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Aggression Against Artsakh Condemned by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council on Tuesday night again expressed its strong condemnation of the aggression of Azerbaijan and Turkey against the independent republic of Artsakh.

"These have been tough weeks for every Armenian," Councilmember Ara Najarian said before thanking the city's interim city manager and police chief for their responses to recent "ultra-peaceful" marches and demonstrations in Glendale. These included some that closed down major intersections. "The demonstrations are to bring attention to the Azeri and Turkish armed forces' attacks on the civilian population of Artsakh, a tiny republic that voted to be independent from the Soviet Union when it collapsed in 1991. Artsakh is the name of the two blocks we renamed Artsakh Boulevard."

"For many Armenians," Najarian explained, "this feels like Genocide 2.0. The Turks and the Azeris have made no secret of their goal to annihilate the Armenians of Artsakh, and I don't think they want to stop there. I think they want to march through Armenia and Yerevan and unite their Pan-Turkic vision. The bombing and slaughtering of civilians is on the mind of every Armenian. Once a cease fire is called, they wait for two hours and drop another bomb, intentionally hurting civilians and rescuers."

The councilman shared the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWp5uSb6snU>, a moving performance by Sevak Avanesyan playing the musical piece "Krunk" in the bombed out ruins of Ghazanchetsots Cathedral, also called the Holy Savior Cathedral, in the town of Shusha, in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Najarian made a public appeal for the support of Artsakh and Armenia, issuing the strongest possible condemnation of Turkey and Azerbaijan for their aggression, and calling out the city's civic and community organizations to make public pronouncements in similar support.

"Maybe no one has asked before. Stand with the Armenian community in condemning these actions," Najarian said, adding there is "an

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A Silver Lining on Mountain Avenue Storage Bins

By Mary O'KEEFE

Four local Girl Scouts lend their help to their elementary school while earning their Silver Award.

Earning a Silver Award in Girl Scouts is not a simple procedure. There are several steps that need to be taken as Girl Scouts move toward completing the process. These include deciding what they want to do for their project and how they can accomplish it. The current pandemic has made it even more challenging as the girls are limited on the types of projects they can undertake and how many helpers they can have.

A Silver Award project can be worked on by a small group of Girl Scouts or by a solo girl. Prior to even deciding on the project there are steps and outreach efforts that must be followed.

"The planning started last year with a presentation to the [Crescenta Valley Girl Scout] Council," said Molly Necus, an eighth grader and a member of Girl Scout Troop 4511.



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

From left, Molly Necus, Ariaah Armen, Valen Aznavourian and Sabrina Ordubegian stand in front of a storage bin at Mountain Avenue Elementary School on which they are painting a mountain scape as part of their Silver Award.

Four members of Troop 4511 – Ariaah Armen, Valen Aznavourian, Sabrina Ordubegian and Molly – decided they wanted their Silver Award project to "give back" to the elementary school they attended. Mountain Avenue Elementary School. The girls met with Principal Jaclyn Scott to discuss various ideas. "We had quite a few meetings see MOUNTAIN AVE on page 8

Wildfire Season: It Has Just Begun

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Oct. 8, Assemblymember Laura Friedman held a virtual town hall meeting regarding wildfires. She opened the meeting by talking about the present wildfires across the state as well as how the fire seasons have been "going on for longer and longer periods." Friedman chairs the Natural Resource Committee.

"I see the urgent need to help all of us prepare for these increases in wildfire threat we are facing, not just individually but as communities," she said.

Chief Dan Johnson with CAL FIRE Southern Region, which covers from Sacramento to the

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Photo by Charly SHELTON

Crescenta Valley neighbors watched nervously as the Bobcat Fire approached the area causing smoke to blanket the valley.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Extending a Helping Hand from Unexpected Places

As most of you know, I belong to or am on the boards of a couple of local organizations. One of these is the Kiwanis Club of Glendale.

The membership is quite diverse and some members are rather notable including Glendale City Councilwoman Paula Devine and City of Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis. This is a kid-driven organization, meaning most of its outreach efforts are directed toward helping children.

The installation of directors and officers, held recently via Zoom, included a time to remember those members who died over the past 12 months.

Their loss is felt deeply by the remaining Kiwanians. But I have to say that a couple left a legacy that will ensure the ongoing work of this Club.

The estates of two of the members included cash gifts to the Club – substantial gifts that will make a significant difference in the work that members plan to do. These gifts are especially poignant at this time because, like most other non-profit organizations, typical fundraising efforts have been curtailed.

Sure, we're all trying to rally support for virtual fundraisers. The Kiwanis, for example, is having its virtual duck race on Oct. 24. This is usually one of our biggest fundraisers that also raises visibility of the Club; however, this year we're having trouble getting people excited about "adopting" ducks in support of the duck race. (For those inclined to support this effort

by adopting ducks, I invite you to visit my fundraising page at <https://www.duckrace.com/glendale/teams/386/21384> to adopt ducks and enter a chance to win some big bucks.)

Non-profits are not the only organizations challenged financially. I learned of three California newspapers that are no longer printing, but are only going online. I understand this challenge; CV Weekly is anxiously waiting to learn of future stimulus funding and how it will affect how we meet future financial obligations. I'm reminded of the generosity of our readers when the pandemic first hit: it was humbling and I again thank each person who remembered us when we needed it.

Which leads me to my final point: be kind to each other. These are tough, scary times. Not only are we, as a people, dealing with the pandemic but it is also a contentious election season with lies and misinformation being shoveled at voters. Do your part: research the candidates and propositions then make wise choices when casting your ballots. I'm not much of a politico but I do know how important Nov. 3 is for our country.

Vote.

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Weather in the Foothills

"May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain."

~ Irish Blessing

Summer is now a memory with an exception: its weather. It lingers on and on ... like encore after encore following a long chamber music piece. With summer, it's one more blast of heat. This week demonstrates such as temperatures reached close to 100 degrees. Cooler conditions are forthcoming, but what about rain?

Forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – NOAA – have made their yearly assessment in regard to the upcoming rain season. A La Niña condition has been observed in the eastern Pacific Ocean and there is a 75% chance it will persist through the winter.

A little background. Trade winds blow warm ocean water away from the eastern Pacific – the Chilean coastline. Cold water from the depths of the ocean is pulled in to replace the normally warm water. A La Niña event is born! The force of the trade winds causes the western Pacific waters to rise 24 inches higher than its eastern side!

Slowly building over the summer, a "strengthening La Niña territory" is now occurring, claims retired JPL climatologist Bill Patzert. What does that mean for California and the Southwest?

"Typically speaking, La Niñas turn out dry for Southern California, and El Niños turn out wet. But not always," Patzert said. "La Niñas are never a sure bet." There are numerous documentations of above average rainfall during weak La Niñas.

Typically, La Niñas are associated with colder and precipitation-enhanced storms across the northern U.S. and warm, dry conditions in our neck-of-the-woods – the southwestern U.S. If NOAA's La Niña forecast plays out, continued drought and wildfires threaten California.

"The dice are loaded for drought, but it's not a sure thing," Patzert said. "It's still a crap shoot, but firefighters, water managers and farmers would be wise to be prepared."

Plenty of blue skies and hot air are with us ... and then a cooling trend is coming our way for the weekend and is expected to last into next week. Rest assured, as evenings become dark earlier and nighttime temperatures drift downwards into the 60s autumn arrived. Now, we're awaiting winter with an expectation of rain.

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CVTC GENERAL MEETING

The monthly general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council will be held tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m. For information, visit the Council Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentaValleyTC/>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Oct. 18. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

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. LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing when visiting the Preserve.

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

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

SCHIFF, PORTANTINO AND SU PART OF VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

On Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m., State Senator Anthony Portantino, Congressman Adam Schiff and Labor Secretary Julie Su will hold a virtual town hall to provide state and federal updates and answer constituent questions about coronavirus relief and recovery, the upcoming election and more.

Topics of discussion will include a dialogue with Congressman Schiff on the latest on coronavirus relief negotiations in Congress, an update from Secretary Julie Su on meeting worker needs during this pandemic and improvements on the EDD process, and a Sacramento update from Senator Portantino. Questions will be addressed after the presentations, and moderated by former Burbank Mayor Marsha Ramos.

Register via Zoom at <http://bit.ly/schiffportantino>, live stream at <https://sd25.senate.ca.gov/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/portantino/> or <https://www.facebook.com/RepAdamSchiff/live>

This event is free and open to the public.

GPD IS AWARDED GRANT

The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to the Glendale Police Department (GPD). The \$293,500 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist in the efforts of the GPD to reduce deaths and injuries on Glendale's roads.

The one-year grant is for the 2021 federal fiscal year, which runs through Sept. 30, 2021.

The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including DUI checkpoints, patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California's hands-free cellphone law, patrols with emphasis on education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians, patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, improper turning/lane changes, community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety, patrols specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers, officer training and the creation of a "hot sheet" to be used to identify repeat DUI offenders.

FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

LA County Dept. of Public Health is partnering with LA County Library to provide free flu vaccines to people 6 months of age and older; no health insurance required. La Crescenta Library will be having a free flu shot clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 4 p.m.

Drive-through options available at select locations. Physical distancing, masking requirements, additional disinfecting and other measures will be in place at each free flu shot clinic location to prioritize the safety of our customers and staff.

Pandemic Doesn't Curb Need

By Lori BODNAR, intern

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is holding its 12th annual Kases for Kids drive on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ralphs market in the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard at Raymond Avenue. Members of the Leo Club, the youth arm of the Lions Club at Crescenta Valley High School, will be assisting with the drive as well. The Lions Club will be collecting donations of new items, such as backpacks, small suitcases, toiletries, school supplies, stuffed animals, and blankets, that will go into a backpack or small suitcase to help children in the foster care system transition to a foster home.

Kimberlee Sandoval is one of the members of the CV Lions Club.

"By supplying a few basic necessities, school supplies, and small fun items like coloring books, Kases for Kids can help provide stability in an otherwise tumultuous time in the lives of children entering the foster system," she said. "This donation drive can help ensure that these children are prepared with items they may need and brings comfort in knowing that they are loved and will be cared for."

