something for everyone. And, like most hometown favorite restaurants, many diners have their favorite go-to dishes that they order time and time again. Manager Cesar Valencia says that around 80% of the traffic to the restaurant is regulars and they mostly order their favorites, though he encourages everyone to try something new because the offerings are quite diverse. Case in point, the tequila chicken.

I have been coming to this restaurant since the early 1990s and I have had maybe 10 dishes across the breakfast, lunch and dinner menus during that time. What can I say? I have my regulars. I am learning though through this series of hometown favorite spotlights that I am missing out big time on disparate corners of the menu I don't venture to. One of those oft-overlooked dinners is the tequila chicken, a dish I would not intentionally order from Hill Street Café. But when Valencia recommended it, I tried it. Boy, am I glad he brought this out.

Thin charbroiled chicken breast is plated in a chipotle chile and mushroom cream sauce that has just the right amount of spice. Despite having such a varied menu each dish is prepared to highlight its best features, as though the entire kitchen is focused on just this plate. And the tequila chicken pairs perfectly with the tamarind margarita, a seasonal cocktail for the summer that has been so popular that it will stick around on the menu for a while. The sweet tamarind meets the spicy Tajin-rimmed glass with just the right amount of heat, the same as the hearty mushroom meets the spicy chipotle chile in the tequila chicken.

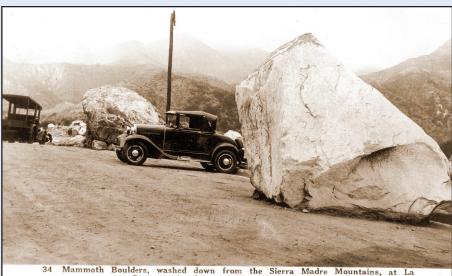
Post-COVID conditions have not impacted Hill Street Café to the point of changing what the restaurant has always been — good food, good service and good atmosphere. This is a real down-home restaurant that the town loves and whether it's inside the restaurant or out in the tent in the parking lot, it's always comforting to head back to Hill Street Café.







THEN & NOW | Big Rock



Then » During the New Year's Flood of 1934 this gigantic rock tumbled down out of Dunsmore Canyon. It stopped on the pavement of New York Avenue way up at the top where it intersects with Markridge Road. It was one of the most photographed stops for looky-loos touring the devastated valley. They parked their cars next to it, posed in front of it and even climbed on top for photos.

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » There were several giant rocks left by the flood on the streets of CV. During cleanup, they were pushed to the side of the road and forgotten. A sharp-eyed walker spotted this fence and cutout in the sidewalk at the intersection of New York and Markridge. There lies the giant rock! The rock shows evidence of jack-hammering to fit the sidewalk around it.

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Artist Daval Presents Spindles 100: Hers



The community is invited to see artist Valerie Daval's art installation "Spindles 100: Hers" at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station, 1020 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale. The art installation continues to be on view through Oct. 3.

"Spindles 100: Hers" is an installation involving 100 suspended textile sculptures. The tree-pod sculptures symbolize life and time as well as exclusively feminine work made by hand. The handprints are both universal and individual and demonstrate memories of touch and the

collective unconscious. The installation is essentially about nature, women, community of women, empathy, life, blood, work, courage, pain and compassion.

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

The mission of the Glendale Arts and Culture

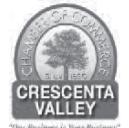
Commission is to enrich the human experience, reinforce Glendale's identity and civic pride through arts and culture, and to recognize the importance of arts to our quality of life and to the local economy. This is accomplished by consciously integrating arts and culture into the daily life of the people of Glendale through urban design, planning, economic development, and education. For more information about Glendale Arts Culture Commission website: https://www. glendaleartsandculture.org/.



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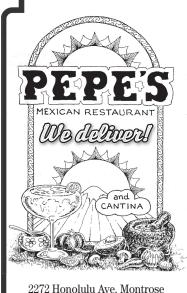
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continues Friday and Saturday each day starting at 10 a.m. and continuing to 2 p.m. All the rules of social distancing and masks will be followed.

