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Commissioner's Actions Debated by Council

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council spent hours on Tuesday night, including hearing from more than 60 callers, to again discuss allegations that a volunteer commissioner on the city's design review board (DRB) had been drinking during a meeting of the board on Jan. 14.

Councilmember Ara Najarian introduced the agenda item at length.

"I was hoping this could have been taken care of privately — this story could be picked up by the media and make the DRB process and the city look bad," Najarian said. "I was hoping for discreet action."

"It's wrong to sweep it under the carpet," he added. "The public deserves transparency. Commissioners serve as agents of the city. In most cases, they're advisory. A handful of commissions, like this one, are quasi-judicial. Applicants may have spent years preparing cases before the DRB. Likewise, opponents, neighborhoods, supporters and opponents are at the mercy of the commission. There must be absolute trust. The process must be above reproach."

Nazarian discounted a letter by Francesca Smith, the commissioner accused of the misdeed, written to Councilmember Dan Brotman as the councilmember appointed her. She acknowledged the error of her judgment, and offered assurances that it would not happen again.

"No matter how experienced or how well versed in design standards, no one should be drinking at commission meetings," she said.

Many callers expressed strong support for the work the commissioner has been doing since her appointment last year to the DRB.

"This looks extremely like defamation," one said, "and it opens up the city to liability."

"She has an impressive back-

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Classrooms to Open Soon ... Hopefully

By Mary O'KEEFE

The journey back to the GUSD classrooms is not as easy as just opening a door.

"It's having an effect on our kids," said Braden Barty, the parent of a child in the Glendale Unified School District.

He, along with other parents, was protesting on Tuesday morning outside Lincoln Elementary School that the majority of students are still learning remotely. He pointed out that several organizations have stated it would be safe to return kids to in-person learning, as long as safety protocols were followed.

The CDC has released guidelines for schools to reopen but does not state that all schools should reopen, instead leaving that decision to each school district.

Barty and a growing number of parents feel that it is now time to bring students back onto school campuses.

"Opening schools generally does not significantly increase community transmission, particularly when guidance outlined by the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Centers for



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Parents gathered outside Lincoln Elementary School on Tuesday morning to voice their frustration at not having in-person class for most of the students.

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is followed," according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Barty said other areas have opened for in-person teaching and

the District and teachers should look into those.

"It's safe if you follow the rules," he said.

His frustration was not with the

District as much as it was with teachers.

"I know some teachers want to go back but they are scared to say

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Keith Hobbs to Leave USC-VHH

By Mary O'KEEFE

Keith Hobbs, CEO of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, will be leaving the facility on March 12. He has taken a position as executive vice president for Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance.

Hobbs and his wife grew up in the Crescenta Valley. Coming to USC-VHH five years ago, Hobbs felt like he had come home, back to the community he knew so well; but the career move to Torrance was too good an opportunity to pass.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center is a larger facility than USC-VHH and was ranked the number one South Bay Area hospital by Newsweek.

Hobbs was not looking for another position; however, one day in early December he received an email from a search firm regarding the Torrance opportunity.

"I responded with a thank you but no thank you," he said. "A few days later I heard from them again. [The representative] said, 'I really think you should listen to [this offer].'"

Hobbs had a conversation with them but was still not persuaded. They continued to contact him and he finally agreed

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File photo

In an unexpected move, Keith Hobbs, above with CVHS Principal Linda Junge, will be leaving his position as CEO at USC-VHH.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Gone Missing

I know I'm getting older and sometimes the synapses don't fire like they should. For example, I was making a smoothie for breakfast the other morning and I left out the milk and the fruit. Steve came home from work and found them on the kitchen counter. The milk was a lost cause but, thankfully, the fruit could be saved.

He asked me what I was thinking – why did I leave out the milk and fruit? I had absolutely no recollection and remember instead being rather proud of myself for washing the blender before leaving for work with my smoothie.

While leaving out stuff that should be put away can be annoying and sometimes costly, losing stuff is a whole other subject. Case in point: where the heck did I leave my coat?

I have this lumberjack-style coat that I have worn for years. It's not fancy; in fact I think it's a man's coat that we got from somewhere that I sort of adopted. I'll walk the dogs in it, run into the supermarket wearing it. I wouldn't be caught at a formal affair (remember those?) wearing it, but it was well-worn and comfortable.

I decided to take the dogs for a walk the other day and went to the hall closet to grab it before heading out. It wasn't there. I looked in various rooms in the house thinking I put it down after coming in from the cold. No sign of it. I looked in my car and Steve's car; no coat.

Seriously – where did I put it? I mean, how often do you take off a coat and just leave it somewhere? If it was cold enough to wear into someplace, it probably is pretty cold when you're leaving that someplace. But to this day I have no clue where it is.

So if you come across a dark green and blue plaid coat and you have no idea where it came from, drop it off at the offices of CV Weekly. It might be mine.

While losing clothing is a head-scratcher, there are times when I prefer to go missing. This weekend is one of those times.

As you know, I love Cambria. I love the weather, the wineries, the shops – it all sits very well with me. Did I mention that I love the wineries, i.e. the wine? Well, this weekend are new releases of wines at the three wineries at which I'm a member. So Amy and I are heading north to pick them up in person. Thankfully, the wineries are all open so we've made reservations for tastings and lunches – outside, of course. I cannot wait.

I just wish I knew where the heck my coat was so I could take it with me...

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Weather in the Foothills

"Today was about chasing sun-rays, beach waves, and sunsets. All things beautiful that give you peace are worth chasing. Everything else isn't."

~ April Mae Monterrosa, author

The ocean and Valentine's Day don't typically go hand-in-hand in thought or conversation. Last Sunday was the exception. What to do on Valentine's Day, beyond the box of chocolates and flowers, can be difficult to decide upon. Where to go for a romantic dinner can be daunting when most restaurants are not open for business. Apparently, Mother Nature considered our plight and offered up a fine showing of weather. Ordinarily February is the wettest month during the year.

Under blue windblown skies we (husband, dog and I) took off for the coast – a bit north of Santa Barbara. There's a stand of old eucalyptus trees there planted by the railroads as a source of wood to build tracks. The trees remain, but the area is now a designated and protected monarch butterfly sanctuary. Just beyond, there's a bluff that overlooks the ocean and a beach at the foot of the bluff's rock cliff. There we settled until the sun set and first star appeared. Because the winds were unrelenting, it was beyond cold. With possible frostbite, we headed to Starbucks!

Wind is the number one contributor to the formation of waves as it blows across the ocean's surface. Each wave transfers energy to the next wave, thus enabling energy transfer over large distances without much actual movement of the mass of water. The faster the wind, the longer it blows; the farther it can blow uninterrupted, the bigger the waves. Therefore, a wave's size depends on wind speed, wind duration and the fetch (area) in which the wind is blowing. These many factors, plus the variability, makes the formation of waves in all shapes and sizes. The smallest categories of waves are ripples and are less than one foot high. The largest waves occur when there are big expanses of open water that wind can affect. Places famous for big waves include Waimea Bay in Hawaii, Jaws (Pe-ahi) in Maui, Mavericks in California, Mullaghmore Head in Ireland, and Teahupo'o in Tahiti. Some of the biggest waves are generated by storms, such as hurricanes. In 2004, Hurricane Ivan created waves that averaged a height of around 60 feet and the largest were almost 100 feet high. In 2019, Hurricane Dorian also produced a wave exceeding 100 feet in the northern Atlantic. At our location, along the Pacific Ocean, the big wave producers are tropical storms to the west and those in Alaska.

A warm-up is added to the weather picture. North to north-easterly winds persist keeping the skies clear, the waves crashing and the sunsets stellar.

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NEWS

Valley View Works at Keeping Its Community Together

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Despite ongoing uncertainty if and when students and teachers will be returning to campuses, the staff at Valley View Elementary School in La Crescenta is determined to keep its community connected.

Aiding this effort, the school has hosted various events that are virtual-friendly, including a trivia night, field trips and a bingo night, according to Dr. Brook Reynolds, principal at Valley View.

"We've made it a priority to maintain a sense of connectedness with our communities," said Reynolds. He added that the support of the school PTA has been instrumental in the success of keeping alive the school's family feel.

"It's all about trying to do things that students enjoy," he said. "We want to continue doing those while working within the current parameters."

One of the things that students have traditionally looked forward to at the school and that Valley View is hosting is its annual book fair, this year held from Feb. 22 through March 7.

Though it may be presented differently it is hoped that its appeal will translate well via Mrs. Nelson's website, a book fair company, that the school will be utilizing to showcase the book fair.

