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LISRAP Plans Move Forward

By Julie BUTCHER

In a surprisingly short meeting Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council approved an agreement with the Glendale Community College Foundation to use \$1.3 million in Measure S funds to implement plans for affordable housing the city and college district authorized at a joint meeting last week. Interim city manager Roubik Golanian told the council the next step would be the selection of an affordable housing developer, responsive to the request for proposals approved at the joint meeting of the city's housing authority and the college board last week. Together the entities okayed the move forward for local plans for the Low-Income Student Rental Assistance Program (LISRAP).

In October 2020, the council approved a report on various possible ways to help lower income households using Measure S funding; at that time, members approved the LISRAP plan, an affordable housing program designed to provide rental housing assistance to low income, Glendale-based students living alone or with family, and to provide supportive services administered by the college's new Office for Basic Needs via its "Fresh Success" program.

The Fresh Success program is aimed at ensuring "participants receive adequate basic needs support (food, shelter, transportation, etc.) to impact their persistence and completion of their education and to ensure that participants receive education and training that will improve their employability after they complete their education at GCC."

In other news, deputy city manager John Takhtalian noted additional items slated for next week's council agenda: a report on the city's annual weed abatement plans and challenges; plans and specifications for

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Serving the Community and Helping Their Team

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Help spread some kindness and love this Valentine's Day weekend by supporting a food drive.

The pandemic has been hard on so many facets of society. Many people have become unemployed, finding themselves in the position – many for the first time – of being food insecure; that is, not knowing from where their next meal will come.

Students who are remote-learning are finding it a challenge to exercise their "volunteer" muscles because many of those opportunities are associated with in-person events, which are currently postponed.

The Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) robotics team has come up with a way to meet both needs by hosting a food drive on Saturday to support the Bailey Human Care Center at the United Methodist Church in Tujunga.

CVHS seniors Kimberley Miller and Eric Limonadi are the primary student organizers of the food drive.



Photo courtesy of Team 589

At a previous food drive, robotics students get ready to greet donors and collect food for the Bailey Center. They will again be collecting food for the Bailey Center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"During the summer, I kept seeing news articles about the Bailey Center needing more food to provide for others so we decided to do food drives for the

Bailey Center," said Miller. "We [held] monthly food drives until December when the [number of] COVID-19 cases climbed." The Bailey Center has been

helping feed those in need for nearly 40 years. Currently Bailey Center helps approximately

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More MIS-C Cases Reported in LA County

By Mary O'KEEFE

The number of COVID-19 cases has been relatively low for children compared to adults. Of the 1,092,128 reported positive cases of COVID-19 in LA County as of Feb. 8, the total number reported of positive cases in children who are between 5 and 17 years old is 142,295.

Although many children who test positive for COVID-19 are asymptomatic, meaning they do not show symptoms of the virus or experience mild symptoms, there is a risk of a rare disease that parents should be aware – multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C).

MIS-C, formerly called pediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome or PIMS, describes a health condition seen in children who have been infected with novel coronavirus, then recovered

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Doctors at Children's Hospital Los Angeles have seen an increase in MIS-C cases, which can affect a child's organ system.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Taking My Own Advice

Last week's cover story, "Take A Seat, Urge Local Restaurants," was a reminder that local restaurants are open for outside dining and are eager to have their tables filled by diners. I responded by eagerly placing a reservation for Sunday night at one of my favorite spots, Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill. Thankfully there was no problem in getting a reservation because I a) called way in advance and b) it was the Super Bowl. I had a chance to sit down with owner Alissa Hwang, who was so happy to serve her delicious food to hungry customers, and explore some exciting ideas for local dining. But more on that on a later date.

The friend who joined me for dinner (not Amy, who you have often read about) recently recovered from COVID-19. She and her husband, who also had it, were extremely careful about where they went and who they saw. Consequently, they had no idea where or when they were exposed to the virus. She ended up having flu-like symptoms – and not the worst flu she ever had. But what was shocking for me to hear was that she thought that if she got COVID-19 death was imminent.

She is (barely) over 60 and has diabetes. A former neighbor of hers was a little younger and also had diabetes. He contracted COVID-19 and ended up dying. Consequently, when she got it she thought it was a death sentence. This is despite the number of deaths from COVID-19 hovering around 1.5%-1.6% of the number of diagnosed cases. To me it just illustrates the importance of using preventive measures (i.e. wearing a mask, washing hands often, etc.) though I am quick to point out that I do eat out and travel to Cambria when allowed. I must

also point out that I do not have any underlying conditions and am pretty darn healthy. Consequently, I do not have the fear factor that some of my friends and family do.

Ultimately, I try to be mindful of the concerns of others and do my best to accommodate them. I will also, embarrassingly, admit that I am not always successful; I have gotten surly when admonished for not following to the letter someone else's rules. Thankfully that surliness has been directed at family members and they are forgiving.

I do believe that we have turned a corner, especially with the administration of vaccines, though discontinuing virtual meetings doesn't seem to be happening anytime soon.

In addition to the postponement of in-person meetings, it looks like Prom Plus will be cancelled again this year. At a recent virtual meeting held last week with the new PP president Joy McCreary, new PP treasurer Rachelle Miller and key supporters, we batted back and forth the idea of whether or not an in-person Prom Plus event will be held. Though we would like to be optimistic, the fact is we don't think it will be possible.

However, a positive from the meeting was the announcement that I will be receiving a

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Weather in the Foothills

"You say you love rain, but you use an umbrella to walk under it."

~ Bob Marley

Thus far, no algebraic equations or geometric theorems are required to measure the 2020-21 season's rainfall. Crescenta Valley has accumulated about 5.50 inches – nearly 10 inches below normal. We've got some serious catching up to do. Other parts of the U.S. have been hit by blizzards and ice storms. Early predictions for the Super Bowl included cold, rainy and icy weather; instead the chilly-mix quickly moved to the north and the east throughout the morning. By late afternoon mostly clear skies and mild temperatures prevailed. From distant memory came the words, "Out came the sun and dried up all the rain." I believe the subject was an indefatigable little spider. All was good for kickoff Sunday but by the fourth quarter temperatures dropped, bringing on some teeth chattering.

My understanding of weather hopefully surpasses that of football. I like football just fine, but have to admit I'm more drawn by the spirit of the game: the gathering of friends and family (though not in 2021), the food and – yes – the commercials. One in particular was spot on. A new weather condition was revealed for the very first time- a Lemon Storm! Let me explain (if you didn't see it).

Bud Light, reflecting over the past year, reminded us to turn lemons into lemonade in its 2021 Super Bowl commercial! The commercial for the brewery's new lemonade seltzer started with friends amid a wedding party milling around outdoors. Center yard was an ice chest and barbecue. There, these folks reflected back on 2020; they concurred it was a "lemon of a year."

In a flashback to a 2020 New Year's Eve celebration, a couple's kiss is interrupted when lemons suddenly start raining from the sky, smashing a glass table. The world erupts into chaos as the bizarre weather continues with everyone from bike riders to baseball players being pelted with lemons. A bride is also shown cowering under a table as lemons rain down on her wedding day. To conclude, back to the group at the barbeque/wedding, one attendee joked, "Well you know what they say, when life gives you lemons..." and his friend interrupts with, "We know the saying, Mark."

Today, Thursday, expect increasing mid- and high-level clouds ahead of two weak storm systems, one tomorrow, Friday, and the other on Sunday. As for a chance of rain ... it's more likely a lemon will hit the ground.

As for temperatures south of Point Conception (that'd be us), highs around 70 degrees and lows in the upper 40s are likely accompanied by strong intermittent gusty northerly winds. Not much change into next week.

I've found face masks to be great nose warmers!

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITTING BAILEY CENTER

CV Robotics will host a drive-through food drive on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CV High School parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell Avenue and Community Avenue. Non-perishable food items are being collected to benefit the Bailey Human Care Center. Community members are asked to enter the parking lot from Ramsdell, pull forward to a donation table, and “pop the trunk;” CV Robotics team members will gratefully accept all donations in a socially responsible and COVID-safe manner.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

An electronic recycling event is taking place in the parking lot at Albertsons grocery store on Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Albertsons, 6240 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga.

WANTED: LUC MEMBERS

The Land Use Committee of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, which consists of nine members who each serve a term of three years, is accepting applications. This year, three of the members' terms will expire and the LUC would like to invite members of the community interested in serving thru this committee to apply for an interview with the CVTC/LUC.

For a full description of the duties and how to apply, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

MEAL TRAIN FOR USC-VHH LOOKING FOR PASSENGERS

The Meal Train for frontline staff at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital has been reactivated. Some meals from the community would go a long way to lifting their spirits especially as COVID hospitalizations rise.