The CV Lions Club partners with the Los Angeles Dept. of Children's Services to collect items for children who are in need within the foster care system.

In response to the pandemic, the Lions Club has instituted some changes in the annual Kases for Kids drive to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

"This year we are asking for new items only," Sandoval said. "We are setting up the drop-off area differently to minimize contact. Masks will be required for persons dropping off and for our members."

Last year, the Crescenta Valley Lions Club was able to fill 280 backpacks with supplies for kids in the foster care system.

There are over 60,000 children in California within the foster care system. Foster care is a temporary arrangement in which adults provide for care of the children whose birthparents are unable to care for them. Placement is usually arranged by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Children and Family Services. While in foster care, children will go to school, live with a foster family, and receive medical care and social services. A social worker will regularly check in on them to see how they are adjusting. Once care issues have been resolved, foster children can be reunified with their birthparents or other family members.

The Lions Club Kases for Kids drive helps kids in foster care transition into a new environment with their foster family.

"We thank the community for their generous support especially during these challenging times," said Sandoval. "Upcoming events after the Kases for Kids event will be a holiday toy drive to support the same group."

Those who want to donate after the Kases for Kids drive can send monetary donations to the CV Lions Club, P.O. Box 708, Verdugo City, CA 91046 or can contact Kimberlee Sandoval at (630) 788-6591 via voice or text to make arrangements, or email Lions91214@gmail.com and members will arrange a pickup of any donations for Kases for Kids.



Photos provided by Lions Club

TOP: A pop-up like this one will be set up at the Ralphs market parking lot on Saturday to collect items for the annual Kases for Kids donation drive.

ABOVE: Donations from previous Kases for Kids drives have been so numerous that they filled the rear of a cargo van.

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Friedman, Graves Take Part in 43rd State Assembly Debate

By Mary O'KEEFE

The first debate for the 43rd State Assembly race was held between incumbent Laura Friedman and challenger Mike Graves.

The debate showed both candidates displaying respect for each other while highlighting their differences in policies. In their opening statements, Friedman shared how serving in the Assembly has been the "biggest honor of my life." She spoke about coming from a film industry background, then serving on the Glendale City Council before moving on to Sacramento.

Graves said his main issue of concern was the loss of local control over zoning for housing and the state's interference with local school boards.

Both agreed that COVID-19 has changed the state and the world. One of the questions posed to the candidates dealt with the "\$11 billion cuts to the state budget" targeting state workers' salaries, the court system and schools. If the state received funds from the federal government how would those be spent?

Friedman said that, prior to the pandemic, the California economy, as the fifth largest economy of the world, was doing well with a record surplus of funds put away for a "rainy day." It went from being the fifth largest economy in the world to running now at a deficit due to all of the COVID related costs.

Since the onset of the pandemic everything has changed and some tough decisions would have to be made, she added.

"I am a firm believer in auditing and looking at all of our programs, and I think the state needs to take a close look at pretty much [everything] they spend money on to look for inefficiencies," she said. "Just because you funded something in the past doesn't mean you should fund it in the future."

She suggested now is the perfect time to go to each agency requiring them to justify every dollar spent.

She added there are priorities, like CAL FIRE and schools, in "crisis mode" right now.

"I can't tell you which program is more deserving than the other; I haven't been in Sacramento,"

Graves said. "I can tell you that part of my candidacy is that I think that the state tries to do too much. There comes a time when you have to take a pause and assess what's going on."

He agreed with Friedman's call for an audit to look at California's budget as a whole and there will be difficult choices that have to be made.

A question was asked about how COVID-19 has impacted the environment. A positive aspect was that it has helped air quality because people have been working from home but conversely increased waste and reduced recycling.

Graves said he noticed a change in air quality during the Stay-At-Home Orders due to people doing less commuting to work.

"That is a helpful thing," he said. "I think there are a lot of people thinking of [continuing to work] from home."

He does not think all companies will adopt working from home policies and essential workers will still have to report to a work site.

He added that he noticed more waste, especially from restaurants using disposable food containers.

There is a way forward but it will take some more study, he added.

Then came the issue of the climate.

"I look at the climate crisis and global warming as very real," Friedman said.

She said the natural disasters that the state, country and world are seeing are just the tip of the iceberg.

"The man-made disasters are not going to take a pause just because of COVID; we have to continue to invest in reducing our production of greenhouse gases," she said.

She added that a lot more resources have to be put into recycling because at present when something is placed in a recycling bin it does not mean it will be recycled.

The candidates were asked if they felt there was a need for a new and separate agency within government that would be dedicated to reducing fire risks. The agency would focus on several areas including reducing fire fuels, conducting prescribed burns and

setting buffers around high-risk communities. The question was also asked about people who have been allowed to build and rebuild in areas of high-fire risk: "How do you think California can best prepare for wildfire risk going forward?"

"Prescribed fires are one of the best ways to take care of these [wildfires]," Graves said. "Unfortunately we have just waited too long. There is too much fuel on the ground and far too often the prescribed burns are a disaster in the making."

He added that issues like poor air quality are taken into consideration when scheduling prescribed burns.

"Reducing the fuel loads is a start; unfortunately there are so many roadless areas and monument areas that you can't just take vehicles back there to remove the fuel so it is going to require some changing of existing regulations," he added.

He also said that people like to build in the foothills but believes residents may have to think of using alternative, more fire-safe materials when they build or rebuild. He does not feel there needs to be another fire agency created.

Friedman is on the Natural Resources Committee where she deals daily with wildfire issues. A bill that she had been working on for two years addressing the issue was recently signed into law.

"[It] upgrades our codes in regard to defensible space and how that is inspected, and what those zones look like for exactly this reason ... to help make our homes more resilient," she said. "There are certain places that we just shouldn't build, certain areas that because they are in wind canyons or ridge lines that are just going to always be indefensible in a wildfire; but the real focus we should have is hardening homes that are in wildfire areas."

To watch the debate or to get more information, go to the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank website at my.lw.org or www.youtube.com and search League of Women Voters CA State Assembly 43.



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Clarification

In the Oct. 8 issue, the list of local in-person voting centers that was published are open only from Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and open on Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bureau Statement on 2020 Census Data Collection Ending

As of Wednesday, Oct. 14, well over 99.9% of housing units have been accounted for in the 2020 Census. Self-response and field data collection operations for the 2020 Census will conclude today, Oct. 15.

Specifically, Internet self-response will be available across

the nation through Oct. 15 until 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (5:59 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Oct. 16). Visit 2020Census.gov to respond.

Phone response will be available for its regularly scheduled time today Oct. 15. For schedule and a list of

numbers, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6q62qnf>.

Paper responses must be postmarked by today, Oct. 15.

Nonresponse follow-up census takers will continue resolving non-responding addresses through the end of the day today, Oct. 15.

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Unauthorized Ballot Boxes Result in Cease and Desist Letter Sent to California Republican Party



LEFT: Drop boxes in Clovis, Fresno County identified as a "Secure Ballot Drop-off Location."

RIGHT: Secure ballot drop boxes can be found locally, including in front of the Montrose Library in the 2500 block of Honolulu Avenue.



By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sunday the office of the Orange County District Attorney released a statement concerning the launching of an investigation into reports of several unauthorized ballot boxes that had been placed throughout Orange County cities. Throughout the weekend the Secretary of State's Office had received several complaints regarding the boxes throughout the state.

It was discovered that boxes had not been placed only in Orange County but also in Fresno and Los Angeles counties. On Monday, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and Attorney General Xavier Becerra sent a cease and desist letter to the California Republican Party to "stop operating unofficial ballot drop boxes."

"Misleading voters is wrong, regardless of who is doing it," Padilla said. "Political parties and campaigns can engage in get-out-the-vote efforts, but they cannot violate state law. The unofficial, unauthorized drop boxes in question violate state law and jeopardize the security of voters' ballots. State and local elections officials have worked tirelessly to provide voters multiple safe, secure options to return their vote-by-mail ballots. These unauthorized drop boxes are a disservice to elections administrators and a disservice to voters who deserve to cast their ballots with clarity and confidence."

"There is nothing more precious or fundamental in a real democracy than the vote," said Becerra. "Anyone who tampers with the vote is tampering with free and fair elections. We will do all that's necessary under law to protect Californians' right to vote."

The letter was sent to the California Republican Party and to the Republican parties in Fresno, Los Angeles and Orange counties to "cease and desist the coordination, use and/or false or misleading promotion of unauthorized and non-official vote by mail drop boxes."

The boxes were placed in numerous areas including a church in LA County that had a Facebook post that identified the boxes as "approved and bought by the GOP." GOP – Grand Old Party – refers to the Republican Party.

"Our office is aware of the single location in Santa Clarita that had an unofficial drop [box] pictured in front of a place of worship," said Mike Sanchez, spokesman for LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

During a press conference with reporters on Monday a question was asked why this box collection was illegal since ballot collecting was legalized in the state four years ago after the passage of Assembly Bill 1921.

"Let me be clear: unofficial, unauthorized ballot drop boxes are not permitted by state law," Padilla said.

He added the boxes placed by the California Republican Party were misleading to voters with many of the boxes labeled as "official."

On the California Republican Party website, cagop.org, the section titled "Protect the Vote" describes different ways voters can return their ballots including "authorizing someone to return the ballot on the voter's behalf, which they call ballot harvesting." The site added the collector must fill out the authorization section found on the outside of the voter's ballot envelope. Thus voters give permission for their ballots to be submitted. It is not clear if everyone who dropped their ballots into these unofficial boxes actually gave permission via their signature. Each ballot would have to be signed by the voter and the person to whom the ballot was relinquished. The signatures are checked and verified by state election officials.

The issues with the way these unauthorized boxes were placed has many layers of concern for state law enforcement including that some boxes appeared to be "official," which they are not, misleading voters into thinking these are state sanctioned, which they were not, and also the lack of security surrounding the boxes. Padilla and Becerra pointed out the state has gone through several checks and balances with the official drop boxes including making sure they are secure and the ballots were being collected by authorized people.

Whether California GOP will agree and remove the boxes will be up to the party officials.