"It will look online like a regular bookstore," said Hili Revzan, PTA president at Valley View. "Some shelves will be displaying some of the most popular books."

This year's book fair will last for two weeks rather than one and will incorporate some of the favorite components of the in-person event.

"Usually on the Thursday night of the book fair, kids could come to school at night in



File photo

Among the activities that Valley View Elementary hosts is a book fair, which will look different from ones held in previous years (above).

[pajamas] and would be served hot chocolate during the last night the book fair was open," Revzan said. "A guest reader would read from one of the kids' favorite books, capping off the book fair."

The PTA plans on trying to hold a virtual reading night on March 4 that will feature a special guest reader.

Revzan added that organizing the multi-layered event is a team effort and lauded the school's teachers.

"They're doing an incredible job," she said. She added that proceeds from the book fair are dedicated to the school library though teachers will also have the opportunity to purchase books specifically for their classrooms. To learn more about the book fair, visit <https://tinyurl.com/egt24ns9>.

While Reynolds is hopeful that the virtual book fair is successful, and said that he'll miss seeing the families come together on campus, he is eager to have the students return to the Maryland Avenue school.

"I love being around the kids and love their energy," he said. "I miss having them on campus."

He acknowledged the confusion surrounding the ever-changing guidelines issued by the state, county and district regarding when and how students can safely return to campus and understands that the comfort levels may be different for every teacher and student.

"We have to be respectful of everyone's comfort level," he said. "Some will be ready to return to campus, some won't."

But regardless whether students are learning in-person or remotely, the ultimate goal is to keep his Valley View community connected.

A visit by the Dinosaurs Rock man was especially popular.

"Fossils were shipped to all the students beforehand," Reynolds recalled. The Dinosaurs Rock man then held a virtual demonstration talking about the fossils that the children had.

"The kids loved that," Reynolds said.

The school has hosted a virtual BMX bike demonstration and field trips by grade level.

"Every month we're looking to have some type of virtual event," he said. "We're going to make plans, no matter what the policies and constraints are. We're poised and ready."

IN BRIEF

CVW OFFICE HOURS ALTERED

The office of CV Weekly will close at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 18 and Friday, Feb. 19.

Regular hours resume on Monday, Feb. 22.

GENERAL MEETING OF CVTC

At the virtual general meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council, planned for tonight, Thursday, 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 is to provide the Town Council with the most up-to-date information on the project so that 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 question and comment period.

The Zoom meeting ID is 956 9812 8070 and the password is 750226.

STONE BARN VINEYARD CONSERVANCY

It's pruning time in the Vineyard at Deukmejian Wilderness Park! Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and should bring a bucket, pruning shears, hat, personal water, solid shoes (no open toes, or flip-flops) and a positive attitude to help the vines produce a marvelous harvest next fall!

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is located at 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/La Crescenta.

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.

CVTC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

The next meeting, via Zoom, of the Crescenta Valley Town Council Transportation Committee is Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. On the agenda are local project updates by Jonathan Gonzalez, liaison with the Dept. of Public Works, and an update on the Orange Avenue pedestrian sidewalk survey by Andrew Ross and Shirly Lai. Also on the agenda is information on the application for the Metro Open Streets Grant, an update on soundwall additional funding agreement - Measure R, Foothill Boulevard-Compete

Streets-LA County master plan to be developed by county staff and Measure M funding update for future infrastructure improvements. New business includes an update on County Vision Zero Slow Streets,

the bus stop improvement plan survey conducted in 2016 for Foothill Boulevard - TBD and crosswalk enhancement examples.

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Finding Common Ground

By Mary O'KEEFE

It was the worst of times, it was the worst of times. That Charles Dickens modified phrase could be used to describe the recent events in the country's Capitol.

With a pandemic raging, impeachment hearings held and an insurrection occurring to stop the peaceful transition of power this has truly been a "season of darkness."

Although it appears there is nothing but partisanship in Washington, D.C., there are actually issues that Republicans, Democrats and Independents can work on together.

"We are going to be taking up the Rim of the Valley legislation on Wednesday of next week. That was a very bipartisan bill [when it passed] last year," said Congressman Adam Schiff. "I hope it is again this year, and we are trying to fast track it."

Schiff has been fighting a long time for this legislation to preserve open space and now feels it is on a path to completion. The bill has passed out of committee and will hopefully be heard soon on the Senate floor.

In 2019, House Resolution 296: Affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide of 1915, passed with a very successful bipartisan vote of 405 to 11.

"I am working on legislation to offer the release of the Armenian POWs [prisoners of war] who are still being held by Azerbaijan. I expect that will be bipartisan," he said.

Last week he, along with Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, introduced the Supporting Children with Disabilities During COVID-19 Act. This will help educators by providing resources they need to support their students. The Act had been introduced last year but because this is a new Congress in session it has to be reintroduced.

"I would hope that [Act] would be bipartisan. Members on both sides of the aisle recognize the extraordinary needs of people with disabilities during the pandemic and the challenge of remote learning in the special needs community. I would hope that would attract bipartisan support," he added. "Work on the Intel [Intelligence] Committee, as difficult as that has been, we still got our Annual Intelligence Authorization Act passed just a few months ago."

Schiff is the chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The annual bill authorizes intelligence-related activities in 2021.

There has been a lot of strife but Schiff is hoping that, with the new administration, the country is turning a corner.

One area Schiff has focused on over the years is Jet Propulsion Laboratory, its research and its budget. Under the former administration, the budget for NASA and JPL was very healthy. Appointed by former President Donald Trump as NASA administrator, James "Jim" Bridenstine was very supportive of the agency. (Bridenstine resigned

on Jan. 20, 2021. President Joe Biden appointed Steve Jurczyk as interim administrator.)

"I think, first of all, we were very fortunate over the last four years to have Administrator Bridenstine who was very supportive of NASA and JPL in particular. He was a great partner and I enjoyed working with him," Schiff said. He added that NASA, and JPL, will continue to be bipartisan and the budget will continue to be supported.

During the last four years though there has not been a lot of support for Earth climate science.

"I think the Biden administration will take a very different view and support the full range of the portfolio at JPL," he said. "I am optimistic [about the support] but I don't think we can take it for granted. There were times we had to fight for the [NASA] budget during the [former President Barack] Obama administration."

It is important to continue the research into new technology especially as China's space program grows. A China spacecraft is presently in orbit around Mars and is preparing to land.

"I think China is a competitor and, in certain domains, very much a threat. There are a lot of things China is doing in space in terms of its anti-satellite weapons system and in terms of its cyber theft capabilities [that] are a challenge," Schiff said.

A 2020 Pentagon report stated that China continued the development of missiles and electronic weapons that would be able to target orbiting



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satellites. Schiff added China is a space competitor and, although the United States is still in a "league of our own" as far as space exploration, it is still important to continue to move forward.

It is important to invest in research and development so the U.S. can maintain its technological edge, Schiff said.

"In space there may be areas of cooperation with China; I think we have to look for those [opportunities] as well," he added. "But we also have to align our immigration

policies with our economic and technology needs and stop throwing foreign students who graduate from Caltech out of the country.... All of our policies – immigration, research and development, NASA [missions] – have to be aligned to be more competitive in STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics]."

Mars 2020 will be landing today, Thursday, on the surface of Mars. To view the landing go to nasa.gov or nasa.gov/nasalive.

SCHOOLS from Cover

anything because of the [Glendale Teachers Association] union," he said.

He added he understands the fear teachers may have but is very concerned about the statistics that are being released on how virtual learning is affecting students.

In a recent study by the CDC released in November 2020, it found that emergency department visits relating to children's mental health increased significantly from January to March 2020 when compared to the same time period in 2019.

Barty said he was happy to hear that the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health (Public Health) announced the County has met the threshold to reopen schools for grades TK to six. Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., director of Public Health, on Tuesday laid out the requirements for schools to return to in-person teaching but also said it would be up to the districts to make that call. Each district has to complete and submit an application to reopen that includes a safety plan, which needs to be approved by Public Health.

The subject was covered in great detail at Tuesday's GUSD board meeting when Superintendent Vivian Ekchian explained what the District has done to prepare for this moment when in-person learning would be allowed and how the District is moving forward. Ekchian said it was very important to recognize that the District works with information from the CDC, LA County, local, state and federal governments.

She added she heard when the general public heard of the news that elementary schools had met the criteria for reopening. That information was part of a PowerPoint presentation to the board.

The plan to reopen the schools is a hybrid schedule, i.e. a block schedule that divides students into two groups with one group attending school on specific days and the other group attending on alternate days. A block schedule was the clear choice of parents, according to a District survey.