To sign up, visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nn5z0d>.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, Feb. 21. 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

Glass is Their Canvas



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

In this age it's uncommon to find true artisans, those who not only take pride in their work but also understand that they are making more than a utilitarian piece of equipment – they're establishing a legacy.

At R.D. Gibbs & Co., president Tim Gibbs knows the work he and his family does will last a lifetime – probably longer than their own – and he's fine with that.

Gibbs is a second-generation glass man specializing in stained and painted glass. His dad, Reginald Douglas Gibbs, learned the trade in England before WWII. As a teen, he apprenticed with masters who worked on the renowned Canterbury Cathedral, one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. During the war, in an effort to protect some of the priceless windows, Gibbs was among those who scrambled to remove some from the church, which was in the flight pattern of German's deadly bombers, and buried the windows not far away. The plan worked.

“After the war it was a matter of bringing back the windows and doing some restoration work,” Gibbs said of the early days in his father's career.

In 1956, R.D. and his wife were invited to do glasswork in America – and the couple decided to relocate to the United States, Pasadena specifically. Over the years, they moved from Pasadena to Altadena before finally settling in Glendale.

Finding quality glass craftsmen on the west coast was challenging, which was relatively a young part of the country when compared to the east coast that boasted early development. R.D. had plenty of work.

As a young man, Gibbs said he “dabbled in Dad's basement or garage” making his own little panels. He learned a lot through this experimentation including that he enjoyed the work. He went to work with his father when he was a little older and was at his father's side when the Montrose studio R.D. Gibbs & Co. was opened over 40 years ago.

Over the years, Gibbs said he's seen changes in the industry.

“Early on there were a lot of church projects,” he recalled, “but then we started picking up residential work and commercial work.”

Local businessman and resident Todd Thornbury discovered the work of R.D. Gibbs & Co., which can be seen at the La Crescenta Library and Crescenta Valley High School, and contacted the company with an idea for his own home. He wanted to install a window in a strategic part of the house that would provide light and privacy.

Gibbs said that typically a customer will approach him with a general idea that he will sketch out, using hand skills and not a computer. He added that this is part of a process that is valued by customers.

“When something is specifically designed, rather than purchased from a mass producer, something is translated from the designer to the product,” he said. “People are drawn to that uniqueness.”

Thornbury shared his respect for the quality found in an R.D. Gibbs & Co. product.

“They brought this old school talent, something you can't find anywhere,” Thornbury said of the project the company undertook for him. “Guys like these are few and far between; they provide a true artisan talent.”

Gibbs added that it's not just the responsibility of the company to make pretty glass. Depending on its use, there are certain technical elements that their products must withstand.

For example, when R.D. Gibbs & Co. installs a skylight or dome, the demands are much different than those of a window.

“We also have to take into consideration different types of light – morning light versus evening light, for example,” Gibbs said. “You never know how the glass is going to react.” However, he added, experience helps guide their customers through the process.

That experience of working with all types of glass in all types of situations has served the company well – especially when it undertook a large-scale church job in Plano, Texas.

The company was hired to create one large window – 12' x 22' – and two smaller windows – 4' x 12'.

“It was a depiction of the ascension of Christ,” Gibbs said. “It was challenging. We built the windows here in Montrose then moved them to Plano.”

As far as he knows the windows are still on display in Plano, reminding Gibbs of the legacy attached to such a project.

“They'll last long past those who made it,” he said.

Now his own son is working in the shop and though Gibbs' father died in 2018, his mother, who is 90 and lives locally, walks regularly to the shop to check in on things.

“At the core it's us,” Gibbs said, “three generations.” He added that it's “really gratifying” when his company is invited back to do another job.

Thornbury understands that desire; he hired R.D. Gibbs & Co. to install another window in his house. This one will incorporate Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon*.

“It's not just a window,” Thornbury said. “It's a piece of art.”

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE
Tim Gibbs of R.D. Gibbs & Co. stands next to a display of the work his Montrose studio does.

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Public Health Working to Expand Vaccination Eligibility in Coming Weeks

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health) confirmed on Wednesday 141 new deaths and 3,434 new cases of COVID-19. To date, Public Health identified 1,155,309 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County and a total of 18,500 deaths.

As of Feb. 5, the average number of new cases was around 4,500 a day; a 70% decrease from the peak experienced in early-January when Public Health reported an average of over 15,000 cases per day.

There are 3,973 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 29% of these people are in the ICU, Public Health reported. Testing results are available for more than 5,634,000 individuals with 19% of people testing positive. The daily test positivity rate reported on Wednesday was 7.1%.

Of the 141 new deaths reported, 48 people who died were over the age of 80, 43 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, 30 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, 10 people who died

were between the ages of 30 and 49, and three people who died were between the ages of 18 and 29. Five deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach and two deaths were reported by the City of Pasadena.

The City of Glendale reported 17,592 cases, the City of La Cañada Flintridge reported 681 cases, Sunland reported 2,077 cases, Tujunga reported 2,575 cases and in the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County Angeles National Forest reported 29 cases and La Crescenta-Montrose reported 975 cases.

“Each death we report is a tragedy and we wish everyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one from COVID-19 strength through these difficult times. You have our deepest condolences,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, director of Public Health. “In these times of vaccine scarcity, we ask that everyone be mindful of waiting for your turn, and ensuring that those most vulnerable in each eligible group have access to the vaccine; this includes

older people, frontline workers in these eligible sectors, and eligible residents and workers in the hardest hit communities. I want to thank everyone who has communicated to us the considerations and concerns they have around vaccine access for the populations they serve; your input is invaluable and is being used to inform the county’s plans for vaccinating more sectors and groups in the near future. We move forward together and with hope.”

Public Health continues working on strategies that improve access to vaccine for people who are older with limited mobility and needing assistance securing appointments. The department is organizing mobile teams to bring vaccinations directly to seniors living in housing developments or accessing senior centers in hardest-hit communities. Community health workers in the highly impacted communities, at times, will go block-by-block to provide information to residents about how to get vaccinated and dispel



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This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites local residents to Couch Church at

10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14 on the church’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. Those who miss the live presentation can watch the videos on the church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. This week, Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called “WDWGFH – Where Do We Go From Here?” After the service, everyone is invited to join a time of fellowship on Zoom at 11:30 a.m. There is also a time for Zoom prayers on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. More details are available on the church website www.lcifoorthills.org.

The church office is located at

1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and is generally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the office at office@lcifoorthills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Prayer Gathering at Deukmejian

Though things are happening in the world and, regardless what the world is doing, as spiritual beings we are called to a higher purpose. That purpose is to love our neighbor and our enemies! We are all one in Christ. Let’s not pay attention to those who are trying to divide us or turn us against each other.

All are invited to come to Deukmejian Park on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to pray in

the unity of spirit with multiple churches for our community, our nation and our world.

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale. Meet in the bleachers just east of the parking lot.

Parking can be very limited, so early arrival is recommended.

Bring masks and remember to keep social distancing.

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.

myths and misinformation about the vaccine. In addition, the County is working to support neighborhood vaccination sites, and have placed 60 volunteers from various universities at sites to provide assistance with data entry, cold-chain support and licensed clinical vaccinators.

The state announced that in the next several weeks the vaccination effort statewide will be coordinated by a third-party administrator, Blue Shield of California. Public Health looks forward to working with Blue Shield and the state to ensure that there is an efficient and effective vaccine distribution system that meets the needs of LA communities. During and after this transition, Public Health’s website, www.VaccinateLACounty.com and www.VaccinateLosAngeles.com, will remain a portal for the latest information about COVID-19 and the vaccine and link people to the statewide appointment registration system.

Currently, vaccinations are open to healthcare workers, staff and residents at long-term care facilities, and people ages 65 and older. Prioritization of

groups to be vaccinated happens at the federal level, and then these recommendations are reviewed and finalized at the state level. Counties are asked to implement the state’s prioritized tiering. On Jan. 25, Governor Newsom announced three additional frontline workers should be vaccinated as part of Phase 1B Tier 1: education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, and emergency services workers. With very limited vaccine supply and uncertainty on timing for increased production, a realistic and carefully developed plan for expanding vaccination availability to these additional sectors is being developed. The plan to start vaccinations for workers in these sectors is in two to three weeks.

As the department finalizes vaccination plans for frontline workers in these sectors, Public Health is consulting with dozens of stakeholders, including community-based organizations, elected officials and city managers, other government agencies, school districts, childcare providers, healthcare and vaccination partners, labor unions, faith-based organizations, representatives of grocery stores and agriculture communities, law enforcement and the courts.