"Tampering with the vote is illegal.

Anyone who knowingly engages with the tampering or misuse of a vote is subject to prosecution. I hope everyone takes very seriously in California we want to protect the sanctity of your vote; you have a right to vote and a right to know your vote will be counted the right way," added Becerra.

He said the state would take legal action if the cease and desist letter is ignored.

"We are getting disturbing reports that Republican Party officials in the part of the state where these fake drop boxes have been situated

may not be prepared or willing to remove those boxes," Becerra said. "We hope that the message goes out loud and clear [that] anyone trying to improperly solicit, obtain and manage a citizen's vote is subject to prosecution for engaging in activities that are against the law in California."

"The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk encourages all voters who would like to return their voted ballot in-person to find an official ballot drop box on the County's website, lavote.net or review the list of official ballot drop

boxes that is included in the voter's Vote by Mail packet," Sanchez said.

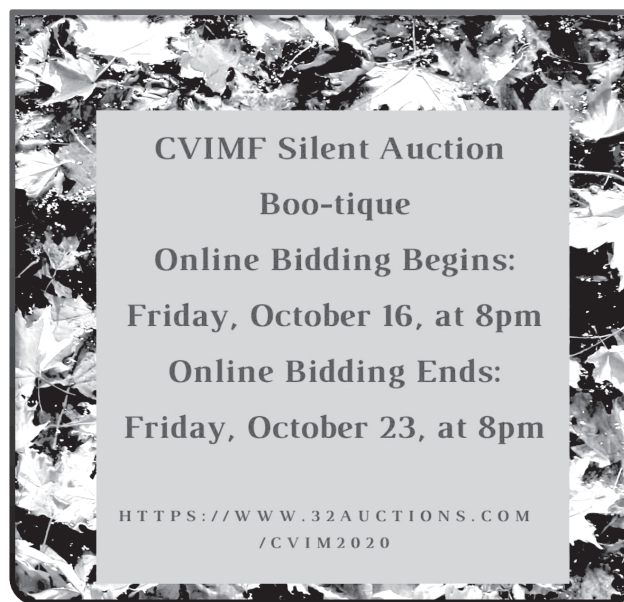
California registered voters are encouraged to subscribe to Where's My Ballot to ensure that their voted ballot was returned to the County Registrar's Office, regardless of return method.

"If a voter would like to request a replacement ballot, that option is available on our website, lavote.net or by calling us at (800) 815-2666," Sanchez added.

CVW reached out to the California Republican Party but did not hear back as of press time.



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CIF Southern Section Announces Sports Remain on Track to Return in December

By Michael LEVITSKY

CIF-SS commissioner Robert Wigod announced on Oct. 1 that all school athletics are still set to begin in mid-December, if clearance is received from county and state health officials, along with individual school districts.

During a Southern Section council meeting, he assured that calendars and playoff divisions will remain as they are, even considering that any school can decide to opt-out of competition.

Additionally in the meeting, a

new ejection rule in soccer was voted on and approved and will take affect beginning this season. The new rule applies to both girls' and boys' teams and states that a player being sent off after receiving two yellow cards will no longer be suspended in the team's following game, as normally seen on the collegiate and professional levels. The rule change was put into place to replicate that of a foul-out in basketball.

The rule for receiving a straight red card in a match will remain intact, however; an individual

player will be ejected and deemed ineligible for the team's next game.

The Council additionally discussed a future CIF state proposal to have girls' beach volleyball become an officially sanctioned sport beginning in the 2021-22 season. California would become the third state, following Florida and Arizona, to officially add girls' beach volleyball as a sanctioned sport on the high school level. The proposal received a first read in the CIF state council meeting that took place on Oct. 9.

Horace Mann Elementary Named 2020 Best Urban School

Horace Mann Elementary School has been selected as a 2020 Best Urban School by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST). The award recognizes schools that serve predominantly low-income students and exceed several performance indicators, including excellent achievement scores, high attendance rates, low suspension rates and high graduation rates for every demographic group of students. Mann Elementary was one of only 16 schools nationwide and the only school in Los Angeles County to receive this honor.

The school was recognized Oct. 13 at a virtual awards ceremony during the America's Best Urban Schools Symposium. At the symposium, representatives from each of the winning schools had an opportunity to present essential practices critical to their success to an audience of public school educators and leaders from across the nation.

"Our Horace Mann Elementary administrators, teachers and staff are transforming the lives of Glendale Unified students and benefiting our community for generations to come," said

Glendale Unified Board President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. "My fellow board members and I are thrilled to celebrate this much-deserved honor with our entire Mann Elementary community."

"Principal Rosa Alonso and our amazing teachers and staff at Mann Elementary have fostered a culture of high achievement using a collaborative, data-driven approach to teaching and learning," said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "They prove what is possible when you set high standards and maintain a relentless focus on ensuring every child has the tools they need to succeed."

Horace Mann Elementary serves a diverse population of approximately 630 students in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. The school was recognized as a California Distinguished School in both 2020 and 2018, and has previously been recognized as a Gold Ribbon School and a Title I Academic Achieving School by the California Department of Education. In 2019, Mann Elementary earned a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association for implementation of their "PLC Plus" professional development program. Ninety-one percent of Mann Elementary students are socioeconomically disadvantaged and 56 percent are English learners.

The NCUST was founded as part of the QUALCOMM Institute for Innovation and Educational Success at San Diego State University. The mission of the NCUST is to help urban school districts and their partners transform schools into institutions where all students achieve academic proficiency, evidence a love of learning, and graduate well-prepared to succeed in postsecondary education, the workplace, and their community.

Local Mailbox Replaced



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

USPS workers replaced a mailbox on La Crescenta Avenue south of El Caminito Street on Wednesday. The workers replacing the mailbox wore USPS uniforms and drove marked vehicles.



By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County USPS representative.

A witness reported on social media of seeing two men, not in any type of uniform, pull up to a U.S. Postal Service mailbox on La Crescenta Avenue just south of El Caminito Street at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and take the mailbox from its bolted location, then place it into a plain white pickup truck then drive off.

In an interview with CVW, the witness, who requested being kept anonymous, said s/he contacted the local USPS office early the next morning and was told that there was no report of the mailbox being removed. Later, when the witness called again, the person spoken with said someone had attempted to pry open and remove the mailbox and that USPS workers took the mailbox to repair it.

"I asked what would happen to the mail that was in the mailbox," the witness asked. S/he was told the mailbox was taken to a separate area to be repaired and the mail would stay in the box for up to 30 days prior to the repairs being completed.

On Wednesday, USPS workers were seen installing a new mailbox at the location. The workers wore uniforms identifying them as USPS employees and were driving USPS marked trucks.

CVW reached out to the

"The box was removed by district maintenance [Tuesday] due to vandalism. A new box is being installed today," said Evelina Ramirez, USPS spokeswoman.

She added that the postal vehicle used to pick up the damaged collection box had government plates, although the witness contends it did not have any plates, and that maintenance employees do not wear the same uniform as city carriers.

The witness stated the men were wearing jeans and T-shirts.

"Any and all mail that is inside the collection box during the removal for repair is taken out and placed into the mail-stream that evening for processing. The Postal Service has a 24/7 operation," Ramirez said.

As was stated in the article in this week's newspaper concerning the "unofficial" ballot drop boxes, people who placed their vote-by-mail ballot in any USPS mailbox, an official ballot drop box or will be dropping it at a Vote Center are encouraged to subscribe to Where's My Ballot to ensure that their voted ballot was returned to the appropriate office – regardless of return method. If a voter would like to request a replacement ballot, that option is available on the website lavote.net or by calling (800) 815-2666.



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Southland Turns Out in Support of Armenia



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New Guidelines Announced

On Oct. 9, the state updated guidance to allow private gatherings of three or fewer households, as long as the private gathering is outdoors, everyone wears a cloth face covering and keeps at least six feet of physical distance, food is in single-serve disposable containers, and the duration of the gathering is two hours or less.

Public Health will update the Health Officer Order to align with this change in the state guidance. The new order will be posted on www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

Private gatherings with people from different households increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission, with the risk increasing the longer the gathering. Public Health recommends those who do gather with two other households do so with the same households each time to create a quasi-bubble that can reduce the risk of spreading the virus. It is very important that

people do not attend any private gathering if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed or likely have been exposed to someone positive.

A household does not include group living situations such as dormitories, fraternities, sororities, residential care facilities, or commercial group living arrangements such as boarding houses, hotels or motels.

Large public events and gatherings remain prohibited, even if held outdoors.

On Wednesday, Public Health has confirmed 22 new deaths and 1,349 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health identified 285,016 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County and a total of 6,812 deaths. Upon further investigation, 83 cases reported earlier were not LA County residents.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Several thousand people showed up in support of Armenia at a demonstration on Sunday. According to reports, the Los Angeles Police Dept. estimated 100,000 people gathered at Pan Pacific Park in LA and marched to the Turkish Consulate on Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

The "Artsakh Under Attack: March for Victory" highlighted the Azerbaijan aggression against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, or Artsakh.

Several speakers, including Congressman Adam Schiff, joined

in support of Armenia.

Schiff stated, "In the weeks since the first Azerbaijan bombs fell on the people of Artsakh, hundreds have been killed or injured and thousands have been displaced from their homes, sleeping out in the open for fear of drones or artillery or bombs. Historic churches and cities have been bombarded and destroyed. Militants from Syria have been deployed as a mercenary fighting force by Azerbaijan and its Turkish sponsors. Despite this illegal war, the people of Artsakh are still standing. The people of Armenia are still standing. And we will continue to stand with them."

The march was organized by the Armenian Youth Federation, which had its members scattered throughout the event. Even with the large crowd members calmly answered questions, kept a watchful eye on activities and respectfully reminded people to wear their face coverings when they saw someone without a mask.

Locally, the Crescenta Valley Town Council has shown its support for the Armenian community.

The Armenian National Committee of the Crescenta Valley recently sent a letter to the Council thanking it for its "ongoing solidarity" for their community.