The Power Point presentation included the "Next Steps for Reopening Schools," which had information on returning TK to sixth grade students to school as quickly as possible, expanding on-campus services to include secondary clubs and advisory events, scheduling orientations and welcome events, like school tours, and working with the City of Glendale and LA County partners to offer more outdoor activities on campus.

Ekchian reiterated that students who do not wish to return to in-person classes could continue with virtual learning.

She said schools have been preparing for reopening. They have had 17 visits from Public Health and each time they have met all criteria. New guidelines are continuing to be reviewed. Students will need to be six feet apart and mask-wearing is a requirement. In some cases partitions may be used to separate students.

The District will be sending out

an important form for parents to complete asking them if their child will be attending in-person classes or continue with virtual instruction. This information will be used in determining classroom size and schedules.

"The survey [form] is not just your opinion but a [commitment]," she added.

Although, according to data, testing for COVID-19 does not prevent the spread of the virus it does add a significant comfort level for both staff and parents. GUSD will continue its testing of staff.

The big question is what will the teachers union ask for in order for teachers to return to in-person instruction.

"I am eager to work with [the Glendale Teachers Union] to come up with a plan that will allow us to bring our TK through grade six students back as soon as possible," Ekchian said.

She sent a letter to the GTA asking for a meeting to discuss the return; however, don't expect that return to be before March 12, the beginning of spring break.

"I made a commitment to our teachers that until March 12 we would continue their experience of working from home or voluntarily coming to school to teach from the classroom. I maintain that commitment," she said. "We cannot do this work without our educators."

She invited parents and caregivers who are concerned about reopening to email their questions to her at vekchian@gusd.net and she will respond.

The return to elementary school is in response to a significant threshold being reached by LA County – a case rate of under 25 new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people for five consecutive days.

"Los Angeles County's adjusted case rate is now 20 cases per 100,000 people and our seven-day average daily test positivity rate is 7.2%. The average daily cases, adjusted case rate, and positivity rate are steadily declining after peaking in January," according to Public Health.

The return of secondary (middle and high school) students to in-person classrooms is determined by what color tier the County is in. At present the County is still in the purple tier; it needs to be in the red tier before secondary students can return to the campus.

Below is a statement from the GTA on the possibility of returning to school.

"The Glendale Teachers Association acknowledges the importance of returning students to classrooms, but doing so now – without adequate teacher training, without transparent information being shared with families about how different in-person instruction will look vs. pre-pandemic classroom instruction, and without the collaboration with its teachers in the process – will create instability and uncertainty without providing the benefits that could be achieved through thoughtful collaboration between the GUSD and its educators.

"We know from other school districts where hybrid instruction

has recently begun or has been continuing since the fall, that a number of elements must be in place prior to a successful transition to hybrid learning. In GUSD none of these elements has yet occurred.

Prior to opening up classrooms, school officials must:

1. Communicate with all community members about their reopening plans, and invite meaningful collaboration from educators as they develop these plans.
2. Candidly explain to families how hybrid learning is not the same as pre-pandemic instruction. Hybrid instruction may get their children back on campus at least part time, but the instruction will look very different from what children have been used to in schools pre-pandemic.
3. Communicate to the public that students in hybrid instruction may need to return to remote learning from time to time due to COVID-19 exposure. In fact, since the beginning of the school year, more than 25 percent of people reporting to [a] GUSD campus have been quarantined at some point.
4. Work in collaboration with educators to make careful decisions about instructional schedules and instructional tools that foster equitable and high-quality education for in-person and remote students who will be engaged in learning at the same time.
5. Ensure all educators receive

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CRIME BLOTTER

Feb. 11

2200 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle between Feb. 11 and Feb. 13.

Feb. 10

2200 block of Mira Vista Avenue in Montrose, several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.

2700 block of Brookhill Street in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a wallet was stolen from a purse that was placed in a shopping cart while the owner was at a store.

The theft occurred at 10:20 a.m.

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, person/persons shattered the bathroom window of an automotive shop and the interior rooms were ransacked. Several tools were reported stolen between 3 p.m. on Feb. 10 and 6 a.m. on Feb. 11.

GPD REPORTS

Two Arrested, Loaded Firearm Recovered

On Feb. 13 just after 3 a.m., a patrol officer was driving through an open parking lot on the 2000 block of West Glenoaks Boulevard when s/he observed an unoccupied vehicle parked in a marked disabled space without a disabled placard displayed. The officer also noticed the vehicle had expired registration and could see a methamphetamine pipe on the back seat.

Three subjects exited the business at the location and walked toward the vehicle. The officer contacted the subjects and 36-year-old Ramneek Singh of Van Nuys claimed ownership of the vehicle. Singh was found to be in possession of shaved keys and one of the other subjects, 30-year-old Neiko Clayton (a transient), was found to have an outstanding warrant.

While searching the vehicle, officers located a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. As officers began handcuffing the three subjects to detain them pending further investigation, Singh fled on foot. After a foot pursuit, Singh was taken into custody. Officers resumed the search of the vehicle and located over 50 checks belonging to other people that had been filled out and signed along with a driver's license belonging to another person.

Singh was arrested and booked for possession of a concealed weapon, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of stolen property, obstruction and possession of drug paraphernalia. Clayton was arrested and booked for identity theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and for his outstanding warrant. Singh was held in custody with bail while Clayton was issued a notice to appear and released from custody due to Los Angeles County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail schedule.

Male Arrested with Illegal Drugs While Attempting to Fraudulently Finance a Loan

On Feb. 11 at approximately 6:40 p.m., officers responded to a business on the 3300 block of Verdugo Road regarding a fraud in progress.

Upon arrival, officers learned that 30-year-old Jeffrey Schappert of Los Angeles had completed loan documents at the business using another person's information. When officers searched Schappert, they located over 20 driver's licenses from various states with Schappert's photograph on them but with different names.

Schappert was also found to be in possession of cocaine, Xanax, over 50 checks belonging to different individuals along with a notebook containing other people's personal information.

Schappert was subsequently arrested for identity theft, forgery and possession of a controlled substance.

Reckless and Unlicensed Driver Crashes into Another Vehicle During Pursuit, Arrested for ID Theft

On Jan. 9 a Glendale PD officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding and expired registration. Officers discovered the 17-year-old driver was unlicensed. She was arrested, released in the field to her mother with a citation and the vehicle she was driving was towed. Her passenger in the vehicle (30-year-old Pogos Chadrchyan of Panorama City) was found to be in possession of seven credit/ATM cards belonging to other people with personal identification numbers written down and was booked for felony identity theft.

Shortly after that arrest, an anonymous complaint was sent into the GPD Traffic Bureau from a concerned citizen. This citizen attached a social media video of a female filming herself running red lights on Glenoaks Boulevard in the rain, claiming she was celebrating her birthday and commenting she didn't care if the lights were red or blue. This female driver was quickly identified by Glendale PD investigators as the same 17-year-old female from the Jan. 9 incident mentioned above.

Glendale PD contacted the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to inquire whether it would be able to file an unlicensed driver charge against the 17-year-old, and provided the DA's office with the social media video to display a pattern of reckless driving. GPD was advised that the DA would be unable to file the unlicensed driver case against the female due to LA County District Attorney George Gascón's special directive 20-09, which states youth accused of straight misdemeanors will not be prosecuted.

On Feb. 11 just before midnight, this same female (now 18 years old) was observed by a Glendale patrol officer running a red light in a vehicle on Glenoaks Boulevard. The officer attempted to pull her over for the violation, but the female fled and a vehicle pursuit ensued for several city blocks. The pursuit came to an end when the female crashed into the back of a car stopped at a red light. No injuries were reported. The female was still unlicensed and also found to be in possession of six EDD debit cards and five credit cards – all belonging to other people. She was arrested and booked for evading, felony identity theft along with driving unlicensed and her vehicle was towed.

Due to Los Angeles County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail schedule, the female was released from GPD custody within five hours of being booked with a notice to appear at a later date in court.

Three Arrested, Loaded Firearm Recovered

On Feb. 7 just after midnight, a patrol officer observed a vehicle with its engine and headlights on in a parking lot on the 1500 block of East Wilson Avenue and contacted the occupants. The driver, 20-year-old Albert Ontiveros of Los Angeles, stated that they had just gotten food and were going to eat.