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Nationwide Settlement Announced with McKinsey & Company for its Role in the Opioid Epidemic

Earlier this month California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, along with a coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories, announced a \$573 million settlement with one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Company (McKinsey). The settlement resolves California's investigation into the company's role in advising opioid companies, helping those companies promote their drugs and profiting from the opioid epidemic. This is the first multistate opioid settlement to result in substantial payment to the states to address the epidemic. California will receive \$59,613,603.99 from the settlement, which will be used to abate the damage caused by opioids to families and communities in California.

"The abuse of opioids, not just by those who consumed these drugs but [also] by those who produced,

marketed, distributed and dispensed them, has left much of America in mourning. We can't bring back lost lives, but we can hold ringleaders accountable," said Becerra. "McKinsey & Company was a player in the unfolding opioids tragedy. Today's settlement holds McKinsey to account."

In addition to providing funds to address the crisis, the agreement calls on McKinsey to prepare tens of thousands of its internal documents detailing its work for Purdue Pharma and other opioid companies for public disclosure online. In addition, McKinsey agrees to adopt a strict document retention plan and continue its investigation into allegations that two of its partners tried to destroy documents in response to investigations of Purdue Pharma. The company must implement a strict ethics code that all partners must agree to each year, and it must stop advising companies

on potentially dangerous Schedule II and III narcotics.

The filings describe how McKinsey contributed to the opioid crisis by promoting marketing schemes and consulting services to opioid manufacturers, including OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, for over a decade. California's legal complaint, filed alongside the settlement, details how McKinsey advised Purdue on how to maximize profits from its opioid products, including targeting high-volume opioid prescribers, using specific messaging to get physicians to prescribe more OxyContin to more patients, and circumventing pharmacy restrictions in order to deliver high-dose prescriptions. When states began to sue Purdue's directors for their implementation of McKinsey's marketing schemes, McKinsey partners began corresponding about deleting documents and emails related to their work for Purdue.

Fatal Accident on the 210/2 Interchange

By Mary O'KEEFE

A fatal vehicle accident occurred on Feb. 3 at about 5:30 a.m. on the Foothill (210) freeway and Glendale (2) connector road.

"A Honda Civic was traveling eastbound on the 210 at the 2 connector [transition] road in

the number one, left, lane," said California Highway Patrol Officer Vince Ramirez.

For an unknown reason the Civic came to a stop and a Chevy Silverado collided into the rear of the Civic.

The female passenger of the Civic, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle's male

driver, 29, suffered major injuries and was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

The male driver, 33, of the Silverado reported minor injuries.

Drugs or alcohol were not suspected, Ramirez said.

The accident continues to be under investigation by CHP.



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GPD REPORTS

Stalking and Restraining Order Investigation Leads to Arrest

In 2008, 51-year-old Trevor Piotrowski of Los Angeles began sending threatening and harassing letters to a faith center on the 1600 block of South Glendale Avenue.

Piotrowski eventually moved to Michigan, but in 2014 he absconded from parole in Michigan and travelled back to Glendale in an attempt to make contact with a specific faith center employee. During this 2014 incident, he was arrested for being a fugitive from justice and extradited back to Michigan. A restraining order was taken out against Piotrowski prohibiting him from contacting the employee at the location and from being within a certain proximity of the premises.

Issues continued again in 2017 when Piotrowski sent letters to the faith center from prison. On Dec. 11, officers responded to the faith center regarding a restraining order violation. At this time, officers were informed that Piotrowski recently started sending more letters and called the faith center to tell them he was going to attend their services, actions that were in violation of the restraining order that was obtained against him.

Officers followed up with the faith center on Dec. 17 and learned that, over the course of several years, Piotrowski had sent over 40 letters to the employee at the faith center in violation of the restraining order prohibiting him from doing so.

The letters and phone calls continued throughout January 2021 and on Feb. 1, Glendale Police

detectives arranged a meeting with Piotrowski who was ultimately arrested and booked for stalking and violating a restraining order.

Two Arrested for Vehicle Theft and Catalytic Converter Theft After Vehicle Pursuit

On Feb. 5 at approximately 1a.m., a patrol officer was conducting proactive patrol in the area of Western Avenue and Glenwood Drive when s/he observed a vehicle drive past with tinted windows. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle for the observed violation; however, the vehicle sped away southbound on Western Avenue where a vehicle pursuit ensued.

The suspect vehicle entered the southbound 5 Freeway and was pursued by officers until it crashed into another vehicle near 8th Street and Olive Street in Downtown Los Angeles, causing injuries to the driver of that vehicle. The driver, identified as 32-year-old Alissia Armijo of Los Angeles, and the passenger, identified as 24-year-old Jose Zaragoza of Bell Gardens, both exited their now disabled vehicle and fled from officers on foot. While running from officers, Armijo attempted to enter an unoccupied vehicle, but was unsuccessful after the owner pulled her out of that car. Pursuing officers caught up to Armijo and Zaragoza, taking the pair into custody.

Officers discovered the vehicle was "cold-plated" with another vehicle's license plate attached to it. A records check of the vehicle's VIN revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen on Feb. 1. During

a search of the vehicle, officers located two catalytic converters that had been cut-off from vehicles, multiple cordless reciprocating saws, multiple reciprocating saw blades and a car jack.

Armijo and Zaragoza were arrested and booked for felony evading, felony hit-and-run, vehicle theft and grand theft.

Gang Member Arrested in Possession of Loaded Firearm

On Feb. 4 at approximately 12:30 p.m., a Glendale patrol officer observed an unoccupied vehicle parked in a disabled person parking space without a disabled person placard displayed on the vehicle along the 200 block of South Central Avenue. Upon further investigation, the officer discovered the vehicle was also displaying an improper license plate.

As the officer exited his/her car to check the VIN of the vehicle, a male, identified as 29-year-old Khalid Mitchell of Venice, approached the officer stating the vehicle was his and that he would move it. While speaking with Mitchell regarding the violations, Mitchell stated he was currently on parole for robbery. Mitchell later identified himself as being a gang member. During a search of Mitchell, the officer located approximately \$4,000 in cash.

Officers searched the vehicle and located a loaded handgun inside the passenger compartment. Mitchell was arrested and booked for being a felon in possession of

a firearm. Mitchell remained in custody on a parole hold.

Two Arrested for Burglary and Identity Theft

On Feb. 4 at approximately 3 a.m., a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration in the area of Pacific and California avenues. Upon contacting the driver, identified as 24-year-old Juan Olmos of Winnetka, regarding the violation, the officer could see methamphetamine pipes and what appeared to be heroin inside of the vehicle.

Olmos confirmed the substance the officer observed was heroin when questioned about it. Upon searching the front passenger, identified as 30-year-old Stephanie Villasenor of Winnetka, an officer located heroin and a methamphetamine pipe.

During a search of the vehicle, officers located a large amount of credit/debit cards, California driver's licenses and mail all belonging to other people. They also

located a license plate belonging to another vehicle that was the same make and model for the vehicle Olmos and Villasenor were in (a potential "cold plate"), several garage door openers, multiple sets of keys and employee ID cards belonging to other people. Olmos and Villasenor were arrested and booked for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Villasenor was booked on the additional charge of identity theft.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation into the stolen items located in the vehicle and were able to locate multiple victims who confirmed their vehicles had been broken into overnight. The victims also identified most of the stolen items located in Olmos' and Villasenor's vehicle as being personal items that were stolen when their vehicles were burglarized. The stolen items were returned to the victims. Burglary was added to the booking charges of both Olmos and Villasenor and they remained in custody.

CRIME BLOTTER

Feb. 6

900 Big Briar Way in La Cañada Flintridge, a package was stolen from the front porch of a home. Surveillance footage revealed a female approach the front porch of the home and took the package. She walked back to a waiting silver SUV, with black-rimmed tires. She entered the vehicle and drove it out of sight at 2 a.m.

500 block of Georgian Road in La Cañada Flintridge, person/persons pried open the front door of a home and ransacked multiple rooms; nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The residential burglary occurred between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

2600 block of Fairway Avenue, Montrose a person/persons stole a mountain bike from a bike rack located on the victim's vehicle at 4:36 p.m.

Feb. 3

5000 block of Briggs Avenue in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a burglary alarm call for service at the location. They did not find any suspects but did discover pry marks on the sliding glass door of the home. Deputies searched the

interior of the home but did find anything "suspicious."

The attempted burglary occurred between 4:10 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 7 p.m. on Feb. 4.

2900 block of Hopeton Road in La Crescenta, four packages that contained clothing were reportedly stolen from the front porch of the residence. Video surveillance revealed a male adult approach the front porch then take four packages from the location.

He then returned with the packages to a gray pickup truck and left the area at 4:11 p.m.