Crescenta Valley Deputies Nab La Cañada Flintridge Burglary Suspect

On Friday, Sept. 25 a residential burglary occurred on the 1600 block of Leycross Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. The suspect responsible for the burglary was captured on a home video surveillance system while he was inside and outside the home.

The suspect was observed by a witness leaving the scene in an older model Toyota Camry. When deputies arrived and interviewed the witness, they ran the vehicle's make and model through department resources. They were able to identify a Toyota Camry

they believed was involved in the burglary.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 9 a.m., Crescenta Valley Station patrol deputies learned the Toyota Camry was in the La Cañada Flintridge area. All

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with the principal and she had quite a few ideas," Molly said.

The girls discussed with Principal Scott the possibilities of what they could do to help the school. They met virtually and in person in a park where they followed strict COVID-19 guidelines.

The four girls, all Rosemont Middle School eighth graders, are now working together to paint the storage bins on the upper and lower fields at their former elementary school. The bins are storage for several items including the students' earthquake emergency bags.

"[The bins] were pretty rusty," Valen said.

Once the project for the Silver Award was decided upon the girls split into smaller groups and then moved forward. They had several planning sessions to decide what design they would like to paint on the bins. They came up with a few designs and worked together to combine the artwork. The storage bin in the lower field will have the silhouette of children playing

and the upper field bin will have a mountain scape to reflect the geography that surrounds the school.

"The weather has been a [bit] of a hardship," Sabrina said. "Last time we worked it was very hot."

And they did have to change some of their meetings due to the smoke from the Bobcat Fire.

In addition to earning the Silver Award, the girls said they were just happy to be volunteering and being with each other, even though they had to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings.

"We are all friends. All of our meetings are super fun," Aria said. "We have all known each other since [elementary] school."

Molly added that having friends from Girl Scouts has helped them transition from elementary to middle school and will continue to help when they move on to Crescenta Valley High School.

While they finish their Mountain Avenue project they have an eye on the future as they begin to think about the next level: their Gold Award.

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army of lobbyists working in Washington, D.C. to defend those responsible for the bloodshed." He added there were several law firms of progressive political note. He urged the city to cease doing business with these firms, if that was happening, and to ban them from city work into the future.

Early in Tuesday's council meeting, councilmembers heard an update from city and county elections' staff about the election in progress and various safe ways to vote. Mail-in ballots are in the mail right now to all registered voters in California. Those ballots can be returned by USPS mail and tracked here at <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/> or dropped off at an official ballot box. The first of 15 Vote Centers will open in Glendale for in-person voting on Oct. 24 and will stay open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; 14 additional Vote Centers will open the same hours, starting on Oct. 30 until Election Day on Nov. 3 (the hours on Election Day are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters who are in the line to vote at 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote).

The last day to register to vote in the upcoming election is Oct. 19. However, same-day voter registration is available for voters who miss the deadline; those votes will be counted conditionally, once the information is verified.

County Elections Community and Outreach manager Phillip Verbera briefed the council and answered questions.

"Those boxes are not moveable. They are bolted to the ground. They're not going anywhere," he said assuring the council of the security of the official ballot boxes in light of recent news that state GOP representatives have been putting out their own ballot boxes. "These are 32 by 32, large enough for a human, and the slots only fit a ballot."

Verbera encouraged voters to find complete voting information at <https://lavote.net/> including a list of the Vote Centers across Los Angeles County. Voters can vote at any of 70 Vote Centers that will open on Oct. 24 or the 800 Vote Centers that will open on Oct. 30. LA County voters can vote at any of them. "So if you're in Long Beach, you can pop in to a Vote Center and vote your local Glendale ballot."

For those voters who will be giving their ballots to someone else to submit on their behalf, Verbera urged voters to only give their ballots to someone they know and trust and advised everyone to vote early. Local election officials are confident in the postal service's ability to meet the five-to-seven-day goal set in April and the state has eased rules that allow for the counting of ballots for 17 days after the election as well as for the processing (not counting) of mailed-in ballots in advance of Election Day.

In response to a question about the expected timing of final results, Verbera was adamant: "Los Angeles County has a history of running clean and transparent elections. We've never failed to meet a certification deadline and we don't mean to start now."

Once again, the council

considered regulations banning the sale of Mylar balloons because they cause power outages. The council heard from numerous callers opposed to the long-pending ban including from the Balloon Council, which opposes the legislation and detailed the potential loss of jobs and revenue, advocating instead that the city wait until new, non-conductive material is available.

The council unanimously approved a modified ban "prohibiting the sale of Mylar balloons, made of electrically conductive materials, which are filled with helium or gas lighter than air. The ordinance prohibits the sale of such balloons within the City of Glendale. The ordinance does allow the sale of Mylar balloons filled with air only and attached or mounted to a post or other decorative structure at the point of sale," detailed City Public Information Officer Eliza Papazian.

"You're not blaming this unfairly on the squirrels?" Councilmember Najarian queried. (Squirrels are also a cause of power problems. GWP general manager Steve Zurn replied that photographic evidence was available, if desired.)

Zurn then introduced and overviewed the "long awaited" clean energy programs the council had called for in 2019. Three separate prospective agreements were previewed: first, a four-year commercial and residential Electric Demand Response Program for up to \$7.5 million with Franklin Energy for energy efficiencies in residential and small commercial properties, including demand reduction audits and a program that would offer customers incentives for installing a smart thermostat; second – potentially up to \$18.9 million to Lime Energy Services for a seven-year Commercial Direct Install Energy Efficiency Program, beginning with energy efficiency assessments and potential efficiencies installed through subcontractors, concluding with a report on energy savings.

Third, the most controversial of the three proposed clean energy agreements was with Sunrun, Inc. for a residential Virtual Power Plant for a term of up to 25 years, providing for solar generation and battery storage for 3,000-4,000 single-family residences and 30-40 multi-family housing properties to generate as much as 25.5 MW. The generation of this energy by connecting rooftop solar collection could greatly help the city's utility to address peak needs. It would be one of the biggest virtual power plants (VPP) in the country, if not in the world. GWP's assistant director Mark Young told the council, particularly critical in light of transmission limitations the city faces.

Mayor VrejAgajanian expressed concerns about entering into long-term contracts.

"Don't rush," he told city staff. "It's too much money for too long. The technology may improve in two years, in five years."

Councilmember Dan Brotman disagreed.

"We've been talking about this

for two years. I think we're going too slow," he said. "It's not like we need to put out \$240 million on Day 1."

The proposed VPP is expected to generate 25.25 MW dispatched peak reduction by the end of Year 4, and the combination of all three proposed contracts 38.4 MW. Zurn summarized the potential benefits: clean, non-fossil fuel; local generation; involvement by the community in the solution; provides benefits to customers; creates local jobs. He detailed the challenges: potential reliability, maintaining the baseload generation needed to keep the lights on; distribution impacts that require study; the lack of a pilot phase; and cost and rate impacts, which mandate a new cost analysis.

Once the lines were open for calls to comment on the plan, numerous callers called in support.

"I grew up here and it hurts me to see the increased heat and wildfires. Every year, we have to figure out if we're going to stay in California. I understand this comes from a place of privilege, but I'm willing to pay a little more if that's what's needed – it's our health and our future that's at stake," one caller said.

"If it can be measured, it can be managed," said another, calling on the council to move forward and to act to eliminate red tape.

"Twenty-three MWs right off the top, that's that much less we need to build," a local homeowner referred to the potential clean energy that could be created by the virtual power plant, stringing together solar generating installations across the city.

"As for concerns about cost, one of the mistakes government makes in a recession is to pull back on spending – you need to spend more; that's what creates jobs – installing solar panels. Maybe the contracts could specify local jobs."

"I can't wait to be one of the first to sign up for the vpp," a caller said enthusiastically.

"Local energy is a cost-effective, smart choice, an investment in the future," another supporter added.

"There are many potential benefits from this: local capacity and the resulting local economic benefits, plus resiliency benefits – not only for the city but for the thousands of residents who will benefit by having backup power of their own. All three of these allow all of us, homeowners and businesses, to be part of the solution. The suggestion that this would be the largest of these in the nation, that's the headline we want to see for our city," noted another.


"Having battery power available as backup in the event of an emergency – I think folks are going to be really excited to participate," Councilmember Brotman said. "It's taken too long. I support moving ahead with the recommendations of the GWP commission."

Finally, the council voted to set the salary for the interim city manager at \$22,089.90 per month, 5% above the current monthly compensation.

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Our Relic Air Raid Siren Gets a New and Better Home

A few years ago, I wrote about a Cold War relic that we have in our valley, the Chrysler Air Raid Siren. Many of you remember our post-WWII Cold War with the Soviet Union that put the Los Angeles area in the crosshairs of a possible bomber attack. To combat this, a ring of missiles was situated around Greater LA, along with a robust air raid siren warning system. We've all seen the small air raid sirens all over LA that are rusting away atop telephone poles. Those were put in in the late '40s/early '50s. But in 1955 a number of monstrously huge sirens were installed as well, and we had one of them right here.

Our big siren was mounted atop Cerro Negro Peak in the San Rafael Hills. Cerro Negro looks down on the 2 Freeway on one side and Cherry Canyon and Descanso Gardens on the other. The siren mounted there was as big as a car and, in fact, was powered by a Chrysler V8 engine. It rotated as it screamed,

pumping out an incredible 138 decibels. For comparison, a fighter jet engine with afterburners on is about 130 decibels.

The big air raid siren sounded once a month as a test throughout the '60s and into the '70s. Baby Boomers remember the loud wail and the "duck-and-cover" drills at school. The siren was decommissioned in the 1980s and sat rusting away on Cerro Negro, serving merely as a landmark for partying teenagers.

One of those (former) partying teenagers, Joanna Linkhorst, now grown and with a passion for local history, hiked up there recently and found it missing. Joanna contacted Dennis Hadley, a Cold War historian who documents the remaining air raid sirens. Dennis, who calls himself "the siren hunter," doggedly tracked it down through various bureaucracies and finally located it at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside.

Dennis put me in touch with

Jeff Houlihan, the collections director of the museum. I asked Jeff about the odyssey that brought our air raid siren into their collection.