Shortly thereafter the officer discovered that one of the passengers, 26-year-old Luis Iribe of Los Angeles, had a firearm possession warrant out for his arrest. A second officer observed what appeared to be gunshot holes on the side of the vehicle. As the officer pulled the handle of the driver's door to have Ontiveros step out, Ontiveros drove away through the parking lot and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

Once the vehicle exited the lot, a juvenile passenger exited the vehicle and fled on foot. After this, the vehicle yielded to officers and one officer chased the juvenile. After a foot pursuit, the juvenile was taken into custody. The officer who chased the juvenile located a loaded firearm on the ground near where they had taken the juvenile into custody.

Ontiveros was arrested for evading a peace officer, Iribe was arrested and booked on his warrant and the juvenile was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public, being a minor in possession of a firearm and for obstructing.

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HOBBS from Cover

to interview for the position. He then went through a series of interviews that culminated a little over a week ago. During the process he told Keck USC that he had been contacted by Torrance and had an interview. Keck USC attempted to retain him but, in the end, he had to make the difficult decision to leave.

"I appreciated those efforts [by Keck USC]. I love working with them," Hobbs said. "It seemed too big an opportunity not to leave."

He added the decision was very difficult.

"As [my wife and I] thought about the potential moves there were a lot of tears and a lot of sleepless nights," he said. He added that if it had been just about the career opportunity the decision would not have been as difficult but when the community was added into the decision-making process it became very challenging.

"If you only look at it from a career standpoint, you would say, 'Yeah that is something you should do' but once we put in the

community aspect and how much this community means to us, we came close to saying no," he said.

When Hobbs arrived at USC-VHH five years ago, the hospital had a strained relationship with its nursing staff. Negotiations between management and nursing unions had been difficult. Hobbs' legacy will be bridging the gap between differing points of views.

"I was able to bring people together who may have different views on different topics," he said.

This was something that he didn't just bring to the negotiating table but to the hospital as a whole.

"It took a lot of people, not just me, to achieve this [relationship] but if we are visible leaders it really builds an environment of trust and I think we were able to accomplish that," he said. "Our staff felt more positive about the work it does every day at the hospital."

He added it all comes back to community and how to build that

community strength. When he told his staff he was leaving there were a lot of "tears" and sadness.

Dr. Armand Dorian has been named interim CEO of USC-VHH. He has been at the hospital for many years, has led the Emergency Department and in 2019 was appointed the chief medical officer.

"He has been part of this community for a long time," Hobbs said. "He is a well trusted clinician. Both the [USC VHH] foundation and governing board have a lot of respect for him."

There will be a search for a permanent CEO; however, Hobbs hopes that Dorian will be named in that position.

For Hobbs and his wife, the decision to leave still brings some sadness because they will be leaving the CV community.

"I truly appreciate how the community embraced us over the last five years," Hobbs said. "It's really about the community embracing us and making us feel so welcomed that I was able to lead the hospital."

GCC from Cover

ground, particularly in historic preservation and CEQA and we are lucky to have someone so knowledgeable on the DRB," resident Bob Nixon said.

Susan Bolan called in from North Glendale to commend Smith's "exemplary judgment."

"Mr. Nazarian mentioned the code of conduct for public service. There is no established protocol for these crazy times attending meetings at home due to COVID-19," said Bolan. "The fact that this has been aired in such a public way is disgraceful and I think we should move on."

"I do understand that Francesca Smith has inadvertently broken an unwritten rule by sipping on a wine spritzer handed to her by her husband. She apologized immediately – in writing – and said it would never happen again. I've worked with her for years and cannot imagine anyone more conscientious and hard-working. I hope this tempest in a teapot, let's call it wineglass gate, is the last time we hear about it," another caller added.

Several commenters were concerned that the actions of the commissioner were being understated. "This is design review; it's not happy hour," one said.

"She may be a great gal," another noted, "but the DRB is the least trusted commission in Glendale. If [Councilmember Dan] Brotman had any character, he'd have removed her immediately."

Councilmember Brotman weighed in after the callers had been heard from.

"This is not about a volunteer commissioner having a wine spritzer at home at the end of a long meeting. If that were the issue, it would have been dealt with very differently," he said. "This isn't about the spritzer. That's a smokescreen. Certain people are unhappy about what I and my appointed commissioner

are trying to accomplish. I nominated Francesca Smith not just because of her design experience, her eagle eye for detail, or the time she takes to do her homework. I want us to start respecting our own guidelines, which include requiring compatibility with surrounding buildings, because I wanted someone who doesn't accept the garbage that often passes for good design here, who believes that Glendale residents deserve better.

"Our residents are unhappy with the mansionization that occurs, unhappy with projects that disregard standards and disfigure our hillsides, with the cavernous apartment blocks [Councilmember Ardashes Kassakhian] 'Ardy' calls the Stucco Canyon. I promised to do something about it," Brotman said.

Councilmember Kassakhian suggested the matter "be filed under 'first world problems.' He reiterated his suggestion that the city establish a clear code of conduct.

"She should apologize to all of us, not just to Councilmember Brotman," Councilmember Paula Devine replied. "I'm surprised that so many callers found drinking at a meeting to be acceptable."

The council approved a motion from Councilmember Najarian on a vote of 4-0-1 that drinking is unacceptable conduct at council or commission meetings but could not agree on his proposed finding that the commissioner was drinking during the Jan. 14 meeting.

In a nearly as lengthy a discussion, the council opted to consider a more expansive ban on flavored electronic smoking products (e-cigarettes and vaping devices) than it proposed in 2019, following a number of incidents of illness and injury, even death, presumably caused by vaping. As it turned out, approximately 82% of

the injuries appeared to have also involved the use of THC (the active hallucinogenic in marijuana).

In June 2020, the State of California passed a ban on both electronic and traditional, combustible flavored tobacco products. The California Coalition for Fairness qualified a referendum for the ballot and put the matter on hold until November 2022.

Following much discussion, the council opted to introduce a motion mirroring the state action, banning the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, excluding premium cigars (costing more than \$25) and hookah products.

Finally the council heard an appeal of a decision made by the DRB on July 23 when city staff wrote "to approve the demolition of the existing, approximately 4,600 SF, two-story commercial building (built in 1983) and a surface parking lot in conjunction with the construction of a new three-story, 18-unit 18,493 SF multi-family residential density bonus, affordable housing development over a 23-space, semi-subterranean parking garage located on a 13,299 SF lot" at 2941-2943 Honolulu Avenue between Ramsdell and La Crescenta avenues.

"This is an appropriate location for affordable housing, and we want it to go forward," appellant Grant Michals told the council on behalf of the affected neighborhood groups, explaining the outstanding concerns are ensuring the project fits in an overall community plan. The DRB listed approximately 15 conditions. Unable to reach a decision, the matter will return for further council debate in early March.

Finally, the council adjourned in the memory of community, union and social justice activist, Ruby DeVera.

Obituary

Arthur Edward Stack Jr.



Aug. 12, 1934 – Feb. 1, 2021

On Monday, Feb. 1, Arthur Edward Stack Jr. passed away at the age of 86.

Arthur was born on Aug. 12, 1934 in Washington, D.C., son of Arthur and Margaret (Wilson) Stack. He was raised in Silver Springs, Maryland and summered at Stack's Landing on Lake Winnepesaukee, near Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

After graduating high school, Arthur enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as machinist mate on the USS Benner from 1953-55. In 1959, he graduated from the University of Maryland. After college, he worked for Johnson and Johnson in New Jersey. Then in 1968 he moved out to California to live in La Cañada.

Art was happily self-employed as the proud owner of the Furniture Doctor, restoration of antiques and fine furniture, a business he founded as restorer of furniture in which he took great pride and satisfaction. He was also actively involved in Boy Scouts for several years. Art brought special talents to Boy Scout Troop 502 and he was always willing to help out. He took care to teach the boys how to properly handle sharps, to light campfires and making knots, to help master skills of scouting. Troop 502 appreciated Art's kindness and giving nature while he was involved.

Art leaves behind his wife Jacqueline Lay Stack, his four daughters: Wanda Barton, Andria Panchal, Lisa Jensen and Alison Lopez, along with his five grandchildren. He is survived by his sister, Sandra of Little Washington, Virginia, and sister Melinda of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. He was known for his gentle spirit, acts of kindness and service, and helpfulness and love for everyone.

His family will miss his willingness to fix anything!

Obituary

Kurt E. Binner



Jan. 22, 1941 - Feb. 12, 2021

Kurt E. Binner passed away peacefully at home in La Cañada-Flintridge on Feb. 12 after a brief battle with lung cancer. He had recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

Kurt was born and raised in Chicago where he met and married the love of his life, Carol (Hanke) Binner, in 1966. They moved to California in 1968, enjoying 35 wonderful years together traveling the world, raising many adorable Scotties and enjoying their beautiful second home in Big Bear. Tragically, Kurt lost his beloved Carol in 2002, also to cancer. They were utterly devoted to one another and are reunited now for all eternity.