Feb. 2

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, while shopping at a store a woman took off her jacket and placed it on a display case. Her cellphone was in the pocket of her jacket. She left the store not realizing she had forgotten her jacket and cellphone. When she arrived home she called the store and spoke to three separate employees to ask if they had seen her jacket but it was no longer there. She immediately called her bank to stop access to her account via her cellphone.

She then went on her

computer and found that the suspect who had taken her phone had added another email to the victim's account. She found the suspect's name and photo on Facebook and asked the employees if they recognized her. One of the employees of the store did recognize the suspect because of her suspicious behavior.

The incident is under investigation. The theft occurred between 9 a.m. and 1:40 p.m.

Jan. 9

2400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, after a stay at a hospital a woman reported meeting a female who had offered to help her clean her apartment. She told the woman she did not have any money to pay her but the woman agreed to help. A male showed up with the female when they came to clean. She was at the apartment several times. After their last visit, the woman realized her EBT Calfresh card was missing along with other items. She called to report the theft to Calfresh customer service and was told the card have been used three separate times.

The theft occurred between Jan. 9-13.



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Obituary

Edith Proctor Young



Nov. 12, 1923 – Jan. 14, 2021

Edith Young, 97, a resident of La Crescenta for 64 years, passed away in her sleep on Jan. 14.

Edith Proctor Young, "Deeds," was born in Buffalo, New York on Nov. 12, 1923. The daughter of Margia Wilner Proctor and Carlton Christian Proctor, she grew up in rural Williamsville. Her lifelong love of adventure was nourished by her childhood gang, the Treasure 8 – friends with whom she went hiking and biking and exploring the world.

An excellent student and pianist, she finished high school early to attend Vassar College, graduating in 1944 with a degree in history focused on Elizabethan England. She was both an educator and a lifelong student. She began her teaching career at the Dana Hall School in Boston, earning her Master of Education degree at Boston University in 1946. Afterwards, she taught at Champlain College in Plattsburg, New York where she met her late husband, Irwin Young. Edith and Irwin moved to Los Angeles in 1948, where Edith served as a high school teacher and counselor in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 40 years.

Intellectual curiosity was a hallmark of Edith's career and life. History, art, China, geology, stamp collecting, science, music, literature, the natural world and politics were just some of the subjects that she studied, clipping and sharing articles from The New York Times to send to her children and grandchildren and making notes about books she was reading right up until the day she died.

Edith was an early and active member of the Unitarian Fellowship of the Foothills, committed to social service and the quest for human understanding. She shared a love of music with Irwin and also met her late-life partner Jerry Reynolds over a discussion about opera.

Edith traveled widely in the United States, throughout Europe, and in China. She was a thoughtful writer of teaching materials, opinion pieces, poetry and letters and co-founded a business, Lifetimes Associates,

to write biographies for people in their own voices. An avid gardener herself, she published The Gardener's Journal to help home enthusiasts keep track of the planting and pruning of their gardens through the seasons. Always a political activist, Edith marched during the civil rights movement, protested the Vietnam War, was on a first-name basis with her state and local representatives and registered voters when she was over 90.

She loved her family and friends, her home, her garden and her community. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by her children and their spouses: Jenny Elizabeth Young (Donald Corner) of Eugene, Oregon and Jesse Carlton Young (Joan Kenegos) of Los Angeles; four grandchildren: Margia, James, Walker and William; and one great-grandchild Hayes.

A memorial service will be held once families can gather again. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be given to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Verdugo Hills, The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club, The Sierra Club or any charity of choice.

Obituary

Nikki Jane Ober



March 2, 1992 – Feb. 3, 2021

Nikki Jane Ober passed away suddenly on Feb. 3 at the age of 28 due to a motor vehicle accident.

Nikki was a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter and friend. She will forever be remembered for her kind heart, compassion towards others and love for animals. For the past 10 years, Nikki fought hard, with grace and humility, against the grip substances had over her. She is now with God, free of her struggles, and reunited with her beloved Pugs: Dolly, Charlie and Marcus.

Nikki is survived by her mother Autumn; father William; stepmother Gretc; sisters Brooke, Ava and Christina; and many other family members.

Thank you to all her friends and family who looked out for her. She knew she was loved!

For the health and safety of all who loved Nikki, no services are planned.

GOOD from Cover

900 households each week. To assist this effort, on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the CVHS robotics team is collecting non-perishable food items such as canned food, cereals, flour, sugar, and rice that will be donated to the Bailey Center. Donors can drop off items in the CVHS parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell Avenue and Community Avenue. After entering the CVHS parking lot from Ramsdell, donors can pull forward to a donation table, then pop open the trunk of their car for the CV robotics team members to retrieve the donations.

Saturday's food drive is the CV robotics' fifth drive-thru food event, a response by team members to the increased need for food due to the ongoing pandemic. Team members have collected more than 6,600 pounds of donations, all benefitting the Bailey Center.

The CVHS robotics team is following COVID-19 precautions during the food drive. There will only be about five students manning the food drive at one time, and each student will be at their own table wearing masks, face shields and gloves. They will be disinfecting the donation tables. Students do not come in contact with the donors. Donors are asked to wear a mask and stay in their car. The students will pick up the food items from the trunk of the car.

Limonadi, who was selected as a FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology – Robotics Competition dean's list finalist last year in the Los Angeles Regional North Competition, has been instrumental in printing PPE face shields for volunteers to wear at the CV robotics drive-thru events.

"Face shields are an enhancement to normal cloth masks," he explained. "Face shields are made with plastic headbands with a plastic sheet to provide extra protection. I used my modeling and design skills from robotics to 3D-print the headband. I cut holes in clear plastic sheets and attached the plastic sheets to the headbands to make the face shields."

The CVHS FIRST Robotics Competition Team 589 has roughly 45 students. The teacher advisor of Team 589 is science teacher Dr. Greg Neat, and the other is an employee at JPL, Lyn Repath-Martos. Team 589 remains connected during the pandemic through regular Zoom meetings and playing together on Minecraft servers.

These activities keep Team 589 close although competitions with multiple robots and teams have been put on hold. In addition, the team can take part in virtual and essay robotics competitions.

"I like how open our team is," said Limonadi. "There are no requirements and no experience needed to become part of the robotics team. Robotics members can work on their own time and learn a lot."

The strategy has been effective; last year, the CVHS FIRST Robotics Competition Team 589 won the Engineering Inspiration Award.

"I like the team dynamic of our robotics team," added Miller. "It really feels like a second family. Before the pandemic, we had Friday night dinners [together]. Our robotics team is also fun because we get to meet new people."

Limonadi plans on taking his experience with robotics to the next level: majoring in aerospace engineering in college. He wants to have a career in space exploration or Earth science.

"I want to join the Mars Missions

but also help the climate crisis," he said. He's been accepted to Purdue University and the University of Colorado Boulder.

Miller has plans that are more Earth-

bound. She wants to major in marine biology and work with sharks whether it is in policy, research or conservation. She has been accepted to Hawaii Pacific University.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Brief History of CV's Schools

Let's run through each of our schools briefly in the chronological order they were built. (Multiple sources list different dates, so forgive any errors.)

La Crescenta Elementary (1886) – La Crescenta's founder, Dr. Benjamin Briggs, was trying to establish a town but he needed a school to attract settlers. He donated a lot on the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Dyer Street (the lower parking lot of today's La Crescenta Library) and cement he had imported from Germany. A simple one-room schoolhouse took form that served double duty as a community center and church. He enlisted his niece to initially be the teacher.

In 1890, La Crescenta Elementary moved to a larger wooden building at Prospect and La Crescenta avenues. It should be noted that at this point in the valley's history school was only grades one through eight. No kindergarten and for high school one had to go to Los Angeles. Starting in 1901, high school students were able to attend in Glendale.

In 1915 a larger Mediterranean-style school was built on the site. It was damaged in the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake. Students continued there anyway until 1947, when the current school was built.

Montrose Elementary (1923) – The valley's population boomed in the 1920s, almost entirely below

Foothill, and three elementary schools were built in quick succession. Montrose Elementary was built just west of Montrose. It had two stories of classrooms surrounding a central courtyard and was lushly landscaped in front. It was rebuilt to its current configuration in 1951. It was sold to the Armenian Sisters Academy in 1995.

Lincoln Elementary (1924) – It was first built as Westside Elementary, but was soon renamed Lincoln. It was rebuilt in the 1950s.

Fremont Elementary (1926) – Fremont was built to support the Sparr Heights neighborhood. It too was rebuilt but I don't know when.

Clark Junior High/CV High School (1933) – The first building was a three-story brick building with 10 classrooms, set starkly in a bare lot with no landscaping. It was first named La Crescenta Junior High, but was changed to Clark Junior High in 1938 to memorialize the Reverend Andy Clark, a beloved community leader. Starting in 1955, it was greatly enlarged in anticipation of becoming a high school in 1960.