"Metrocell Construction (an engineering company in Ontario, California that supports cellphone companies) was awarded the contract to remove the siren in 2019. Recognizing the historic value of the artifact they contacted me at the MFAM and arranged to donate. If they had not done so the siren would have been scrapped. Lincoln and Parker Ontko both completed Eagle Scout projects in the cosmetic restoration of the siren and the tower. The siren has been placed on display next to our B-52, FB-111 and B-47 bombers from its operational period," he said.

And indeed Jeff sent me a photo of our big siren sitting atop its tower in front of a huge static B-52 bomber. I've seen it so many times over the years on Cerro Negro in various

states of disrepair and rust that I barely recognized it now, beautifully painted a dark red.

I had to ask Jeff the obvious question – will it run? Jeff replied: "That depends on our ability to raise the required donations. We need to rebuild or replace the Chrysler 331 hemi that runs the system to begin. I have every reason to believe the siren can be made at least partially operational again."

There are several YouTube videos of another Chrysler air raid siren that has been restored by a guy in Texas. The siren was once mounted near Hansen Dam, but now rides on a trailer and demonstrates its power at various air shows across the U.S. Listening to that sinister wail makes your blood run cold, and takes you back to a fearful era in our nation's history.

Okay, Crescenta Valley, this

is our piece of Cold War history. This is our siren. We've got to make it wail again! If you would like to join me in donating to the siren's restoration, go to the March Field Air Museum website and donate <https://www.marchfield.org/support/donate/>. Be sure to write in the comments section that you want your donation to go to the Chrysler Air Raid Siren restoration.

Let's make some noise!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Importance of Méndez v. Westminster School District of Orange County

In celebration of Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month, I would like to share the historic case Méndez v. Westminster School District of Orange County, instrumental in the American Civil Rights Movement.

This year we have experienced more intense and forceful discrimination against all people of color. The Black Lives Matter movement and the outcry for justice reform have come as a result of this. It's unconscionable and painful to watch that we still must protest for racial justice. I know we can do better. I have experienced positive changes to our public school's system to educate youth and adults as a result of the many years of civil rights work before and after the 1960s. These protest efforts helped create ethnic degree programs such as Chicano/Latino, African American and Asian Studies. These programs offered a whole new opportunity to allow people of color to become the educators of their race/culture to preserve our history of the Civil Rights Movement and more, emphasizing the importance of unity and cultural acceptance in a multicultural society. Oppression is not the solution. America is the land of opportunity. To breathe, work, eat, vote and live is why we are proud to be an American.

Méndez v. Westminster School District of Orange County, a federal court case, set a precedent in breaking down school segregation as unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment, preserving diversity and inclusion. This

case took place seven years before Brown v. Board of Education.

As a Latina of Mexican-American ancestry, and fourth-generation Angelino, I know firsthand our community has endured many challenges to create a level playing field to better our economic and educational opportunities. Affirmative action was a catalyst in making a dent toward education equity. This month we come together to celebrate our cultures and the contributions we bring to help build a better society. We are collectively one voice who wants to live the American dream, as proven throughout past generations.

To learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxp6hddu>.

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Supports A Landlord/Tenant Commission

I have to begin by mentioning two people who I met in my tenants' advocacy. I once spoke to an angry landlord at a Glendale Tenants Union rally to try to humanize the "other side" and his response was, "Put your baby down and fight me like a man."

Another landlord once said, "If you can't afford your rent, then you should have kept it zipped up because you don't deserve a family."

Before I hear anything about "both sides," consider that the "ideologically extreme" landlords have all the tools of violence and dehumanization at their disposal, whereas the "ideologically extreme" tenants

just want to stay in their homes.

Despite this severe imbalance in power relations, the [Glendale City] Council has always tried to help both sides of the landlord/tenant divide. So, inevitably, "helping" some landlords harms tenants. A landlord's interest is in profit alone and a tenant's interest is in their home and community, to which they provide the social capital that gives a city its identity.

A landlord/tenant commission, built right, could help. First, I've spent six months waiting for my unemployment payment; I was one of the lucky 97% of applicants who did not receive rental aid from the city. The board must understand – not sympathize with – my anger, my shame and my anxiety. If it is intended to address the disproportionate affordability harm working-class tenants are experiencing then it must be composed of a majority of renters (as Glendale is 65% renters) with the lived experience of recent struggle. Namely, activists from the Glendale Tenants Union, who may not all agree on solutions, are well versed in the problem.

Furthermore the board needs real adjudicative power, or we risk merely patting on the head tenants in crisis before booting them out of town.

We have inherited a housing ecology based on incumbent wealth with deeply rooted structural racism at its core (never forget that this was a Sundown Town). We can't undo a hundred years of exclusion, but this board is a chance for real economic diversity in our city leadership. We should take it.

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Girl Scout Shares Her Path to Gold Award

By Lori BODNAR, intern

There are still many ways to help the community during a pandemic. We can all stay connected to one another by using technology, as well as employing simple measures such as mailing a letter or making a phone call. The Girl Scouts is an organization that encourages service, leadership and community involvement. I have been working toward earning my Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts, which recognizes those making a difference in our community. Given the social distancing requirements necessitated by the pandemic, many residents in retirement and assisted living facilities have a heightened sense of isolation. I decided that for my Girl Scout Gold Award project I would encourage and support the seniors in retirement homes and assisted living facilities during this time. As part of my project, I have

been sending encouraging letters with care packages to them. The care packages contained activity workbooks such as crosswords, word searches, sudoku, and zen coloring books with colored pencils, as well as copies of the CV Weekly newspaper. The care packages and letters were sent to seniors in Brookdale Alhambra, Foothill Retirement and Twelve Oaks retirement homes.

With the help of my musically-talented friends, I also organized a virtual music concert for the residents at Foothill Retirement. Twelfth-grade Crescenta Valley High School student Kimmie Blood and her college-aged sister Annie Blood played the piano and sang to perform the song "Never Enough" from The Greatest Showman. CVHS 12th grader Andrew Kim performed "Donna Lee" by Charlie Parker on his saxophone. Another CVHS 12th grader, Julianna Cheney, sang "On my Own" from Les Misérables.



Photos provided by Lori BODNAR
Girl Scout and Gold Award candidate Lori Bodnar shared her experiences of undertaking her Gold Award project during COVID-19.

Dana Ryan, another CVHS 12th grader, sang "New York, New York." They also performed additional music pieces.

The senior citizens appeared to love the live virtual music concert and enjoyed talking with the performers. One of the senior residents was from New York and enjoyed hearing the famous "New York, New York." Others discussed what musical instruments they played as well, such as the piano.

I am grateful for my friends who performed the concert for the seniors at Foothill Retirement. I was glad to see the bright smiles of the residents there during the performance and enjoyed talking with them about music. Most of the performers shared what they liked

best about music, and why they chose to sing or play a particular song or instrument. Many remarked how uplifting music can be and how it can bring people together, even during this pandemic time when everyone needs to remain apart to keep people safe and healthy.

I also had the privilege of working with the exuberant Julie Kay Stallcup, one of the owners of Revolution Dance Center in Montrose, to coordinate a virtual dance performance for the residents at Foothill Retirement. The RDC dancers were Cassidy Prunty, Scarlett Owen, Zeta Stallcup, Axel Paulk, Sophia Luu, Lexi Pang, Ava Miler, Ruby Miller, Ayla La Fond, Ella Walters, Tatiana Hernandez, Sofia Joo, Samantha Panossian,

Leah Panossian, London Jaramilla and Sophia Mixon. My little sister, Suzanna Bodnar, also performed a solo ribbon dance. The dancers performed individually in costumes and treated the audience to a range of different dance styles including lyrical, musical theater, jazz, contemporary and ballet. The dancers did a fantastic job and the seniors in retirement homes enjoyed the live virtual dance performance.

I strive every day to make a positive difference in the community. For the holidays, consider sending an encouraging letter to retirement homes, front line workers, or friends and neighbors to support others and the community during this trying time.

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Alexander James from Troop 319 Verdugo Hills, son of Nicolas and Hilda James of Glendale, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebration is being postponed until after the pandemic.

James started out as a Tiger Scout in the Cub Scouts with Marie Martin as his Den leader. During his journey with Troop 310 James enjoyed the pinewood derby races, Blue and Gold celebrations and his sleepover in the LA Zoo with his den mates. He received the Arrow of Light Award in fifth grade and bridged into Troop 319 to become a Boy Scout.

James worked on his advancement through the ranks with the help of many wonderful ASMs such as Katie Emery, Chris Davis, Pete Simpson, Jim Venezia and Todd Hessick and learned a lot from some Scoutmasters such as Paul Dols, Andrew Green, Nate Brown and Dan Scaiff. Among those activities he most enjoyed were Boy Scout summer camps, rock rappelling at Vasquez Rocks and many hiking and camping experiences in the Angeles National Park. He is most proud of his hiking merit badge and is able to boast that he has hiked 400 miles so far. His favorite experience in the Scouts was 12 days backpacking through Philmont Scout Ranch—High Adventure Boy Scout Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico. James said the experience was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in his life ... so far. He got to ride horseback, hike, shoot rifles, pan for gold, use a lasso, explore a silver mine, rock climb and summit the Tooth of Time Mountain that has an elevation of 9,000 ft.

For his Eagle Scout project James wanted to give back to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles for the exceptional care he was given there. In eighth grade James was

given a serious medical diagnosis and was rushed to Children's Hospital for surgery. He spent a week in a hospital bed recovering from his surgery and was very bored lying in bed waiting to leave. He got the idea of putting together backpacks for children getting out of surgery. He raised funds and donations to give back to CHLA. He delivered 50 backpacks to the hospital filled with activities children coming out of surgery could use in bed while recovering. He included in the backpacks Rubik's Cubes, playing cards, coloring books, journals, activity books, crayons and toys that kids could occupy themselves with while recovering.

James said he is very grateful for the experiences and friendships the Boy Scouts of America has given him over the years and is looking forward to new adventures in the future and taking part in his lifelong love of hiking.