Kurt's professional career spanned 40 years working as an administrator for the City of Glendale, Information Services Dept. He was fascinated with computer science as it evolved and took many courses to keep current with the technology.

His admitted second career was spent remodeling, designing and updating their two homes, always with an endless project list. He had a passion for sports cars, having owned many during the course of his life, and looked forward to attending auto shows to preview the newest models.

Kurt will be remembered for being a kindhearted, intelligent, generous and humble gentleman who was admired by all who knew him. He was a loving uncle and brother-in-law to his remaining family and a devoted faithful friend.

Kurt is predeceased by his parents Kurt and Gertrude Binner Sr., his brother Donald Binner, and his wife Carol.

He is survived by sister-in-law Debra (Hanke) Burke; nephews Timothy Burke and Bryan Burke (Sherrie) in California and several Binner relatives in the mid-west.

A private celebration of life is planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Kurt's memory to The American Cancer Society.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The Pioneers of My Street

My wife and I have been very fortunate to live here in the Crescenta Valley. As historians of the valley's past, we are even more fortunate to live in a century-old house. We even got to meet the woman who grew up in our house in the '20s and hear her stories.

Recently while looking through old newspapers I came across a fascinating 1966 article profiling the first four families that lived on my street (including my own house) in the 2700 block of Altura Avenue. In 1966, after nearly 50 years, they all still lived in their original homes.

The first profiled are Albert and Nellie Cox. They moved from Indiana to Los Angeles in 1906, and then to CV in 1918. They came here, as did so many, for Albert's health. The Crescenta Valley was famed for

its clean dry air, which back then was the only treatment for lung diseases like asthma, bronchitis and tuberculosis. They purchased an acre lot, and pitched a tent to live in as they built their house. Materials were hauled there by horse and wagon. Native stone was laid for foundations by Joe Urquidez, a direct descendent of the Verdugo family. They had a beautiful view of the ocean all the way to Catalina.

Next were Ernest and Bertha Kliever. Bertha came to La Crescenta in 1912 from Kansas as a teenager with her family. They cleared an acre of sagebrush and built a house on La Crescenta Avenue across from the schoolhouse. Bertha soon met Ernest and they were married in 1914. They decided to return to Kansas for a

few years, but came back in 1922. They moved to a lot on Altura, near Bertha's family, where they built a house. Ernest worked for decades at Bonetto Brothers Feed and Fuel on the southwest corner of La Crescenta and Montrose avenues, and probably walked there each day from Altura.

The Angiers, Carroll and Miranda, had a two-story house just down the street, now long gone. They came from Minnesota to LA in 1912, and to CV in 1920. They were both highly educated. Carroll Angier was a teacher and organized the first Boy Scout troop in the valley. Miranda was on the board of education.

Lastly profiled in the article are Mr. and Mrs. Valentine (Val) Findley. The Findleys were immigrants having moved to the

U.S. from Scotland. They grew up together in the same neighborhood in Edinburgh, and were married in New York when they arrived in 1913. There they had two daughters, Vi and Nancy. They moved to La Crescenta in 1922 into the house my wife and I have owned for over 40 years now.

The two families, the Findleys and the Lawlers, have meshed. The Findleys celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here in our home in 1963. My wife and I will celebrate our 50th in just eight years, most likely in the same house. The Findleys raised two daughters here; the Lawlers raised four.

When my wife and I first moved into the house in the late '70s, we were able to look up the Findleys'

daughter Vi, who then still lived in the La Crescenta area. She told us that the house was as big when they moved in in 1922 as it is today. Yet when I look at old landscape photos from the late teens, there is nothing on the property, meaning it was built by someone just before the Findleys moved in. Our renovations show that the house began as a one-room shack, and was quickly added on to.

We frequently find remnants of the Findleys's residence as we do renovations. We find children's toys in hidden places, paper dolls, old newspapers from the '40s line shelves we replace. When digging in the yard we find bottles, bits of metal and leather. My favorite find: Inside the wall of the garage was an old empty scotch bottle. Perhaps that was Val Findley's secret stash.

To touch our history in such an intimate way is deeply moving. We have been fortunate to find this connection to the past.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history.

Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO

» LAURA FRIEDMAN

Protecting Our Children

I know too many in our community are continuing to suffer from the economic, psychological and physical health issues brought on by the pandemic. Every single day my office is working to address the needs of people on unemployment, helping constituents seeking information or assistance with vaccinations, and addressing the myriad other challenges our community is facing during this crisis.

I have and will continue to update you regularly on our fight against this pandemic and its impacts but, for today, I'd like to touch on another epidemic hitting home right now – youth tobacco use.

Tobacco use among youth has risen to the level of an epidemic, largely due to Big Tobacco aggressively marketing and selling flavored tobacco to our young people. Tobacco companies say that flavored tobacco is for adults, but the reality is that these products are just as popular – if not more popular – with kids.

But did you know that it is no longer illegal for our youth to be in the possession of tobacco products? I was shocked when I learned this; and this year I'm going to do something about it with my bill AB 422.

Youth smoking rates have been on the rise for years now. In 2016, the legislature passed the "Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act." Referred to as the STAKE Act, it regulates the

see FRIEDMAN on page 15

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Supporters of Local High School Recognized

Students, school administrators and supporters were surprised this past week when members of the Crescenta Valley High School PTSA stopped by their homes to present them with honorary service awards. The awards are a way for the PTSA to publicly acknowledge both individuals and organizations for outstanding community service to children and youth in the community.

Members of the high school's student senate received Very Special Person Awards. Students who were recognized included Miriam Awan, Joshua Chambers, Bennett Davis, Asante Guzik, Jesse Guzik, Emma Khodadadi, Jocelyn Jun, Gracen Minkler, Madi Vaillante, Andrew Yeghiyan and Jack Zackrison.

The Outstanding Administrator Award was presented to CVHS assistant principal Jordan Lessem. Mary Torossian, a CVHS typist clerk II, received an Honorary Service Award. Former Prom Plus president and Crescenta Valley Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy received the Community Service Award. CVHS teacher Rob Evans was recognized with the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Very Special Person Awards were presented to cafeteria workers Berzwik Issagoolian, Cirila Gonzalez, Dalia Tammo, Irma Lamberson, Molly Mikel, Marina Ebramian, Shakeh Jarian, Teresa Velazquez, Michele Stockton, Vivian Nessim and Frida Panosian.

Also receiving Very Special Person Awards was the leadership team of CVHS teachers Amy Besoli, Tiffany Hirdler and Kristin Milano and teacher

specialist Anne Reinhard.

For her ongoing work, PTA President and Monte Vista Elementary School teacher Rebecca Harvey was presented with the prestigious Golden Oak Service Award.

A virtual ceremony to celebrate the recipients is on Monday, Feb. 22.

To RSVP and for Zoom link contact Rebecca Harvey at rharvey@gusd.net.



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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.

GCC Expects Update on Spring Sports by Month's End

By Michael LEVITSKY

As Glendale Community College students begin their spring semester this week school athletes patiently await the fate of sports for the remainder of the academic year. A decision will come within the next few weeks, according to the school's Sports Information Director Alex Leon.

The Vaqueros' athletics were split into two seasons this year: Phase 1 and Phase 2, similar to the way in which CIF divided high school sports this year.

Phase 1, which included indoor sports basketball and volleyball along with the usual fall staples – football, soccer and cross-country – has already been cancelled, shifting the school's focus to Phase 2, which includes baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, golf and beach volleyball – all outdoor sports.

Glendale College, which competes in the Western State Conference, is assessing its current situation under the

guidance of the California Community College Athletic Association. The CCCAA provides suggestions that trickle down to each of its 12 conferences. Each conference then sets its own guidelines in accordance with the CCCAA, which gives each school the opportunity to make the final decision to compete or opt out.

Classes at GCC will remain online for the remainder of the school year; it has not yet been determined if students will return to campus this summer or in the fall.



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From left are Steve Pierce, Robin Goldsworthy, Donna Libra and Christine Bevis.

A small but dedicated group was on hand on Saturday morning, Feb. 13, to clean the on- and off-ramps of the 210 Freeway at La Crescenta Avenue.

Christine Bevis and CV Chamber directors Robin Goldsworthy and Donna Libra joined organizer Steve Pierce in picking up discarded

items (i.e. trash) from the on- and off-ramps. Pierce has overseen the monthly ritual for over a decade and more helpers are always needed to help with the 45 minute cleanup.