The Christmas sale is always exciting with many Christmas

lights on display in the main building plus the Thrift Alley offers plenty of treasures. Thrift Alley is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, and is located at 314 Harvard in Glendale. Submitted by Danette ERICKSON

S.H. Ho Foundation Donates Funds to Support Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital's COVID-19 Relief Fund



When the COVID-19 pandemic first appeared in the Los Angeles area in March, Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) took appropriate steps to prepare for the potential influx of patients. Hospitals incurred significant expenses to sustain staffing, build surge capacity and secure equipment, while canceling most of its scheduled

Photo provided by GMHHC Pictured from left are David Ho, Governor, S.H. Ho Foundation, Jill Welton, GMHHC president, and Dan Murphy, vice president of philanthropy, Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Buyer Brokerage Agreement

Dear Phyllis,

I contacted a well-known La Crescenta Realtor® last week to see a home that has been on the market for almost a month. This Realtor® said we would need to sign COVID disclosures to view the home. The agent went on to say that he would also include a Buyer Brokerage Agreement. I wasn't sure what that was, and he really didn't explain it. We made an appointment for later in the week and the forms were put in DocuSign. The Realtor called the day before the appointment to reconfirm and remind us of the forms in DocuSign.

When my husband looked at the Buyer Brokerage Agreement, he was very confused because we contacted the seller's agent. Basically, this agreement stated that we had to use the seller's agent if we went ahead and purchased this home. This was never our intent as we have our own Realtor®. When my husband called the seller's agent, he told us that our agent could show us the home if we didn't want to be locked into using him. But he was clear that he

would not show us the home if we didn't sign the agreement. I would think that with this home being on the market for nearly a month, the seller and their agent would want it sold. We haven't bought a home in a long time, but isn't the seller's agent's job to show their listing? Confused

Dear Confused,

With COVID everything is different. There are disclosures that must be signed electronically prior to viewing a home. Realtors® are not allowed to exchange paper at showings and meetings. Unnecessary showings are discouraged, and most sellers are requiring preapproval letters prior to entry.

If you are considering the purchase of a home, why wouldn't you want the Realtor® you know and trust to see it? Wouldn't you want your Realtor's opinion as to what price to offer? Their opinion on condition, future resale, etc.? How else can they offer you this guidance without seeing the home?

As open houses are no longer allowed,

listing agents (the seller's agent) have taken on the responsibility of many more individual showings. Showings are regulated to just one group at a time. Showings are now in blocks of time. It's fairly complex. I use something similar to what a hairdresser uses to schedule appointments. Whether you believe in masks or not, Realtors® are required to wear them for showings and we can all agree they are uncomfortable. In addition, we need to ensure that our clients have a safe way (gloves or wipes) to open doors when needed. Most of us have loved ones we want to keep safe, too and we are all trying to limit our exposure.

If you have a real estate agent who expects to get paid to represent you in a sale, they should represent you in all aspects. This means, they should begin with the most basic aspect of our job description: showing you property. That's a basic part of a Realtors® job description.

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Knowing how critical its philanthropy efforts during the pandemic would be, Glendale Memorial Health Foundation created the Emergency Response/COVID-19 Fund. This fund provides for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other necessary resources to support the hospital and community during this difficult time.

"Receiving \$100,000 $_{
m this}$ charitable donation the S.H. Ho Foundation is a reminder that Glendale Memorial Hospital has more than the support of our private Foundation, it has the support of our whole community," stated Jill Welton, GMHHC president.

David Ho, governor of the S.H. Ho Foundation added, "The Ho Foundation is proud to continue our support of Glendale Memorial. We are extremely grateful for their amazing caregivers who are here for us in our community during these challenging times. As Sandra Day O'Connor said, 'Be grateful and show it.' This gift is a gift of

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

VIRTUAL DOC TALK LECTURE

The next presentation of the free USC Verdugo Hills Hospital lectures, in partnership with YMCA of the Foothills, is titled "10 Things to Know Before a Visit to the ER" on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m.