Construction delays in the two new junior highs, Clark and Rosemont, caused problems in 1960. The first Crescenta Valley High School class had to share its new facility with the students of Clark and Rosemont for a half year. The school has been added to frequently over the years.

Monte Vista Elementary (1948) – After WWII, a population boom again hit the valley, this time concentrated above Foothill, and Monte Vista was the first school built in response.

Dunsmore Elementary (1949) – Dunsmore has one of the more interesting origin stories. Surplus Army barracks from a base in Santa Ana were moved intact to the school lot and repurposed into classrooms. Although it's gone through a few remodels, the long shape of the former barracks is still evident.

Valley View Elementary (1958) – Built high in the valley, it received a makeover in 1998.

Lowell Elementary (1960) – As the development of the valley moved westward, this elementary school was built on the far western edge of the valley. It was short-lived, though, and was sold to Chamlian Armenian School in 1983.

Clark Junior High/Rosemont Junior High (1961) – These two junior highs were built to take the place of Clark Junior High, which was transformed into CV High School in 1961. They were built at the same time and are nearly identical, Rosemont to the east and Clark to the west, both high above Foothill. Rosemont remained a middle school. Clark was closed in 1982, and hosted several film shoots. It was renovated and reopened in 1998 as Clark Magnet High for Technology and Science, pulling

in students from across the school district.

Mountain Avenue Elementary (1967) – After a long and bitter eminent domain fight over the property, Mountain Avenue was built on the far east side of the valley.

No new schools since the '60s, but all have been remodeled and added to.

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VIEWPOINTS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL

» HARRY LEON

Presentation Planned at Next Town Council Meeting

First off, on behalf of the CV Town Council and the residents of our unincorporated area of Los Angeles County here in La Crescenta and Montrose, I want to thank the LA County Fire Dept., the Dept. of Public Works and frontline health care workers in Los Angeles County for their work on managing the effects of coronavirus in our community. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With COVID-19 caseloads steadily decreasing, Los Angeles County permitted many sectors to reopen with safety precautions in place. Restaurants are now able to open for outdoor dining and personal care services can operate with limited capacity. When we use a date-driven pragmatic approach, we can still prioritize safety and public health while balancing the social, emotional and economic needs of our community members. Please come out and support our local restaurants.

Residents who are age 65 and older have been showing up in full force throughout Los Angeles County for their vaccines. For anyone who already received their first vaccine dose, your second will be administered 21 or 28 days later (depending on which vaccine you received for your first dose) at the same location as your first and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. Los Angeles County has received more than 991,000 vaccines so far, and has administered nearly 80% of them. The County will continue the process of vaccinating health care workers and seniors before expanding the opportunity to other residents. Please visit <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm> for appointment information.

The next virtual general

meeting of the CV Town Council is on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Los Angeles County staff will present an overview of preliminary planning analyses conducted to examine potential multi benefit improvements along the Eagle Canyon Channel, including a recreational trail connection between Two Strike Park and La Crescenta Avenue. The planning effort is currently in the early investigation stage and is not a formal project with funding identified for implementation. The primary purpose of the presentation scheduled for Feb. 18 is to provide the Town Council and the community with the most up-to-date information on the project so they can make an informed decision on whether to support or oppose any future recreational improvements at Eagle Canyon Channel. The presentation will be followed by a 10-minute question and comment period.

On the same note, the Land Use Committee for the Crescenta Valley Town Council consists of members each of whom serves a three-year term. This year, three of the members' terms will expire and the LUC would like to invite members of the community interested in serving through this committee to apply for an interview with the CVTC/LUC. Email inesLUC@thecvcouncil.com for more information.

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

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*Harry Leon, President
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Dam' Surprise

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You can't see any remnant of the dam now. Why? Because they were embarrassed to admit their role in the dam's failure when people asked.

*Trent Sanders
La Cañada*

YOUTH

'Explosive' Fun at Chemistry Club

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Student clubs are a fun way to form new friendships with students that have similar interests while learning something new. Although Club Week has already passed, most of the clubs at Crescenta Valley High School are still allowing interested students to join and meetings are held virtually due to the pandemic. Crescenta Valley High School's Chemistry Club is still meeting virtually and conducting chemistry experiments at home. The club does not have any requirements to join and is open to all CVHS students interested in chemistry or science. The club meets online every other Thursday and uses the Remind app to send messages to members. To join the club, interested students can contact the CVHS Chemistry Club teacher advisor, Julie Patton, at jpatton@gusd.net. The student co-presidents of the Chemistry Club this year are juniors Seon-Jae Yoon and Matthew Jang. Both have been members of the Chemistry Club since their freshmen year.

Exciting experiments are the norm in Chemistry Club.

"My favorite Chemistry Club experiment was making slime," said Yoon. "I also enjoyed the oxidation reaction turning pennies a different color using vinegar."

"My favorite Chemistry Club experiment was also making slime in my sophomore year," added Jang. "It was memorable because people could bond while having fun making slime together and learning the chemical reactions behind the slime-making process."



Another fun chemistry experiment the Chemistry Club has done is a freezing water bottle experiment. The supercooled water bottle is knocked on the table and the liquid water instantly changes to ice!

Even though the Chemistry Club meetings are all now held virtually the students and their advisor Julie Patton conduct interesting chemical experiments at home using general household materials.

The CVHS Chemistry Club has around 15 members. In addition to the two co-presidents, the other club officers are Vice President Henri Gang, Publicist Araya Costa,

Secretary Kyeongseo Jeong, and experiment coordinators Hyun Tae Yang and Nara Sirakian.

The CVHS Chemistry Club will be volunteering at the upcoming Mountain Avenue Elementary School Science Fair on Feb. 26 and will demonstrate chemical reactions that can be done at home, including slime-making, for around 100 elementary school students. The theme for the Mountain Avenue Elementary School Science Fair is, "Scientists Can Do Virtually Anything" and the fair will also be held virtually this year due to the pandemic. Students are submitting science fair projects by video over Flipgrid.

The school is hosting a virtual Science Fair Family Night via Zoom for families to see all of the student projects and then participate in fun, "hands-on" science together virtually. The CVHS Chemistry Club will be leading up the "chemistry at home" science activities such as slime-making, the baking soda/vinegar chemical reaction, a physics reaction involving cups and ping pong balls, and making oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid made from cornstarch and water.

Jang encourages others to join the CVHS Chemistry Club.

"I like that we get to have an environment where we can discuss

chemistry and have fun with a group of friends," he said.

"I enjoy Chemistry Club because we get to complete experiments with friends that we might not do in class," added Yoon.

Yoon plans on majoring in biochemistry, biophysics or biochemical engineering in college. Jang is interested in pursuing a military career and plans on majoring in finance or economics in college.

Any CVHS student interested in joining the Crescenta Valley High School Chemistry Club can contact the CVHS Chemistry Club teacher advisor, Julie Patton, at jpatton@gusd.net.

Scholarship Opportunities

The California Armenian Legislative Caucus is holding two scholarship contests for the 2021 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. California high school students in ninth through 12th grade are invited to participate in an essay contest and/or a visual arts contest to increase greater awareness of the Armenian Genocide on its anniversary.

All winners will be contacted directly and awarded scholarships and a trip to the state Capitol in Sacramento to be acknowledged at the California Armenian Legislative Caucus' annual Armenian Advocacy Day on Monday, April 26 and receive special recognition from the members of the Armenian Caucus. Original artwork will be requested from visual arts applicants if they are selected as a finalist, for possible display in the California State Capitol.

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this may not be an in-person event. Final details will be given closer to the event date.

Criteria for each contest are detailed below. Students

may enter both contests, but submissions must be entered separately.

Essay Scholarship Awards: first place: \$1,000; second place: \$750; third place: \$500.

Visual Art Scholarship Awards: first place: \$1,000; second place: \$750; third place: \$500

Submission deadline for both contests is Friday, April 9. Any submissions sent after the deadline will not be accepted.

Bank of Hope recently announced that the Hope Scholarship Foundation application period is now open for the 2021-22 academic year. As a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education, Hope Scholarship Foundation is funding \$150,000 in scholarships to select college-bound high school students graduating in the current year. Hope Scholarship will be awarded to a total of 60 students in the amount of \$2,500 each. As an affiliated organization, the Hope Scholarship Foundation seeks to provide educational resources to bright future

leaders in support of Bank of Hope's mission statement to foster growth in its communities as Bankers, Experts and Neighbors.