To take part, give Steve Pierce a call at (818) 259-5195.

Take a Virtual Trip 'Around The World' at CSCP's Angel Gala

On May 15, Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) will take its Angel Gala guests on a journey around the world. While CSCP's highly anticipated virtual Angel Gala Around the World will

have viewers watching from the comfort of their own homes, they will visit exotic locales and far-away places feeding their wanderlust during this pandemic.

For the past 30 years, CSCP's

Angel Gala has helped fund the free support groups, educational workshops and healthy lifestyle classes that have provided hope to over 22,000 women, men and children facing cancer in the greater San Gabriel Valley.

Thanks to the generous support of CSCP's community, the organization has continued to act as a beacon of hope during this pandemic – with support group participation exceeding in-person participation in prior years.

"We were so honored by the overwhelming support from our community at last year's virtual gala" said Patricia Ostiller, CSCP's executive director, "and we can't wait to bring our community together again – virtually – to support families in our community who are facing cancer."

CSCP is proud to honor Melissa Alcorn and Anderson & Murison as this year's Angel Award recipients. Their tireless generosity and passion for CSCP's mission is inspirational. Alcorn serves on the organization's board of directors, is a member of CSCP's Guild, and has designated CSCP as a beneficiary in her estate plan ... ensuring that CSCP will continue to serve the community for years to come. Anderson & Murison, led by company President Jim McCarthy, has been a loyal member of CSCP's prestigious Benefactors Society, along with Alcorn, for the past several years. Together they are helping to provide invaluable resources for CSCP, strengthening the organization's ability to serve the community.

Gala co-chairs are Rita Gooch, Ruben Marquez and Stephanie Poole.

Around the World will include

PFAR Launches Mental Health Series

In partnership with California Association of Realtors® (C.A.R.) Education Foundation, Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors® (PFAR) Education introduces a new mental health series that will launch with an hour motivational session and six-week live virtual yoga series starting on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The motivational session will be led by Hank Fortner, national speaker, entrepreneur, activist and founder of Adoptogether.org. The six-week yoga series will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 24 with national instructor Carmen Fitzgibbon.

"As an association we are truly

invested in the mental wellness of our real estate community, which is vital to serving the diverse needs of our community," said PFAR president Barry Storch. "The emergence of the national pandemic has had a tremendous impact on how real estate professionals do business and we are proud to deliver a much-needed program with the support of the California Association of Realtors® (C.A.R.) Education Foundation and our local AOR partners."

To learn more, including registering for the series, visit <https://pfar.org/mental-health-2021/>.

Junior League of Pasadena, Inc. Celebrates 95 years of Service

2021 marks the 95th year of Junior League of Pasadena's (JLP) serving the San Gabriel Valley community. The JLP is celebrating this momentous accomplishment throughout 2021 by having its members complete 950 hours of training and community engagement, recognizing 95 women who have contributed to the success of the JLP, highlighting member's 95 favorite recipes and hosting social celebrations with its membership and the community all year long.

"The Junior of Pasadena was started to help train and encourage female civic leaders. We see the effects of this training all around us," said JLP President Anna Agadjanyan. "For 95 years, our amazing organization has been adjusting to the needs of our community and working to make our projects self-supporting. All of these efforts have allowed new organizations to flourish, have their own journeys, and develop more female civic leaders, who in turn develop their communities and leave their own legacies."

The JLP was founded in 1926 and for the past 95 years it has promoted voluntarism, developed the potential of women, and worked to improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The League has significantly contributed to

the Pasadena Senior Center, KidSpace Children's Museum, Armory Center for the Arts, and the Cornerstone Cottage in Northwest Pasadena among others. The JLP's current focus area is the Support and Development of Women with a specific focus on the development of business, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills. Through this focus, the JLP has helped women in the community learn and flex new skills by leading Lean In Circles, developing unique Women's Career and Resume Workshops for women who have been out of the workforce for a long time or those transitioning to new industries, donating clothing and supplies to Development Drives, advocating for statewide legislation, and reaching out to our fellow local non-profit organizations to launch PasadenaHelp.org, a database of community services available to the people of Greater Pasadena.

Prior JLP focus areas have included Nurturing Children Through Family Support (1997-2015), Girls Rock! (2003-2006), Kids in the Kitchen (2008-2015) and My Masterpieces (2011-2014).

For more information about the Junior League of Pasadena, or anyone interested in becoming a member or partner, please visit www.jlpasadena.org.

raffle prizes and auction packages that are sure to please even the most seasoned world travelers.

All are invited to join the CSCP on May 15 from the comfort of their couch for an unforgettable trip Around the World ... so that no one faces cancer alone.

For more information, contact Kim Ferreira, director of Events and Marketing, at k.ferreira@cspasadena.org or visit cspasadena.org/events.

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 (soon) Armenian.

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Simmons to Show at The Jean Deleage Art Gallery

In celebration of Black History in America, The Jean Deleage Art Gallery at CASA 0101 Theater presents "Capturing Beauty: The Artwork and Photography of John Simmons." There will be a free online virtual guided tour of his multi-layered paper collage cartographies and his black and white photography images by the two-time Emmy Award-winning cinematographer Simmons. These represent a full spectrum of life, circa 1965 – 2021.

The exhibit can be viewed virtually anytime by visiting <https://casa0101.org/?exhibits=the-artwork-and-photography-of-john-simmons>.

Pieces in the exhibit are for sale. For inquiries, call CASA 0101 Theater at (323) 263-7684, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A Zoom webinar Q&A with Simmons, moderated by Jimmy Centeno, will be given on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. For details about registering and submitting questions for the Zoom webinar Q&A, visit <https://tinyurl.com/1tmos3hd>.

Emmanuel Deleage, executive director of CASA 0101 Theater said, "It is our distinct honor and privilege to present the extraordinary artwork and photography of John Simmons, whose cinematic lens captures the purest of moments in the most spontaneous instant. Simmons' paper collage cartographies are mappings that zoom in and out of

political and social narratives, and the harsh reality and struggles of Black American history without losing a sense of hope."

Added Simmons, "I am very grateful that The Jean Deleage Art Gallery at CASA 0101 Theater has provided their space for me to exhibit a selection of my favorite vintage photos and paper collage cartographies. I started taking photos at the age of 15. In 2016, I came to realize I had hundreds of photos I had taken over the past 55 years, which were first exhibited in 1971 while I was an art student at Fisk University.

I have been fortunate from my earliest days that my career has been mentored and shaped by many, including film directors Carlton Moss and Ousman Sembène, regarded as the father of African cinema, as well as by photographer Robert 'Bobby' Sengstacke, whose family owned the African American newspaper, The Chicago Daily Defender."



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THEN & NOW I

My Neighborhood Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » This accompanies the "Treasures of the Valley" column. Here is the author's neighborhood in about 1922, the period he is writing about. The arrow points to his house on Altura Avenue. Lots of empty land still. The diagonal street on the bottom left is La Crescenta Avenue.



Now » The same view of the author's neighborhood today, nearly 100 years later. The 210 Freeway now dominates this view with La Crescenta Avenue as the diagonal street in the lower left. The arrow again indicates his house. Every square inch of land is covered with houses.

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Question:

My beloved husband of 55 years passed away from COVID-19 two months ago. We met in high school and we went to the same college. We married after we graduated college and had a wonderful life together along with our four wonderful kids and six grandkids. Since we were in high school, he always remembered me on Valentine's Day.

It's difficult to describe how desolate I felt when I knew I wouldn't be receiving a greeting from him this year. I'm grateful for the years I had with him and for our kids and grandkids but I just can't shake the aloneness I feel almost constantly. Is there a way out of this "doom and gloom?"

~Downhearted Widow

Dear Downhearted widow,

There are many ways out of the doom and gloom; however, all will take time. You were married 55 years and met in high school. In addition, you spent your college years together. That adds up to at least 60 years.

Your beloved husband has been gone two months. That is eight weeks. Maybe by the time you are reading my response another week will have passed so it has been nine weeks since he is gone. I am sure you see now how short a time this has been and that time is necessary for mourning.

I do not know what faith tradition you observe, but let me offer you this. In Judaism, we divide the time of mourning. After the death and funeral (a liminal time) are the seven days from the funeral when people come to your house to bring food and pray together in the afternoon or evening. After these seven days (called sitting shivah), one traditionally leaves the house for a short walk around the block to mark the end of shivah. Then there is the 30-day period (shloshim) when the mourner is not permitted to marry or attend a religious festive meal. Most people include not going to a concert or theater of any kind.

One would not get new clothes at this time. Men are not permitted to shave or get a haircut.