This lecture series presents a variety of health-related topics to community members throughout the year. In compliance with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, lectures are presented via Zoom teleconference.

Note: RSVP is required. Please provide an email address when RSVPing to receive the Zoom teleconference link. Use the online form or call (818) 952-2228 to register or visit uscvhh.org/doc-

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.

LA CANCER CHALLENGE 5K WALK/RUN

Registration for the 23rd LA Cancer Challenge 5K Walk/Run on Oct. 25 is open. The goal is to unite generations, young and old, through physical fitness to create public awareness and raise muchneeded funds for pancreatic cancer research. Pancreatic cancer patients continue being diagnosed every

When participants register as a LACC virtual walker/runner, they'll be participating in a nationwide awareness event that can be completed any place and at any pace of their choosing.

Adult virtual registration is \$40 and includes a long sleeve event T-shirt, "Never Give Up" facemask, downloadable running bib and finishers medal. Youth (11 and under) virtual registration is \$25 and includes a kids event T-shirt, downloadable running bib and finishers medal.

See more at www. LACancerChallenge.com.

HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com August 31, 2020 - September 6, 2020

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Learn to be more playful as a way to enjoy It's time to purchase some new clothes for better health. You may be an artist or lawyer, actress or shop owner, and indulging in your favorite pastime could work out very well for your health. This is because vou're doing what you love. It helps all your bodily processes work more efficiently. The get much better! prescription is to enjoy yourself!

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Relationships may affect your well-being. If you get along fine with your partner, this will be reflected in the way you feel. You'll have a lot more energy and be ready to meet any challenge. If you're having problems, the stress could have the opposite effect, causing you to feel less well. Take action to relax, so be it! resolve outstanding issues. It will help you feel fantastic.

★★ GEMINI *Mav 21 - June 20*

You may want to get into shape because there's someone you'd like to know better. Love and romance are motivating you to look good. For the time being, it seems this strategy may work. You'll be eager to go to the gym because you can envision the admiring glances you'll get when you reach your goal.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Figure out how much money you can spend on your health goals and act accordingly. Don't let your financial situation keep you from sticking to a healthy routine and getting regular exercise. You don't have to join a gym to look good. You can take a walk or jog. Do you may pick this up. what you enjoy and can afford.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Set clear goals to guide you toward a state of health that will enable you to enjoy life. If you aren't sure what you want to achieve, and you don't know how you're going to get there, then nothing will change. A few simple routines are enough to kick-start your journey toward a healthy, vibrant future.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You feel uncomfortable when you aren't happy in your body. You take pride in the way you look. Try a few home remedies to give your skin and hair a special glow. Look online for ideas using ingredients you have around the home, like lemons, oatmeal, and avocados. The results can be as good as anything you buy.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

exercising. There's a chance you'll meet that special someone while shopping. You could also meet your match while trying exercise equipment and testing different products. Keeping fit isn't always fun, but it's going to

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have a powerful desire to get your health back on track. Yet issues associated with your career may thwart your attempts to get fit. Don't let this moment pass. Make a list of health goals and find ways to make them happen. If it means changing your work schedule so you have more time to

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't sabotage your attempts to get fit and stay well. Although you want to look and feel great, you may be creating situations in which you undermine the results you're trying to achieve. Once you're aware of the situation, you can stop it. Watch yourself in action and focus on total health, not total failure.

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Friends and groups could have a powerful influence on your ability to get in shape and keep fit. This can work either for or against you. If you associate with people who love to be healthy and enjoy a positive lifestyle, you'll tend to adopt their habits. However, if your friends lean toward a less healthy lifestyle,

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The cosmos is encouraging you to see your health from an internal perspective. You may realize how certain thoughts and feelings contribute to your overall well-being. It will help you to be aware of your dominant emotions and learn how to change them if they grow too negative. It will make a difference!