To be eligible for the 2021 Hope Scholarship Program applicants must:

- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Freely Associated States may apply.
- Be an incoming freshman at either a four-year or two-year institution
- Have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
- Demonstrate financial need and qualify based on income restrictions and limitations (scholarship income restrictions available at <https://tinyurl.com/yxr5yhsm>)
- Be a resident of following counties and meet the annual income limit

For more information or to apply, visit the Hope Scholarship Foundation page on Bank of Hope's website.

(<https://www.bankofhope.com/hope-scholarship>)

Applications are due by Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

California Credit Union in Glendale invites college-bound students in Los Angeles County to apply for its 2021 College Scholarship Program. Through the program, the credit union provides \$20,000 in scholarships annually to recognize Southern California students who are motivated in their academic studies and active in their schools and communities.

Los Angeles area college-

bound high school seniors and community college students transferring to a four-year university who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are eligible to participate. Selection criteria include academic performance, school or community involvement, a letter of recommendation, and an essay submission.

Interested students can find more information and apply online at ccu.com/scholarship2021. Online applications will be accepted through March 26. Recipients will be announced on April 16.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

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CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy (center) presented Wesley Walton and the staff of the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union with a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship of the Merry & Bright Holiday Light & Display Tour.

Staff members of the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union were thanked for their support of the Merry & Bright Holiday Light & Display Tour held in December. The credit union joined CV Weekly in being title sponsors of the tour, which highlighted local homes that were decorated for the holidays. Judging of the decorated homes

was performed on a varied scale with the following houses being chosen as the best in their category:

- The Christmas Story Award, the Montrose Shopping Park
- Best in Show Award, the Laing Family
- The Most Original Award, the Carvalho Family
- The Martha Stewart Award, the White Family

- The Charlie Brown Award, the Porter Family
- The Clark Griswold Award, the Miller Family
- The Community Fan Favorite, the Yi Family

Certificates and gift cards are being distributed this week to the families who earned a spot as the best in their category.

Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital Named One of America’s 100 Best Hospitals in Coronary Intervention

Healthgrades has named Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center one of Healthgrades’ America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Coronary Intervention™ in 2021. Each year, Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive

information about physicians and hospitals, assesses more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide for consistent, year-over-year, superior clinical performance. Patients treated at hospitals receiving the America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Coronary

Intervention Award have, on average, a 47% lower risk of dying than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award. Also patients treated at hospitals that did not receive the award were 1.90 times more likely to die than if they were treated at hospitals that received the award.*

“While the pandemic continues, our number one priority is caring for our community,” stated Jill Welton, hospital president, Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital. “As a designated STEMI (heart attack) Receiving Center, we treat the most acute patients and successfully transition them to live longer, healthier lives with their participation in our Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and Cardiac Fitness Center. To be recognized by Healthgrades for our commitment to excellence in heart care is an honor.”

*For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide to assess hospital performance in 32 common conditions and procedures, and evaluated outcomes in appendectomy and bariatric surgery using all-payer data provided by 16 states.

The complete Healthgrades 2021 Report to the Nation and detailed study methodology can be found at <https://partners.healthgrades.com/healthgrades-quality-solutions/healthgrades-quality-awards/>.



Audri Ferguson married John Seitz during an intimate outdoor terrace ceremony at the beautiful presidential suite Opal Sands Resort in Clearwater, Florida overlooking the Gulf of Mexico coast. They will be making their home in Sarasota, Florida and plan on offering sunset cruises aboard their sailing yacht Winsome.



Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Exorbitant Escrow Fees

Dear Phyllis,
I look forward to your column and wish it ran every week. My boyfriend and I made offers on five homes before finally getting one approved. You know in this current climate; the seller calls the shots. Even though my sister is an escrow assistant, our Realtor® noted in our offer that the seller could select the title and escrow companies. There’s a lot of paper flying back and forth during the escrow and loan process. And I admit we didn’t pay as much attention as we should have. When I got my closing papers from escrow, my sister asked to look at them. She told me that the fees escrow charged us on a \$1.2 million dollar purchase were approximately \$900 more than what her escrow company would have charged. I accepted that we paid the seller top dollar for our home,

but why did we have to pay their escrow company top dollar as well? Do you think we have any recourse? Jenna

Dear Jenna,
Congratulations on the successful closing of your new home! Although the contract is typically worded that the seller selects the escrow and title companies it is usually their real estate agent who does so. As a real estate agent, I have been amazed over the years by the different levels of service between escrow companies. But I have noticed that generally their fees are similar. Some real estate companies own escrow companies or are affiliated with them. In that instance agents are encouraged by their broker to use those companies. But generally, their fees and competency are

similar to other companies. Just because you closed escrow doesn’t mean your Realtors® job is over. Ask your sister to put in writing what her fees would have been. Then ask your Realtor® to get fees from another local escrow company. Assuming the second estimate also indicates you were overcharged, have your agent email both estimates to your escrow officer and the seller’s Realtor®. Your real estate agent should request a refund. Their overcharging is bad business. If they don’t grant a refund your Realtor® should appeal to the manager of the escrow company. And if the escrow company is owned or affiliated with the brokerage, should contact that manager as well. And if all else fails, I suggest you let the escrow company know that you will use social media to expose them.



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

The Taste of Boysenberry Festival Celebrates all Things Boysenberry

A new food and retail experience is blooming at Knott's Berry Farm as it celebrates the little berry that put the park on the map with Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival. Guests can enjoy a taste of the popular springtime Boysenberry Festival as it offers all-new boysenberry-inspired savory foods, sweet treats and refreshing drinks that can't be found anywhere else. While the theme park remains closed, the food and merchandise-focused outdoor event offers over 80 boysenberry-infused food and drink items which are included on the event tasting card.

Guests can choose from a lineup of tantalizing delicacies such as beer cheese soup with a boysenberry drizzle and brown butter croutons, beef tips served with creamy boysenberry mashed potatoes, and boysenberry barbecue carne asada pizza garnished with cilantro and onions, plus options for all dietary preferences. Thirst-quenching drinks include boysenberry lemonade with basil, boysenberry ICEE float with vanilla soft serve, boysenberry mint and pineapple aqua fresca and much more. Guests can also shop from a wide variety of boysenberry-inspired merchandise including event apparel, kitchenware and pre-packaged take-home sweets. In addition, they will find handmade and personalized gifts from over 20 artisan local crafters offering unique boysenberry items.

Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival will take place on select dates beginning March 5 through May 2, Monday through Saturday noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday from



noon to 8 p.m. All Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival activities will be conducted at a safe and socially distant space for families

to enjoy. The only way to experience see KNOTT'S on page 12

Photos by Knott's Berry Farm

TOP: Knott's Boysenberry Festival food line up
LEFT: Boysenberry BBQ Glaze Chicken
RIGHT: Boysenberry Beer & Wine

THEN & NOW I



Then » La Crescenta Junior High was brand new when this aerial photo was taken in 1934. Soon after its name was changed to Clark Junior High, named in memorial for Rev. Andy Clark, a much-loved local minister. The only facilities provided were one brick building and a rock-strewn dirt playing field. Note that the lower athletic field is being leveled. We're told the work was done by hand using shovels.

Crescenta Valley High School Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now » Over the years, Clark Junior High slowly expanded but until 1960, local kids still had to go to Glendale for high school. It was that year that Clark Junior High's name transferred to a new school facility up the hill, and the old school became Crescenta Valley High. Much expansion has taken place in the years since then. Note that the field being leveled in the "Then" photo is now the tennis courts.

the limited time Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival is with a tasting card purchased in advance at knotts.com (a tasting card is required for event entry). Adult tasting cards (for people ages 12 and older) are priced at \$45 (plus tax) and will include five food tastings; junior tasting cards (for people ages 3-11), including three food tastings, are \$20 (plus tax). Tasting cards are date specific and must be purchased

online at knotts.com or through the Knott's Berry Farm mobile app prior to the date of visit.

In order to manage proper physical distancing of guests, Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival tasting cards will be limited each day and may sell out. Tickets are available to the general public starting Feb. 16.

As Knott's Berry Farm continues to follow state, local and CDC health guidelines, the following are

the continued safety measures and operational changes established to ensure the safety of Knott's guests:

- Tasting cards are limited each day to ensure proper physical distancing
- Upon arrival, guests will be required to enter a temperature screening and security checkpoint at the main gate
- All associates and guests must wear a facial covering while visiting

Taste of Boysenberry Festival or the Knott's California Marketplace store locations and restaurants – masks are not required while sitting at a table or bench to eat

- Frequently touched surfaces are disinfected daily and sanitized frequently. This includes but is not limited to cash counters, scanners, EMV readers, pens at cashier counters, register screens, store fixtures, door handles, and shopping baskets
- Signage is present to aid guests in the proper direction of travel and as a reminder to practice social distancing
- Seating is spaced out throughout the Taste of Boysenberry Festival event footprint
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the event area

• All associates will be screened, including temperature and symptom checks using CDC guidelines before being allowed on the property to work

• Associates have been trained on the importance of handwashing, physical distancing, and overall hygiene

• Separate entrances and exits will appear at some store locations and occupancy will be limited.