Then follows 11 months permitted for mourning. You can go pray at your place of worship every morning or whenever group prayer is offered in your community. No one should prevail upon you to be a certain way for these months. However, after this time, a person is encouraged to rejoin the world fully. Create a new life full with participation with others and the world.

You are actually in the beginning of your mourning period. In addition to emphatically giving yourself the time to process your grief, use all the skills you possess to assist you. Yes, enjoy your children and grandchildren – that can be very healing – but also write your own feelings as they come up. Write them in a journal or at least on one pad of paper that you add to every day, whenever you feel the inclination. Don't be surprised if you write for hours at times and only one word at others. Read helpful books that can give you insights into what you are experiencing. Do anything you can to change your energy like paint a picture with watercolors or bake biscuits. Try anything that gives you the opportunity to think in a different way for a moment. Most of all treat your self delicately and with great compassion. You have only just lost your life partner.



Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Dear Downhearted Widow

I am sorry for the loss of the love of your life. As you have probably realized, from the moment that your husband departed you have been through some "first" experiences without him. The first day without him at home, the first evening without him in bed, the first meal without him, maybe the first birthday in the family, and recently the first Valentine's Day without him. If you are reading



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Responses are offered from the perspectives of individual clergy members, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

this, it is because you have made it through all of those "first" moments without him because you are learning to live with the sadness of not having him while honoring the life that he would like for you.

Through your words I can feel that the love that you have for one another not only is the real love, is the kind of love that "never ends" as the Apostle Paul wrote. I have the sense that if your husband could have traded places with you, he would have preferred for you to leave first so that you did not have to endure these difficult times.

And given that God called him first, have you thought about the kind of life that he would like you to continue living until the time you see each other again? It is the strength that I feel in your love for each other that makes me think that he would like for you to continue living a full life.

Will there be a hole be in your heart? Will you miss him? Will you feel alone? None of that will go away, and only with time will you learn to live with it, supported by the strength that comes from your love for each other, from the love of your kids and grandkids, and from the love that God has for you.

Is there a way out of this gloom and doom? Of course there is and with time you will see more and more of the light that shines through for you every day.

Do you know anyone in your life who has gone through a similar loss? I hope you do because,

according to others who have also lost the love of their life, it helped them to see how someone who had been through a similar loss was still able to stand upright. That very simple physical manifestation of strength gave them hope when they thought they could not make it; no words, no gifts, no advice – just to see someone else who has made it.

You have the greatest gift of all, the love that you and your husband have for each other. You have the gift that "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7) I hope that you allow that gift to be the strength that you need to live the full and wholesome life that your husband would like you to live.



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with anyone seems to go in that direction. I just say I'd rather not talk about that and now I have friends and family who do not want to talk to me.

Personally/politically, I'm "middle of the road" and will not side with people who passionately attempt to recruit me to their way of thinking. Please say something about allowing others to be who they are. It may seem like I'm not doing that when I don't want to talk politics but, in my case, it's a waste of time to listen to another's political rhetoric.

~Apolitical Sometimes

Dear Apolitical Sometimes, I'm in my 70s and agree the USA has never been so divided politically. Also we've not seen before a pandemic or global warming causing climate change and extremes of weather in our lifetimes. Added to that, many Euro-Americans are participating in honest reflection of our nation's origins in indigenous genocide and enslavement of those of African ancestry. Locally, our many immigrant communities share their stories of man's inhumanity to man from other places, including Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda and Nazi Germany. Violent extremists have recently tried to overthrow a duly elected President and Vice President and vow to continue to try to install a white supremacist, misogynistic dictatorship to replace our democratic republic.

It is a lot to process, much less discuss, with loved ones. We

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don't even agree on facts and definitions. I think each individual has to decide how to best cope. If repeated pleas to avoid topics where there is fundamental disagreement or agreeing to disagree doesn't work, you may have to limit contact for your own peace of mind. Personally, I feel it is a USA citizen's duty to participate in the political process but you don't need to endlessly justify your position to others. If you are Euro-American, as I am, you might find the resources in this recently concluded program helpful in shaping your communication with those who want to change your opinions: Glendale YWCA's 21 day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge, <https://www.glendaleywca.org/21-day-racial-equity-social-justice-challenge/>. The YMCAs of Glendale, Burbank

and the Foothills coordinated a "Neighbors in Dialogue" program from Jan. 27 to Feb. 17 consisting of four weekly Zoom meetings that allowed a group with diverse ethnicities, ages and political viewpoints to explore areas of commonality. Anyone who is interested in a similar program can contact George Saikali, gsaikali@glenymca.org.

I hope we can all work toward healing together.



Sharon Weisman
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Dear Apolitical Sometimes, You may have heard the old saying that we should never talk about religion and politics. But if you subscribe to that view, then you really never talk about anything of any consequence. Example: "Hey, did you see that snowstorm on the East Coast? Terrible, isn't it?" After you and the person to whom you are speaking agree and maybe have a few more exchanges of "Ain't it awful?" then what? Vacuousness and emptiness – but aren't they the same? Yes! But I digress ...

When I was in seminary (a Protestant institution), we had a Catholic cardinal from the Netherlands come for a visit. He made the point that since we have two ears and only one mouth, maybe God wanted us to listen more than we speak!

Maybe that's what we need to do in America these days: listen more than we speak. Without trying to get your point across – and I know that's very hard, believe me! – try listening to that idiot who you believe has his head someplace I can't say in public!

Seriously – listen. And you might start out your conversation with something like: "You know that I'm a (fill in the blank) conservative/liberal ... and I know that you are a (fill in the blank) liberal/conservative, and we probably won't be able to change each other's minds. Still, I want to listen to what you have to say and I want to try to understand how you think. And I promise to remain silent until you have said your piece."

What I have said above may

not solve all the problems of the world, but at least it's a start. Oh, and by the way, once your friend has stopped speaking, resist the temptation to call him/her an ignoramus! He/she might be, but resist the temptation!

(What did Jesus say? "And lead us not into temptation ...")

Good luck!



The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman
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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites local residents to Couch Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday 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. Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver the message. 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.lcifoohills.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@lcifoohills.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.

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Guests are always welcome to participate in the Zoom club meetings. For more information please reference our website: www.burbankafriaviolets.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.

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DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO HEAR REFLECTION ON ONLINE HATE MOVEMENTS

Guest Rick Eaton, director of Research at the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Museum of Tolerance, will be featured from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sunday, Feb. 21 Zoom meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club. He will speak on "A New Era of Hate Online: The 2020 Election and Beyond."

Eaton is also co-director of the Center's Digital Terrorism and Hate Project. Along with Associate Dean Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Eaton regularly meets with Facebook, Twitter, Google/YouTube and other social networking companies to give feedback and assist in shaping policy.

In an undercover role, he has met many leading white supremacists, militia figures, Islamic extremists and helped expose Nazis in Argentina.

In other business, results will be presented of the ADEM election, which presented delegates, by Assembly district,

who vote on California Democratic Party endorsements. Two members of the Democratic Club won along with 12 others from Assembly District 43. Local winners are Desiree Portillo Rabinov and Susan Mastrodemos.

The Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club serves the Crescenta Valley and Sunland-Tujunga. The meetings are open to anyone and are free of charge. Zoom log-in for the meeting can be found on the Club's website, ccdemclub.org.

FUNDRAISER BENEFITS ALG

All are invited to join the Assistance League of Glendale in a fundraiser at Dinah's Chicken in Glendale. 20% of sales will be donated to Assistance League of Glendale.

The fundraiser is Monday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Supporters can phone in their order for pickup, delivery (via Postmates) or eat in person.

When ordering, mention Assistance League Glendale. Dinah's Chicken, 4106 San Fernando Road, Glendale; call (818) 244-4188.