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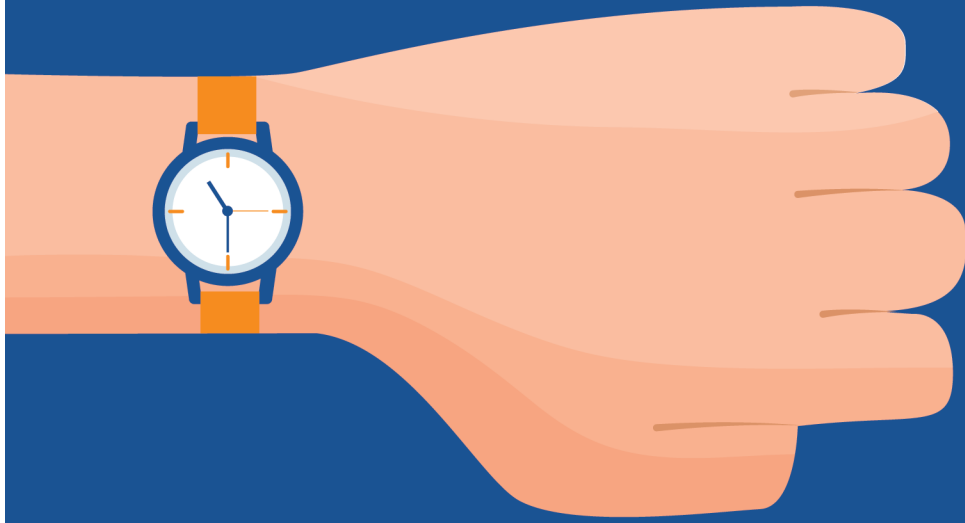
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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Delicious Details Found at Crow's Nest



Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP LEFT: Biscuits and gravy are prepared to showcase the specially ordered sausage

TOP RIGHT: The smoked bacon is a specialty item that Miner stocks and uses in the country gravy for chicken fried steaks, breakfast platters on its own, and on burgers and sandwiches where it pairs nicely with anything. Turkey roasted in-house stays light and delicious when cooked just right. And putting them together on a turkey club, served up in generous portions, is a fantastic sandwich.

BOTTOM LEFT: Crow's Nest is open daily.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Crow's Nest has a beer and wine license for alcohol service. This limits them to using only fermented products, nothing distilled like liquor. So Miner sourced some fermented-only vodka for the Bloody Mary. It is much lower proof than a distilled vodka, making it a much easier drinking experience than a common Bloody Mary.

By Charly SHELTON

This week continues our series spotlighting hometown favorite restaurants adapting to the new normal way of life of COVID-19.

Crow's Nest Sports Grille in Tujunga may look like a nautical themed restaurant from the outside and like a sports bar from the inside. Diners may still be attached to the biker bar reputation of The Steel Pit, which used to occupy this location before Art Miner took over and founded

Crow's Nest. But behind these misconceptions hide the truth of what Crow's Nest really is – just a fantastic family restaurant.

“That’s a big thing I really want to emphasize – how much we’re really more of a restaurant than a sports bar,” Miner said. “But it’s hard to convince people when you’ve got 28 TVs and 48 beers; it’s like ‘How can you call yourselves a restaurant?’ But that really is our focus.”

Having been open for only six years, Crow's Nest is a relative newcomer to the Crescenta Valley

dining scene, yet it has already become a fast favorite among diners and it's not hard to see why: Miner cares about his food.

“My motto is, we’ll do it better than anybody else,” he said.

And boy, is that right. From the sausages imported from Chicago to the dry-aged steaks from Nebraska that are cut in-house to the coffee that he personally selected from Kauai, Hawaii, Miner is very particular about what he serves in his restaurant. If a supplier is out of Miner's chosen product, then it comes off the menu – he won't serve lower quality substitutes for any reason. Despite the high quality of foods, the prices remain very affordable. This is what makes Crow's Nest a favorite among so many diners – great food at great prices.

In addition to being a contract engineer for the Navy for 30 years, food has been a hobby and a passion for Miner even before opening Crow's Nest. He spent five years on Kauai where he deeply connected with the culture and the people. In that time, Miner travelled all over the island learning about the culture and, most importantly, the food. He brought this knowledge back to the mainland where he gives a taste of Hawaiian flavors – done the right way – to many of the dishes served at Crow's Nest.

Kalua pig is a traditional dish served throughout Hawaii that was brought to the mainland and served in restaurants that try to mimic the flavors. But so many of these restaurants, even on the Big Island of Hawaii, try to cut corners for ease and cost – using steamers instead of banana leaves, for example, to cook the

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inspired by the process-based metaphysics and thinkers such as Deleuze, Alfred North Whitehead, and Heraclitus, and serves as a commentary on the negative effects of western substance-based ontologies. 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.

THEN & NOW | Montrose Shopping Park Construction Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » The Montrose Shopping Park was under construction in this view from the mid-'60s. This is the 2400 block of Honolulu Avenue looking east toward the intersection with Wickham Way. The cement is being poured for one of the many landscaped "bumpouts" that create the winding characteristic of Honolulu Avenue, a street that had been until then a straight treeless business district. This was a bold idea in urban planning, the concept being to slow traffic down so businesses would become more visible to motorists, and to encourage pedestrian traffic with significant landscaping and with pedestrian features such as benches and drinking fountains.



Now » The creation of the landscaped bumpouts was a bold leap of faith on the part of Montrose businessmen, who drove the effort, and the City of Glendale, which constructed it. But as anyone can see today, it's an investment that has paid off as the Montrose Shopping Park is considered one of the jewels among shopping districts in Glendale. This is the view standing in front of White's Framing and Restoration looking east toward Joselito's.

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The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Installs 2020-2021 Officers and Directors

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada recently held its 71st annual installation, via Zoom, celebrating the incoming 2020-21 officers and directors. On Wednesday, Sept. 30 the gavel was “virtually” passed to new Kiwanis President Dennis Fors from Immediate Past President Michael Freed.

The master of ceremonies was Kiwanis Club of LC board member Dr. Michael Leininger who did a superb job at the noontime festivities attended by nearly 50 members and guests. Everyone was in high spirits as the past officers and directors were congratulated on a job well done.

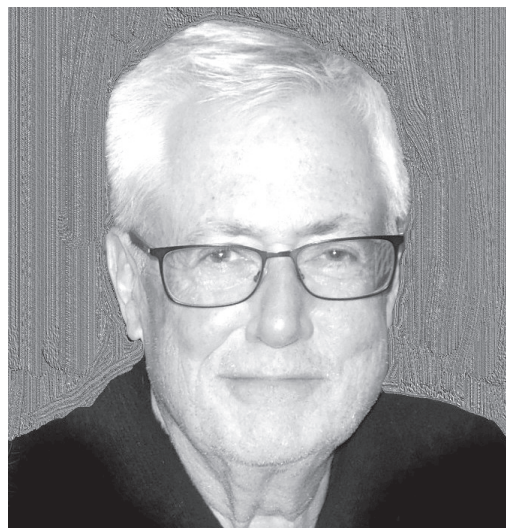
In addition, Fors recognized two club members with special awards. The 2019-20 Gil Smith Award was presented to Sky Sprowles for his exemplary work in keeping members connected and informed through a weekly “newsletter.” The 2019-20 Rookie of the Year Award went to Georgina Mueller for outstanding leadership and service as a new member by coordinating care packages to nursing home patients early in the pandemic and a complimentary weekly pizza provided by Stella’s Pizza in La Cañada to a deserving club member.

The Kiwanis tradition of the retirement of the outgoing officers and the board was made by 2019-20 Kiwanis Division 3 Past Lt. Governor Jose Sierra. The formal installation of the incoming officers and directors was officiated by 2020-21 Kiwanis Division 3 Lt. Governor Tina Tabora-Lim who inducted the officers and directors:



President Dennis Fors; Immediate Past President Michael Freed; President-Elect Terry Piasky; Vice President Trish McRae; Secretary Sky Sprowles; Treasurer Farhad Motia. Directors: Greg Brown, Carl Christensen, Diane Della Valle, Patrick Liddell, Alice Perez, Joe Radabaugh, Matt Regan, Gigi Schlueter and Terry Walker.

“A constant comment I hear from Club visitors and new members is the great camaraderie they find here – even in a Zoom meeting,” said Fors. “We bring together people from a variety of backgrounds, including political and religious persuasions, and create a real sense of community. This is a time of opportunity and need to which we must rise. The social, mental, emotional and physical health of our kids was already subjected to the effects of social media, only to be exacerbated by COVID-19. I believe that Kiwanis can help our youth reach their best potential by sponsoring and promoting



programs, such as the Builders’ Club, Key Club, our Scout troop and baseball team. Also, our literacy efforts, like the TERRIFIC Kids programs, scholarships, student trips when they’re available, and more can help encourage our youth to reach their highest potential.”

To help in this endeavor, Fors has created three task forces to stay relevant and energize the Club in fundraising, service and membership recruitment.

“We are blessed to have some individuals of incredible talent, commitment and experience to work on each of these task forces,” he said. “So take your vitamins and fasten your seat belts. I invite you all to dive into this new Kiwanis year with enthusiasm, optimism and teamwork, thereby revitalizing our club and community. Let’s make 2020-21 the best year yet for La Cañada Kiwanis.”

A native of La Cañada, Fors has been volunteering since his youth. In fact, by becoming president of

the Kiwanis Club of LC, he’s come full circle. When he was a student at La Cañada High School, Fors was a Key Club member – the group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LC. He joined the Kiwanis Club of LC in 2017, and his talents were quickly put to work by being elected to the board of directors and moving up the ranks, most recently serving as interim president.

Fors also brings extensive business experience to the Kiwanis. He retired in 2016 after a 37-year career in banking. His career highlights included banking several of the Southland’s premier companies and managing groups of high-performing professionals.

He is a lifelong scouter, serving in a variety of positions from Cubmaster to president of the Verdugo Hills Council where he was heralded with the Silver Beaver Award for lifetime distinguished service. The San Gabriel Valley Council also recognized Fors with the Baden Powell Award for creating



and running a Cub Scout pack for minority youth in Altadena.

Fors and his wife Linda have four children (all LCHS grads) and 12 grandchildren.