For all details regarding the Taste of Boysenberry Festival and the park's current health and safety screenings, visit knotts.com.

Note that dates and hours subject to change without notice.

Knott's Berry Farm is located at 8039 Beach Blvd. in Buena Park.

Verdugo Hills Council, BSA Presents 'Webelos Woods on the Web'

The Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America will hold its first virtual Webelos Woods event on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. This event is open to youth 10 years of age and older interested in joining a Scout troop.

Webelos Woods is an annual event designed to introduce fifth grade and sixth grade boys and girls to Scout troop activities, which are geared to youth 11-17 years of age. Webelos are older Cub Scouts and often use this opportunity to choose future Scout troops.

Verdugo Hills Council continues this program safely with a virtual

event that uses separate breakout rooms per troop, enabling prospective Scouts to visit as many troops as they wish in one hour to experience the unique style of each unit.

Attendees must have a parent or guardian present during the entirety of the Zoom visit.

Preview troop information and register for the event at <https://vhcbsa.org/webelos-woods-on-the-web/>.

For more information, contact Event Chair Pierre Landry at Pierre.Landry@vhcbsa.org or (323) 717-6013.

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USC-VHH WOMEN'S COUNCIL OFFERS HARMONIES FOR THE HEART

The USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Women's Council presents Harmonies for the Heart, a free online concert with The Mary Dyer Band. The concert is today, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. To take part, ESVP to bit.ly/HarmoniesUSCVHH; Zoom log-in information will be sent.

Admission is free, but a donation to the Women's Council IR Cath Lab Fund would be appreciated.

For information, contact Barbara.Jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226.

HELLO, GOODBYE: LCF ROYAL COURT

A drive by farewell to the 2020 La Cañada Flintridge Royal Court is being held on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at La Cañada High School.

On the 2020 court are Princesses Audrey Melillio, Grace Fontes, Ellaney Matarese and Reese Ramseyer and Queen Allison Rayer.

This is also an opportunity to meet the 2021 Royal Court and find out who will be named queen. On the 2021 court are Kyra Aitelli, Nadia Chung, Katharine Franklin, Clara Henriod and Jenna Milbrodt.

La Cañada High School is located at 4463 Oak Grove Dr.

SPRING CLASSES OFFERED

Glendale Community College is offering a variety of free classes, including classes on administrative medical assisting and clinical medical assisting, beginning Feb. 16. These are part of the short-term vocational curriculum.

For details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y3k2tx4a> or call (818) 240-1000 ext. 5690.

VIRTUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society is having its next Zoom club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. The program will be a group discussion led by club members John Hershey and Wanda Penner, "African Violet Growing Mediums Success and Failures." The discussion includes potting soil mixes that have been successes and what potting soil mixes have been failures.

Guests are always welcome to participate in the

Zoom club meetings. For more information please reference our website: www.burbankafricanviolets.weebly.com or telephone (661) 940-3990.

SIERRA CLUB VIRTUAL ACTIVITY

The Crescenta Valley group of the Sierra Club invites the community to a free, two-day film festival online for families, seniors and children.

On Feb. 20-21 the Club pays a virtual visit to the Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO, LA) 2021 Film Festival. These youth- and child-friendly outdoor short films will open viewers' eyes to amazing new experiences and inspire them to take the family and go for a walk or a hike!

This two-day celebration of diverse stories in the outdoors benefits the Sierra Club's ICO Youth Program.

The film festival begins at 4 p.m. PST and is free, although donations are appreciated.

RSVP at <https://www.icofilmfest.com>.

NEW PROGRAM OFFERED BY CSCP

Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) has launched a variety of new virtual programming in 2021 aiming to better serve the community as the pandemic stretches into its second calendar year. CSCP invites Black members of the community to attend a free informational session at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22 via Zoom. CSCP board member Natalie Smalley will facilitate the discussion and share how she benefitted from CSCP's programs during her own cancer journey.

During this informational session, guests will also learn about the organization's new support group for Black members of the community who are impacted by cancer. This group will meet virtually on Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. starting on April 1, and will be facilitated by Christine Rodriguez, MSW.

To get involved in either of these programs, call CSCP at (626) 796-1083 or email Rachel Koonse, program director, at r.koonse@cscpasadena.org.

Cancer Support Community Pasadena provides free support groups, educational workshops, and healthy lifestyle classes to cancer patients, their families/caregivers, cancer survivors, and those bereaved in the greater San Gabriel Valley. Services are available in English, Spanish and Armenian. For more information, visit cscpasadena.org or call (626) 796-1083.

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com February 8, 2021 - February 14, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You can use the power of your imagination to help you stay fit and healthy. Besides doing a physical workout, try visualizing your exercise routine. Feel yourself succeeding in the areas in which you need more practice. If you keep this up, you can improve your performance.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It doesn't have to cost a lot of money to stay fit and healthy. Instead of joining an expensive gym, you can walk more and leave the car at home. If you can't walk to work, take long walks in your time off as way to get fresh air and stay fit. Dancing to your favorite music will keep you in great shape, too.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Don't overdo it. You seem to have a full schedule to contend with. It's going to take a lot of energy to see you through. If you begin to flag, take it easy for a while. It's better to do that than to have a minor accident because you're in a rush. This is one time when you should be extra careful in this respect.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

If you lack energy, you might need to adjust your diet in order to build up strength and stamina. Don't eat too much fatty or sugary food, and try to limit caffeine. Balanced food that your body processes slowly, such as whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and brown rice, are all much easier on your system. Drink lots of fresh water, too.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Eat plenty of brain food. You seem to be dreaming up some big ideas now. It may be fun, but you could begin to feel burned out by all your enthusiasm. Plenty of oily fish and not too much caffeine will help you keep going and stay balanced. Be careful, too. Don't trip while your mind is on other things.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Life might have a surprise or two in store for you. Issues at work could take a toll on your health even if they get resolved fairly quickly. Be good to yourself by exercising, eating well, and sleeping properly. Regular exercise will enable you to feel recharged. It will also be a huge relief to release any issues that you've been clinging to for ages.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You seem to radiate a positively infectious vitality. Others may wonder how you manage to look and be so well. You might have to let the cat out of the bag and reveal how you made the transition from just OK to fantastic. Congratulate yourself. You've worked hard for this. And don't relapse into old behaviors. Keep it up!

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You'll do best if you create a balance in your life between work and rest. There are reasons why you must pay attention to your body, especially if you're tired. It would benefit you to stay alert when using anything electrical, especially over the weekend. Accidents could happen if you feel on edge. A balanced mind equals a balanced body!

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You might find your throat becoming slightly inflamed. This is a signal to slow down and relax. It could also mean that you should do a detox for a few days. Make sure you stick to fresh fruits and vegetables and pure water to give your system a chance to throw off those impurities. You'll feel much more alive.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You should be feeling better and less frazzled now. Perhaps ongoing health issues have plagued you by reappearing without rhyme or reason. Release deep-seated patterns and you'll feel more energetic. You have a great opportunity to research new, healthy options for exercise and eating.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

There may be a lot taking place in your life now, so much so that your nervous system has a hard time keeping up. Exercise is an excellent way to clear away any static in your system. If you're already working out daily, you'll find these days especially exhilarating. You'll be able to push yourself and move beyond your usual limits.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may be into sports now. If you can continue in this vein for a while longer, you'll do yourself a big favor. If you're going somewhere exotic for a vacation, it's time to start getting into shape. If you shed a few pounds now, you won't worry about the few you gain when you let your usual routine slip.