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It helps to be practical about your health. Don't simply hope for the best. Don't be pessimistic, either. You're usually down to earth, but you may be following a health routine that has no real practical application to your needs. It may be time to reflect on your progress. If you aren't getting anywhere, try something different.

Pet of the Week

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

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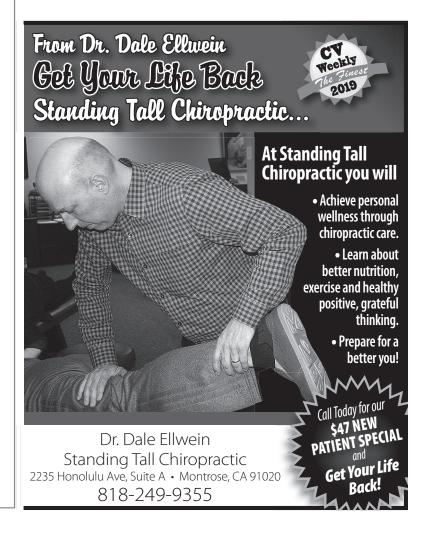
- 1) Fiery gem
- 5) Naval-academy freshman 10) File folder appendages
- 14) Looking healthy
- 15) Mead study site
- 16) Ruler's inch, e.g. 17) In a gradual, reliable
- fashion 20) Battlefield VIP
- 21) Nonwoody vegetation
- 22) What we have here 25) Wounds with a tusk or horn 64) Canadian-dollar image
- 26) Make more suitable
- 30) Causes of some night frights
- 33) Carnation site
- 34) Bluefin, for one
- 35) Like jazz cats 38) "There's no deadline"

- 42) Crossed letter
- 43) With the bow, musically 44) Air anew
- 45) Bee's place?
- 47) Oliver Twist, for one 48) Monkeyed around (with)
- 51) Bar staple
- 53) Slow musical pieces
- 56) Labor organizer's cry
- 60) Cinematographer's place, sometimes
- 65) It's as sure as taxes
- 66) Bodily distress
- 67) "Dukes of Hazzard" spin-
- 68) Spread, as fingers
- 69) Arctic dog's burden

GET IT GOING By Gary Cooper

DOWN

- 1) Exclamations of excitement
- 2) It's always on hand?
- 3) Plant used in lotions
- Salacious
- 5) Behavioral scientist's major, briefly
- 6) Science class feature
- 7) Aboriginal food source
- 8) This one and that one 9) State of relaxation
- 10) Certain engines
- 11) Keep to the ground (listen)
- 12) Unwelcome water on a ship
- 13) Eyelid maladies
- 18) Wee
- 19) Craving
- 23) Student in practical training
- 24) Reporter's informants
- 26) Reached ground
- 27) Letter's number 28) Far end of a church
- 29) Place for a pig
- 31) Counting everything _ Paulo, Brazil
- 35) Detriment 36) Holder of notions
- 37) Philadelphia founder 39) Covered vehicle
- 40) Princess Leia's last name
- 41) Land for livestock 45) Sets sail 46) Jupiter's Norse counterpart
- 48) Poker player's spot 49) Cinema name
- 50) Brutish person
- 52) Noble realm 54) Lotto info
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AB5 from Cover

Much of the early legislative debate on the bill centered on low-wage sectors of the California economy.

"As one of the strongest economies in the world, California is now setting the global standard for worker protections for other states and countries to follow," Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez wrote, following the bill's passage.

In February, the city of San Diego obtained a preliminary injunction against grocery delivery company Instacart in the wake of a judge's ruling that the company misclassified its employees as independent contractors. San Diego County Superior Court Judge Timothy Taylor's ruling stems from a lawsuit brought by City Attorney Mara Elliott, who alleged Instacart was evading providing its "shoppers" with worker protections like minimum wage and overtime pay by classifying them as independent contractors rather than employees.

Ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft, along with other "app-based" responded employers, to the passage of AB 5 immediately, refusing to change their relationship with their workers and initiating lawsuits to block implementation. Joining with food delivery service Postmates, spending on Prop 22, a statewide exempt initiative to themselves from the law, is expected to top \$90 million before the Nov. 3 election.

Gonzalez has been relentless in defending the intent of the legislation.

"This is an effort to right a ship that's gone wrong. And I believe so fully in it that I'm willing to continue to take on what is a lot of piling on. You've got to get it right.

"Come and get me, tech bros. I'm here every single day to take on the plight of workers against big tech," she tweeted on Dec. 30, 2019.

Pro-business state senator Jeff Stone (R-La Quinta) spoke against the measure. Rebuking pro-labor lawmakers, he referred mockingly to the "union caucus" he thought was backing the bill and said that those who achieved exemptions "didn't get caught in the labor union spider web spun by the black widow of public policy."

The caused immediate problems for the large freelance and independent contractor community in California as it featured clauses that restrict freelance writers from accepting more than 35 assignments from a single outlet and stopped musicians from working regular gigs at the same venues. It also affected a host of businesses that reportedly stopped using California-based freelancers for concern they would be liable for retroactive fees and fines.

AB 5 also drew criticism from translators,

independent musicians, truck drivers, franchise operators and other occupations in addition to journalists, all of whom feared the loss of their livelihoods. Republican legislators have introduced a variety of bills to change or overturn the law in addition to commitments to support the ballot measure.

The law is still being challenged in court by gig economy giants like Uber and Postmates that are backing Prop 22, which would exempt app-based drivers from the law.

Former speaker and San Francisco mayor Willie Brown weighed in as well, fighting to continue to write more than 35 columns a year for the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Lyft has never obeyed AB 5 ... I don't know anybody [who] has except the Chronicle," Brown fumed of the move by Hearst Newspapers' flagship publication. "For 12-plus years, every Sunday, I've written

that column in the paper and never taken a vacation. And this is the most important year. This is a campaign year, when there's really a contest," Brown told Politico in early September.

On Sept. 4, Newsom signed AB 2257 to address this facet of AB 5.

"Having heard additional feedback from a variety of freelance writers, photographers and journalists, we are making changes to Assembly Bill 5 that accommodate their needs and still provide protections from misclassification," Gonzalez said.

Changes include removing the 35-item cap on the number of submissions that a writer, photographer or editor can provide a single contracting entity before they must become an employee. Another change specifies that a contractor cannot replace an employee.

"Workers shouldn't be tied up in litigation for years on end before they can access their basic labor rights. AB 2257 strikes a balance and continues to provide protections for workers against misclassification that had previously gone unchecked for decades under the old rules," Gonzalez explained on social media on Sept. 4.

The new, modified version of the law takes effect immediately and provides the flexibility to such diverse employment fields as freelance writers, musicians, film support crews and visual artists, who now can continue working as independent contractors.

- It eliminates the 35-submission cap for freelance writers and photographers. Current rules dictated that California-based freelancers who contribute more than 35 submissions to an outlet per year must be reclassified as an employee.
- Translators, appraisers and registered foresters are added to the "professional services"

- exemption. The exemption currently covers graphic designers, travel agents and marketers, among others.
- The law allows music industry workers to continue working as freelancers. The list of exemptions includes recording artists, songwriters, producers, promoters, and many others.

"AB 2257 represents a comprehensive framework for employment law that makes a clear distinction between employer-employee relationships and professionals that run their own independent businesses," Gonzalez said on the Friday before Labor Day. "This legislation was a product of robust dialogue over the last year with workers and businesses from every part of the state."

Gonzalez's office has produced a detailed summary of the new legislation and its impact found at https://tinyurl.com/y2cvbzcq.

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