Those interested in getting to know more about the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada are cordially invited to attend a Zoom meeting held every Wednesday at noon that features the guest speaker-of-the-week program. To receive a private invitation to join the Zoom meeting, visit the La Cañada Kiwanis Facebook page and leave a note in the comment section.

Photo courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada
LEFT: Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 2020-21 President Dennis Fors

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MIDDLE: Sky Sprowles received the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 2019-20 Gil Smith Award for his outstanding service to the Club.

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RIGHT: Georgina Mueller was awarded the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada 2019-20 Rookie of the Year for her dedicated work as a new member.

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The gift was gratefully acknowledged.

“Thank you to Glendale Memorial Hospital for standing with us during this very difficult time,” said Tagui Sarkisyan, president of the Armenian American Nurses

Association. “Our community depends on the compassionate care of Glendale Memorial, and their leadership at a moment like this means so much.”

Those who would like to make a charitable donation can contact the Glendale Memorial Health Foundation at (818) 502-2375 or

make a direct donation to the International Mission at <https://www.supportglendale.org/ways-to-give/donate-online>. One hundred percent of the funds donated will be used in partnership with the Armenian Relief Society (Western Region), which will then work with their sister chapter in Artsakh.



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From left, Marie Filipian, Community Health manager, Glendale Memorial Hospital, delivers 1,000 masks to Ani Keryan, RN, of the Armenian American Nurses Association.

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Assemblywoman Luz Rivas (AD39—Sunland-Tujunga) will also share her legislative experience.

Members have been phone-banking, text-banking and check-writing for local and national candidates as they couldn't do traditional precinct-walking during this pandemic.

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

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♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

If a health problem has confounded you, you might want to ask the Universe to provide you with clear guidance on what to do. An aspect in your health zone suggests this may be one avenue that could bring some intriguing results. Look to synchronicities for your answer.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The cosmos encourages you to get back on track if you've strayed. If you need the help of a personal trainer to stay motivated, go for it. If you want to be fit, it's worth considering any system you know of that keeps your enthusiasm and passion at its peak.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This period is great for recommitting to your health routine. If you haven't even started yet, this is a good time to begin dieting or exercising or both. You're less likely to fall by the wayside if you start within the next two weeks.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

The cosmos sheds light on any health problems you may be having. If you're uncertain about which aspect to tackle first or how to approach a new exercise regimen, read books or blogs to see what others have done. Armed with knowledge, you can then start.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is a great time to use the power of positive thinking to improve your health. You're becoming more aware of how your thinking impacts your body. The more negative it is, the worse you feel. The more happiness you can summon up despite prevailing conditions, the more energy and wellness you'll enjoy.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

This may be a good time to call in a feng shui expert. If you have any particular health problems, he or she will look at your home, assess any problem, and recommend ways to resolve the issue. Once you put these into action, you could experience a surge in energy and a feeling of good health.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Aspects now will end any confusion, frustration, or delays you've experienced concerning your health. It should all be clear sailing from this point on. If you're socializing, look after your health by drinking plenty of water and getting the rest you need.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Any worries or anxieties you've suppressed may reappear as tense

muscles. It's better to deal with the root cause so you can feel relaxed from the inside out. Once you manage that, any stiff neck, headache, or leg cramp should go away. A massage would help, as would regular exercise.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If you have to work late, don't forget to look after your body. If you're out socializing, drink more water than usual. It would help if you cut back on caffeine so you can sleep well in between your very active waking hours.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You could decide to get help from someone adept at spiritual healing in order to sort out any health problems. You seem to have more faith in alternative approaches right now. You can do a lot to get well by projecting a vibrational energy of health. This may change things for you.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You tend to believe everything you perceive with your senses. You subscribe to the idea that outside forces are responsible for any breakdown in your health. But your state of mind has a lot to do with the way you feel and the amount of energy at your disposal. Once you realize this, you'll see how important it is to think positively.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This period is perfect for experimenting with the idea that you contribute to your well-being and any illness you may experience. If you stay in a vibration of happiness, you'll feed the cells in your body with energy and reap wonderful results. If you can stay in this zone of happiness, you'll be in peak condition most of the time.

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Answers for puzzle 10.8.20
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ACROSS

- 1) Asian nannies
- 6) Big reptile, informally
- 10) Groundwork for plaster
- 14) Judicial gowns
- 15) The L of L-dopa
- 16) Skin-cream additive, often
- 17) Felt very ashamed and sorry?
- 20) Peron and Gabor
- 21) Oui or si
- 22) Frat-sweater X
- 23) Conveyed an estate
- 25) More intoxicating
- 29) Flanders of cartoons
- 30) Florida City
- 31) Japanese beverage
- 33) Mend socks
- 35) Orchestra's location
- 36) Beatles hit
- 40) U.K. fighter pilots' gp.
- 41) Fair offering
- 42) "Fine" or "liberal" things
- 43) Arboreal lizards
- 46) Warm hello
- 47) Ellery Queen portrayer
- 48) Backsliding episode
- 52) Venomous serpent
- 53) Walton of Wal-Mart
- 54) Immature parasites
- 55) Strains on pocketbooks
- 60) Molecule unit
- 61) Buffalo's county
- 62) Layer with a hole
- 63) Stove-top sights
- 64) HS seniors' exams
- 65) Betty Ford forte

DOWN

- 1) Flew like a fly ball
- 2) "___ got to be kidding!"
- 3) Middle name of President Garfield
- 4) 1952 Olympics site
- 5) Needle point, sometimes
- 19) Indian dish with stewed lentils (Var.)
- 7) Bench-press iterations
- 8) Offspring in the offspring
- 9) Involves
- 10) Pretentious syllables
- 11) Famous boxer
- 12) Stocking stuffer?
- 13) "___ give you the shirt off his back!"
- 18) Not the original color
- 19) Indian dish with stewed lentils (Var.)
- 24) Visualizes
- 25) Unruly bunch
- 26) Enter, in a way
- 27) Fixes typos
- 28) Decay
- 31) Theatrical platform
- 32) Worse than bad
- 33) Donald Duck's love
- 34) Clause connector
- 37) Steps all over
- 38) Do a trucker's job
- 39) Systematically arrange
- 40) Arched bone
- 44) Clock radio features
- 45) Apollo's creator
- 46) Plant for burlap
- 48) Acts with violent anger
- 49) Embroidered loop
- 50) Dictator's helper, once
- 51) Historical region of England
- 53) Mean mood
- 55) Maple fluid
- 56) After-school meeting org.
- 57) Act closer?
- 58) Keogh plan relative
- 59) It holds the line

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RELIGION

Question:

After being engaged for a couple of years, my fiancé and I are planning a summer 2021 wedding. From the very beginning, I told him I plan to keep my maiden name and for good reason. I'm a professional. Many printed materials have the name I've used for over 12 years and my clients are familiar with that name. Now he is arguing that he wants me to take his name as well and hyphenate the surname.

I'm not comfortable with that to the point of cancelling the wedding until we can come to a better understanding. His request also makes me wonder if this is the beginning of his being controlling in our relationship.

Please help me sort this out because my mind is making up all sorts of things – like am I being too controlling?

~ Flustered Bride-To-Be

Dear Flustered Bride-to-Be,

You have a wonderful opportunity in this moment to practice an essential skill for marriage: open and honest communication. We often think communication will allow us to get to a shared outcome, some way of discovering a novel solution to the problem by making adjustments and compromises. However, I think the better goal of communication is understanding.

I'm curious: If you both agreed that you would not be taking his name, what changed? Is he feeling pressure from friends or family? Digging into the reason for the shift might reveal why these demands seem so important now (and allow you to express your concern about where control rests within your relationship). I sense that you do not want to be controlled nor do you want to be controlling. I think that is a good posture to take. So how do you make your needs known and listen to his needs when they come into conflict?

One approach might be helpful: The taking of a surname is symbolic. The paternalistic origins notwithstanding, a shared name indicates a common cause, a shared commitment to life together. Perhaps there are other symbolic gestures that might support this meaning without taking his name. Wedding rings, unity candles and personalized vows are symbols that work this way. Perhaps you know of creative expressions that make each of you "you" that could be combined.

My encouragement is that you remain together in this dialogue. As you each come to understand why your position is important new options may present themselves. The dynamics in a relationship differ for everyone; finding how it plays out in your relationship takes work. Take time to talk together, explore new ways so that both of your needs and concerns might be met. If you both agree to support one

another, I am certain a solution can be found.



Rev. Kyle Sears
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Dear Flustered Bride-To-Be,

I have been a professional singer since the age of 15 and I began my career using my maiden name. Since that time, I have fallen in, out and back in love. I have married, divorced and married, and I continued to sing through it all. Thirty-plus years ago, I married a man who came from a small town who had a strict, old-fashioned background. I knew that I was expected to take his last name, and I did. After we had children together, I felt that it was actually convenient sharing a last name for the sake of our children's teachers and our social groups. When that marriage ended 14 years later, I took my own name back and have kept it ever since. It actually amuses my current husband and me when he is called "Mr. Mitchell."

My husband is proud of my professional accomplishments and also has a great sense of humor. That being said, I am concerned about the apparent lack of understanding and communication between your fiancé and yourself. The fact that he is "arguing" with you about this issue rather than discussing it is worrisome. How will he behave when something truly monumental happens down the road? And, trust me, life challenges will happen.

I am also concerned that your wedding was postponed so easily over this one issue. Perhaps there are other "control" issues that you are experiencing? Wanting to keep your own name after marriage is not a controlling behavior on your part, as you were wondering, so just let that go. I am currently co-teaching an online Zoom class based on the book "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz. I highly recommend that you both read this short book and discuss it with each other. As a couple, you are not going to agree on everything in life, and it would actually be pretty boring if you did. Finding ways to lovingly, and supportively, work through your personal expectations of each other, and heal past issues, is the key to giving and receiving love and respect, no matter what comes up.

Perhaps there is a compromise for you both? Maybe when you are both interacting with family and close friends, you can be called Mrs. (his last name) and in your professional career interactions you can continue to use your own name? As Shakespeare said, in Romeo and Juliet, "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Try your best to find the sweetness between the two of you, and if

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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it is not there, keep looking for someone who is able to enjoy the sweetness of your love, no matter what your name happens to be.