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Answers for puzzle 02.04.21

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ACROSS

- 1) Small matter?
- 5) Military trainee
- 10) Reason for a parental reprimand, perhaps
- 14) One-horse carriage
- 15) PR firm's concern
- 16) Part of the eye
- 17) Place with many paintings
- 20) It may be wrapped in seaweed
- 21) Flavorful root bark
- 22) HMO workers
- 24) Important historical time
- 25) Lady Remington, for one
- 29) Given to eavesdropping
- 31) It runs slowly in the woods
- 34) Kachina doll carver
- 35) Sun-baked
- 37) Iridescent shell layer
- 39) A trader's duties, say
- 42) "Second" preceder
- 43) "Meet Me ___ Louis"
- 44) Petty quarrel
- 45) Call at the poker table
- 46) With competence
- 48) Like Welsh rarebit
- 50) "Carte" or "mode" preceder
- 51) "Now I've got it!"
- 52) Deficit
- 57) "I'll be ready in a ___"
- 62) Site of the National Aquarium
- 64) Sad word for "Poor Yorick"
- 65) Flood blocker
- 66) Lot measurement
- 67) Depend (on)
- 68) Spiral-horned African antelope
- 69) High-school department

DOWN

- 1) They strike along the Nile
- 2) "O Brother, Where Art ___?"
- 3) Rowboat pair
- 4) Imaginary tale
- 5) Operative's employer
- 6) Off-kilter
- 7) Android on the Enterprise
- 8) Breakfast foods
- 9) Makes fun of
- 10) Antibacterial drug, informally
- 11) Assert positively
- 12) Word sung twice after "Que"
- 13) Simon ___
- 18) Hoarfrost relative
- 19) "Voice box"
- 23) "Dam it!"
- 25) Adjusts with a wedge
- 26) Clown on "In Living Color"
- 27) Big-time tablet maker
- 28) 16th-century bowed stringed instrument
- 29) Silly goose
- 30) Track chances
- 31) Aim improver
- 32) Elaborate tapestry
- 33) Kind of cash or officer
- 36) Transportation mode
- 38) Vaulted nook
- 40) Broadway area
- 41) Carve in stone
- 47) Present a poser to
- 49) Pilgrim to Mecca
- 50) ___-craftsy
- 51) Woody the director
- 52) Work out with a pug
- 53) Excavation result
- 54) Tough type of exam
- 55) Biblical victim
- 56) Volcanic output
- 58) Islamic leader
- 59) "___ Few Dollars More" (Eastwood film)
- 60) Sitar part
- 61) Triumphant cry
- 63) Knight or Nugent

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from it but later have an immune response that results in symptoms of significant levels of inflammation in organ systems, according to Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA).

"MIS-C is similar in some ways to other inflammatory conditions like Kawasaki disease and toxic shock syndrome. Children who have MIS-C generally did not have obvious symptoms when they were infected with novel coronavirus, like cough, and generally were healthy prior to developing MIS-C," according to CHLA.

There were 81 cases of MIS-C reported in Los Angeles County as of Monday, up from 66 children diagnosed on Jan. 30, according to the LA County Public Health Dept.

Nationally, as of Oct. 1, 2020 the number of cases meeting the case definition for MIS-C in the United States surpassed 1,000. As of Feb. 1, this number surpassed 2,000. As of Sunday the total number of MIS-C cases reported was 2,060 with a total of 30 deaths nationwide,

according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC].

"There are similarities between other inflammatory syndromes in children but this [MIS-C] does seem to be unique in that COVID-19 exposure usually occurs [two to six] weeks or so prior to MIS-C," said Jackie Szmuszkovicz, a pediatric cardiologist and Kawasaki disease specialist at CHLA, in an interview with CVW. "So this is really late inflammation that comes after the acute infection and exposure to [COVID-19]."

Children may have been exposed to COVID-19 and not display any symptoms or have very mild symptoms but then several weeks later the children are developing this hyper-inflammatory response. MIS-C can cause the inflammation of organs and can decrease the function of the heart, Szmuszkovicz said.

"It can cause the dilation of the [heart's] artery," she added.

Doctors and researchers at CHLA are gathering data daily

and joining others in the medical field throughout the world who are sharing data concerning MIS-C.

"It is still, thankfully, a relatively rare illness. I don't think we have all the answers of MIS-C. We are doing a lot of research and learning every day but I would say the great majority of the cases of kids coming into CHLA are coming in a couple of weeks to six weeks after they had exposure," Szmuszkovicz said when asked if MIS-C symptoms could present long after exposure.

One worrisome thing about MIS-C is that a child may have been unknowingly exposed to COVID-19, but showed no signs. That is why parents should remain vigilant. Szmuszkovicz added parents know their children's behavior better than anyone else and should contact their pediatrician with any concerns.

She said she would advise parents to "keep an open mind" and to watch for any symptoms. Those symptoms, according to the CDC, include: A fever for

over 24 hours, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes and feeling extra tired. Parents and caregivers are advised to contact emergency care immediately if a child has trouble breathing, pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away; confusion; inability to wake or stay awake; bluish lips or face; and severe abdominal pain.

It should be noted that MIS-C is rare but for parents and caregivers it is important they be aware of its possibility.

"We strongly encourage you to not delay seeking care for your child," she said if symptoms present themselves. "We have seen that early treatment gives the best outcome for these children."

Research continues and now when children come into CHLA doctors immediately now know what to look for and have more information on treatment.

"Things are changing rapidly. We are learning things every day around the science of COVID-19

and MIS-C," Szmuszkovicz said. "Our team at Children's Hospital LA is here to help the community. We are here to provide consultation for families and children but also to caregivers in the community who may not have yet treated this disease because [MIS-C] is so rare."

The teams at CHLA also conduct webinars and perform other ways of outreach to communities. Szmuszkovicz added she appreciates that the doctors at CHLA are specialists in their specific pediatric areas.

Doctors were prepared for this latest increase in the number of cases of MIS-C as they watched the number of COVID-19 cases recently increase to a "critically alarming rate," she added.

For parents, as has been throughout this pandemic, the advice is to remain vigilant. CHLA's youngest MIS-C patient was 4 months old; the oldest was 17.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/1p7u2m86>.

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on-call sewer and storm drain repair services; traffic signal installations and modifications at various intersections; 2021 plans for street resurfacing and sewer repair; and a report back on the council's pending opposition to an aerial tram proposed to cut across Griffith Park to the Hollywood Sign.

The council also expects to hear a follow-up report at an upcoming council meeting regarding a member of the city's Design Review Board (DRB) allegedly drinking at a meeting of the board.

An attorney for the property owners whose claim was rejected at that meeting of the DRB called in to protest the action, described "multiple sips of a large glass of wine" and demanded a complete redo of the hearing, without the accused commissioner present, and that fees and costs all be waived for the project he described as seeking to expand the 640 square foot home built in 1947 to more than 3,000 square feet.

Also on the agenda for next week, the city expects to hear an appeal from a DRB action regarding 2941-2943 Honolulu Ave.

This week, the city council accepted a \$4,000 emergency pet food grant from Meals on Wheels for the purchase of pet supplies for the city's senior services programs.

Councilmember Ara Najarian followed up on an outstanding request he had made for the city to publicly detail its obligations to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for safety workers, including the possibility of switching to another pension system.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there," he said, urging a comprehensive discussion of the issues and potentialities, "so we can all be best informed when the question comes up again."

CalPERS is an agency in the California executive branch that manages pension and health benefits for more than 1.6 million California public employees, retirees and their families. In 2018, the agency reported that it had \$360 billion in assets, and was underfunded by an estimated \$150 billion, with assets below 70% of what would be necessary to provide for liabilities. At the end of 2016, the CalPERS board lowered the expected annual rate of return on investments from 7.5% to 7.0%, increasing the costs California cities must pay toward their workers' pensions.

Interim city manager Golanian replied that a staff report is coming soon, establishing a community-based blue-ribbon commission to study the issues. The annual CalPERS liability report is due at the same time, the city manager reported.

A caller identifying herself as a GUSD parent urged the reopening of K-12 public schools as the "mental, physical and academic health of our children continues to be affected negatively."

"The CDC and pediatricians say it's safe to open now. President Biden has called for schools to re-open, horrified that 20 million children have not been in school for almost a year," the parent continued. "As parents, we decide what is best for our children. What is best is in-person learning. It is a tragedy that our focus has been on opening restaurants and malls rather than schools."

Councilmember Paula Devine

asked the city attorney to clarify the roles of the city and the council in determining when schools reopen.

Mayor Vrej Agajanian echoed Devine's comment, adding his opinion of remote learning.

"As the father of two, I cannot imagine [telling] little kids, 'You stay home and learn.' This is unbelievable. I cannot imagine a 3- or 4- or 7- or 12-year old, regardless how much patience you have, asking them to learn," he said. "It's not going to happen."

"But that's just me," the mayor added. "Parents are complaining continuously, 'You can reopen the schools as the mayor' but that's a different government, an entirely different entity. We have no power over the schools."

The DRB appeal regarding 1248 Corona Dr. was continued again, this time until March 2.

The City of Glendale has announced that parking enforcement will begin again, with warning notices only being issued until Feb. 14. Ticket writing will begin on Feb. 15, the city reported.

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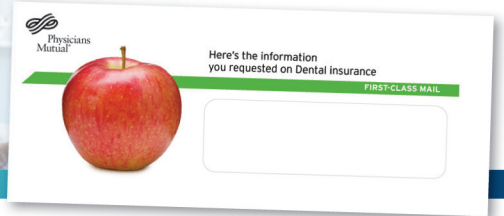
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