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Question:

I finally found the job of my dreams that requires I move to Europe and sign on for three years. I'm 24 years old. My parents are totally against this. I'm well-educated, thanks to my parents, but I don't like feeling they get to make my decisions for me. Included in the job offer are housing, medical, vacations and sick leave. We vetted the company and know this is a legitimate offer. I would return once a year to the United States

for three weeks, which I consider reasonable. My parents can also visit me.

I think this is a good way to launch myself into the business world. Please help me convince them that this is a good move that won't last forever, I don't think, although if things work out I could remain for additional years.

Now I don't know what to do.

~ Undecided Daughter

Dear Undecided,

Please follow your heart. This is such a wonderful opportunity for you. You are 24 and fully capable of making your own decisions. I am a senior citizen now and I regret not taking that opportunity to travel or go abroad for a time. My friends at times reminisce about going to Europe or driving through South American for six months after college. Tell your parents that this opportunity for you is better and safer than taking a year off to travel. You have a salary, housing, medical care, etc. What can be better than that? And you get to come home for three

weeks every year! They could even come visit you. One of my best vacations ever was a couple of years ago visiting my son and daughter-in-law in Paris where they were living for awhile. I'll never forget him meeting us at the train station in Paris as we arrived for the visit!!

My granddaughter took a year off after college and did an internship with her church in Chicago. She really enjoyed that time experiencing new people, places and the winter in the Windy City! She wanted to stay and get a job but couldn't find one so she came home and found one. All is well!



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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

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Stephen Robertson, director of Children, Youth and Family, will lead the congregation this week with a sermon titled “Where Do You Draw the Line?” After the service, all are invited to join in fellowship on Zoom. There is also a time of prayers via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and several of the church’s small groups gather on Zoom on different days and times.

A variety of items are being collected for several different benevolence organizations including clothes, non-perishable food and school supplies.

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.

Lift Up Crescenta Valley

As the election approaches and emotions run high, Lift Up Crescenta Valley invites the community to join in prayers on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. at Deukmejian Wilderness Park.

The need is great. The world needs love and prayers now. There has been very strong turnout and prayers. Participants are meeting at the bleachers just east of the parking lot overlooking the valley. All are encouraged to arrive early as parking can be very limited.

Bring masks and remember to keep social distancing.

Those who have fever, cough, congestion or difficulty breathing are asked to not attend.

Lift Up Crescenta Valley Committee, Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale 91214

Our Lady of Lourdes Celebrates 100 Years

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, located in Tujunga and founded on Oct. 17, 1920, is celebrating 100 years of service to the community. Although the pandemic has delayed some of the more grand plans for the centennial, its Called to Renew campaign continues. To donate or to learn more, visit ollschooltujunga.org.

New Time for Outdoor Worship Services at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services this Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

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

As we are moving into fall and earlier sunsets, the brief service will now commence at 5 p.m. And for those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

Walk and Word

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

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

Catholics Invited

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

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

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

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING *from previous page*

Dear Undecided Daughter,
I’ve been reading and thinking about your letter. I wonder how objective I can be since I have a daughter about your age and in your position. Frankly, I don’t know any parents who would disagree with your parents. This is an incredible risk. Your parents, perhaps especially your dad, have probably already offered up specific, thoughtful objections and asked considerable questions about why this job requires you to leave not just your town but your continent. I know I’d have a long list of negatives for my own daughter.

But you did make a compelling remark. You said your parents don’t have the right to make your decisions for you. That’s true. This is your decision. You get to go. And this is the part of being a parent that is the worst: letting go. We thought it was fine when we were 24. Since that time, the world has not gotten safer.

What kind of timeline do you have to decide? I would suggest to pray and ask God for direction. And pray some more and then fast and pray. Is working remotely out of the question? Are there any former employees you can talk to?

If they’re providing housing, what kind of freedom will you have there? How is the Wuhan virus affecting this location? Would you have been offered this job if you were a male? What is the security like where you’ll be living? Will you be speaking English? What is it about three years? Are you free to leave if you want to? Can you resign after year one if you want to? Are you free to resign for any reason? I’m assuming the vetting you did was thorough. It needs to be. If you go, you will never have been more alone. There is excitement in making it on your own and being in a foreign land. But there is good reason for being cautious, especially at 24.

It has been your parents’ job to keep you safe all these years and they’ve succeeded. It is natural for them to do what they’ve always done. I suppose, in all honesty, if it were me in your dad’s place I’d try to figure out a reason why mom and I needed

to move to Europe too! I don’t envy your parents. I just hope that there is no stone left unturned in Internet research about this company, your superiors and your co-workers. You want as few surprises as possible. I also suggest that, should you choose to go, you take your parents with you so that together you can all see with your own eyes what you’re getting yourself into.

This all makes me so nervous.



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Case No. 20STPB03984
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brian K. Mazen in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brian K. Mazen be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of Patricia A. Rademacher.

THE PETITION REQUESTS the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION REQUESTS authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 4 at Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, on November 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

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BURGLARY from page 7
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canvassing the area and detained a male who closely matched the description of the burglary suspect. The suspect admitted the Toyota Camry was his. The suspect was ultimately arrested for the Sept. 25 burglary. Crescenta Valley Station detectives are

looking into other recent burglaries to see if there is any link to the vehicle or suspect.
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WILDFIRE from Cover

border of Mexico, also took part in the meeting.

“CAL FIRE folks are worn out,” he said of the firefighters battling the number of fires across the state.

He praised the mutual aid system consisting of fire departments that “share the burden” across the state. He added that none of the firefighting departments can battle the fires alone, that they work with partners that include counties, cities and state fire personnel.

“Not one of us can do this by ourselves,” he said. “It’s important to recognize our partners. We have over 15,000 firefighters on fire lines [as of Oct. 8].”

He added that, thus far in 2020, there have been a little over 4 million acres in the state burned.

“Which is unheard of ... our largest season ever was right at 3 million [acres burned] and we have surpassed that [by] a million acres. The scary part of this is that we are far from over,” Johnson added. “We are just getting into the real peak of Southern California fire season.”

Johnson said the recent fire intensity is directly related to fuel moisture – the amount of moisture in fuel (vegetation) available to fires – and said the majority of fires are topography-driven. Though warm Santa Ana winds have not really been a part of the current equation the traditional fire season, which starts in October and runs through January, has just begun.

“So we are expecting this year to have a lot of challenges ahead,” he added.

One of the ways to prepare for future fires is for communities to organize a California Fire Safe Council, said panel guest Jay Lopez, a recently retired LA County Fire assistant chief and board member for the California Fire Safe Council. Lopez spent over three decades with LACoFD and had high praise for the mutual aid system.

“This mutual aid system has been something that keeps us in very good condition so we can respond properly,” Lopez said.

Locally, the Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council (CVFSC), which was established about 11 years ago, has concentrated efforts in the Briggs Terrace area. There is limited entrance and exit access to the neighborhoods in that area. To prepare residents in the case of fire, CVFSC has held evacuation drills and extensive fire prevention informational events. The CVFSC has

wildfire information on its website cvfiresafecouncil.org, including a preparation guide.

“Through the California Fire Safe Councils we prepare for fires to come,” Lopez said.

The Councils can prepare for fires prior to an emergency in several ways from making available information on home hardening to teaching how to prepare in case a mandatory evacuation order is instituted.

In preparation for wildfires, CAL FIRE promotes its Ready, Set, Go! program to educate residents on planning, preparing and staying aware in the case of a catastrophic wildfire. To learn more, visit fire.lacounty.gov or go to any local fire station.

CROW'S NEST from page 12

pork, using different seasonings to change the flavor – all tricks that Miner will not stoop to.

“I actually buy Hawaiian salt to coat (the pork) when we cook it because they say the iron oxide in the salt changes the flavor a little bit,” Miner said. “Then we stuff it with ginger and wrap it in banana leaves. The only thing that differs from what you would want to do is we use a liquid smoke as we don’t have a smoker, but everything else is as authentic as you could get it.”

Beyond the Hawaiian dishes, every dish on the menu is approached with the same level of care and attention as the Kalua pig. Miner brought CV Weekly out to try some of the favorite offerings from the menu and demonstrate how the restaurant is adapting to COVID-19.

Attention to every detail in every dish is a constant at Crow’s Nest. For example, its biscuits and gravy. Biscuits and gravy can be ordered at just about any decent breakfast place, and I usually do. All across the Southwest, Midwest, Northeast and all over SoCal, I’ve had just about every variation of the dish that can be imagined. I’ve even had biscuits and gravy from a Dairy Queen at a gas station in rural Arizona (don’t judge me). It’s usually about the same – a thick, dry biscuit with thick, gloppy gravy

and sometimes chunks of what you hope is sausage. But nowhere have I had biscuits and gravy like the dish served at Crow’s Nest. No other sausage gravy I’ve had tastes like the sausage it was made with; however, when sausages are specially imported from Chicago one wants to taste the flavor ... and Crow’s Nest delivers.

Miner said that initially he wanted to buy biscuits and gravy premade, as many restaurants do to save time and money, but he wasn’t happy with anything that was available on the market. So he decided it’d make his own. Fresh baked biscuits are made specifically to stand up to the house-made sausage gravy; they aren’t so soft they crumble under the weight of the gravy, yet they’re not too hearty so they remain light and fluffy. This attention to detail for a dish as commonplace as biscuits and gravy reflects the care Miner and his staff take in every dish found on the menu.

Crow’s Nest, 7279 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga, is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays. To see the menu, visit <http://www.thecrowsnestsg.com/menu/>. Al fresco dining is available on the two outdoor patios, and masks are required when not seated at a table.

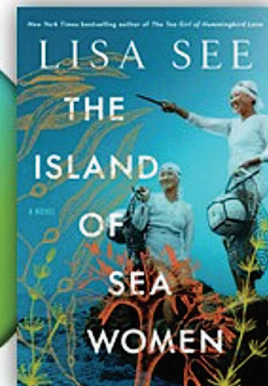
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