NEW PROGRAM OFFERED BY CSCP

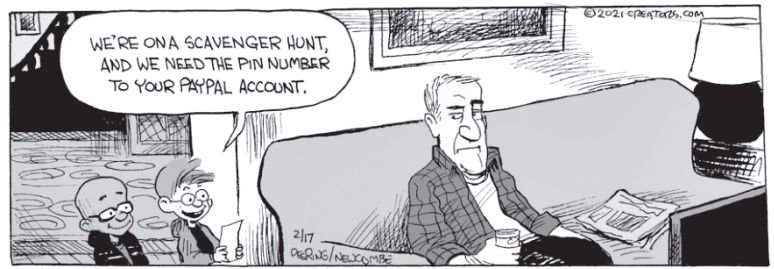
Cancer Support Community Pasadena (CSCP) has launched a variety of new virtual programming in 2021 aiming to better serve the community as the pandemic stretches into its second calendar year. CSCP invites Black members of the community to attend a free informational session at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22 via 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 15, 2021 - February 21, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

It might be a good time to learn to dance, and use that means to express your feelings. Whether you prefer freeform, rock, jazz, ballet, or belly dancing, expressing yourself through your body is deeply satisfying and adds to a sense of well-being. It will also enable you to tune into your instincts and give you confidence. Go for it.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It's time to look at how you can change your image, including your body shape. Don't rush into a new diet and exercise program. You'll do a lot better if you can take it slowly. The aspects are good for getting started. If you begin now, you'll probably stick with it.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This seems to be a fairly upbeat period for you. Something is changing despite any health problems you may have. You're eager to pay attention to your health, because you have firsthand proof of how good you feel when you make the effort. You also seem to be getting energy from within. A spiritual force is putting a smile on your face.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

It might be wise to slow down a little and cut out some unnecessary activities. Take the chance to reflect on your priorities, especially any issues associated with your health. Think back over the past several months and see if you notice any patterns. Has your weight changed? Do you feel more or less energetic? Are you making an effort to stay fit? The answers will guide you.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Take some measures to feed your nervous system. You may be doing a lot of thinking now. Also, the stress of working in a corporate environment can slowly wear you down. You might be especially sensitive to recycled air or fluorescent lighting. If you nourish yourself properly, these things won't seem so bad.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

No matter what ailments you may have, it's always nice to get some healing advice from someone else rather than try and sort them out alone. You might benefit from any form of treatment that involves natural minerals or an earth-based approach to wellness. Check what's available in your area, and don't be afraid to experiment.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're going to be inspired to change your approach to health in a big way. A conversation with someone, program, or perhaps a book will provide that one piece of information that encourages you to turn your life around, especially in the sense of your energy level. A challenge to a long-held belief could make a huge difference to you.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Keep that spirit of joy uppermost in your heart and it will seep into your body and mind to help you feel happy and well. You're fitter than ever, and this trend seems set to continue for some time. Most of all, it's your outlook that is having this wonderful effect on you. The lack of worry and your newfound belief add up to just one thing - glowing health.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't worry too much about trying to have the perfect body. Sometimes the stress of trying to achieve such a thing can work against you. This period is excellent for making a fresh start if you feel ready to do so. Be good to yourself, but know your limits.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your feelings can wreak havoc at the cellular level if you insist on holding onto bitterness, anger, jealousy, hurt, or other negative feelings. In order to feel your best, let go of such emotions. By doing so you'll feel lighter, happier, and more energetic. Not only that, but you'll look years younger, too. Isn't it worth it?

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your gung-ho approach to life isn't necessarily reflected in the way you look after your health. Perhaps you're a bit lazy in this respect. Maybe you neglect to eat the right foods because it's easier to cook the way you've always cooked. The same could be true of your exercise routine. When you put your mind to getting fit, you can outshine everyone else. Why not try?

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's time to rethink your strategy and experiment until you find the best way to stay healthy. Don't get stuck in a rut. Research your options and try different foods, diets, and other ways to keep fit apart from going to the gym. It will make a world of difference. You thrive on any exercise that keeps you supple.

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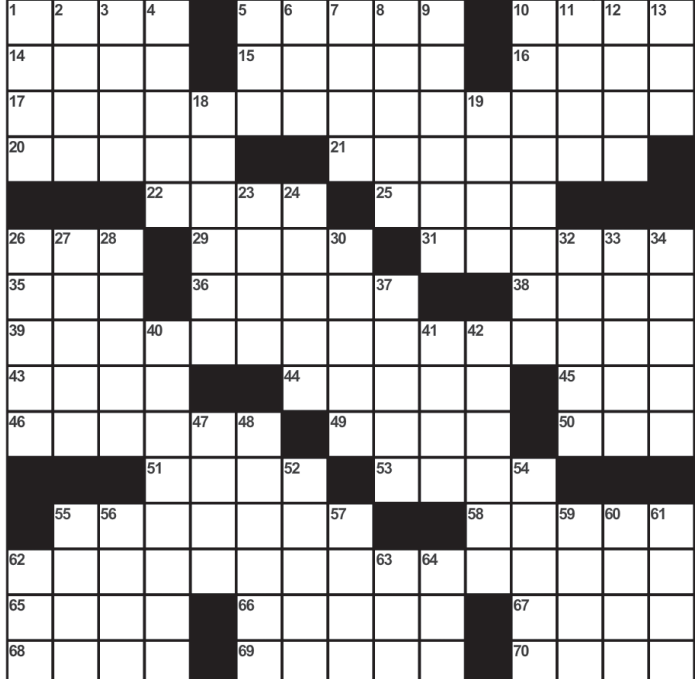
- 1) Too clever by ____
- 5) Crème de la crème
- 10) ____ gin fizz
- 14) Hip bones
- 15) Red Square mausoleum honoree
- 16) Mansard, e.g.
- 17) Fall fast asleep
- 20) Redhead's secret, perhaps
- 21) "Good as gold" and "fresh as a daisy"
- 22) Environmental problem
- 25) Bright star
- 26) Feeling blue
- 29) One teaching econ, e.g.
- 31) Give, as an apology
- 35) Ascot, for one
- 36) Bacteria in uncooked food
- 38) 1,000 to start?
- 39) What the glass ceiling is
- 43) Fourth of July sight
- 44) 1945 meeting place for Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt
- 45) Auto fuel
- 46) Honoring, in a way
- 49) Man the bar
- 50) Food morsel
- 51) Layer cake layer
- 53) It may cover a diamond
- 55) Mouseketeer toppers
- 58) Artist's prop
- 62) Take forever
- 65) Boxer's target
- 66) Reduce by 50 percent
- 67) Turkish honorific
- 68) Employed
- 69) Resin in adhesives and paints
- 70) Bark of a big dog

DOWN

- 1) Word with dive or five
- 2) Shaving cream additive
- 3) King of beasts
- 4) They have hands and hooves
- 5) Letter that forms a right angle
- 6) Flowery welcome in Hawaii
- 7) Invisible, indelible and India
- 8) Promotional link
- 9) Inspire with love
- 10) Land once known as Serendip
- 11) Theater seating area
- 12) Awed exhalations
- 13) The eastern newt
- 18) Fool around (with)
- 19) Viewed while happening
- 23) Huge 1977 film killer
- 24) Foolish or scatterbrained
- 26) Type of car, nurse or sergeant
- 27) Airline-seat locale
- 28) Skim, as milk
- 30) Parade component
- 32) Dog, Down Under
- 33) "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- 34) Biddy's bed
- 37) Coastal feature
- 40) Not tranquil
- 41) Large European volcano
- 42) Military training groups
- 47) Singer Simone
- 48) Japanese serving girl
- 52) Pertaining to kidneys
- 54) Tree with oblong leaves and fruit
- 55) Heckler's chorus
- 56) Ill at ____ (uncomfortable)
- 57) Vaccine developer Jonas
- 59) Starch used in pudding
- 60) It's often tested with "Hello!"
- 61) Book sheet
- 62) Oxlike African antelope
- 63) Climbing plant
- 64) Escorted

ON THE MOVE

By Tim Burr



PET OF THE WEEK



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IVY MAY LEE
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: Ivy May Lee
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Darren Lee** in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
The Petitioner for Probate requests that Darren Lee be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petitioner requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to make any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: **March 10, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 29**
Address of Court: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Branch name: Stanley Mosk Courthouse
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court an mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept at the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the Petitioner: **Marivel M. Zalcita**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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CHANGE OF NAME
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SHINY XIAQIN WU. Case number 21GD000042. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 North Central Division. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SHINY XIAQIN WU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: SHINY XIAQIN WU to Proposed Name: XIAQIN WU. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the hearing is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: APRIL 28, 2021 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: D b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021.

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manner in which tobacco products may be sold and distributed, and prohibits the sale and distribution of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age. While well intentioned, the STAKE Act inadvertently deleted Penal Code Section 308, subsection (b) that prohibited possession of tobacco products by a minor.
As a result, local governments have been struggling to fight this epidemic but this measure also prevents them from passing their own local ordinances to get these dangerous products out of our kids' hands.
Cities have lost a valuable tool in combatting vaping and smoking by minors: the ability to seize tobacco products from a

minor child found with vaping materials, cigarettes or other tobacco products while in public.
E-cigarette use more than doubled from 2017 to 2019, increasing from 11.7% to 27.5%. Five million youths were current e-cigarette users in 2019 – an increase of nearly three million since 2017. Flavored tobacco products in particular are a gateway to nicotine use and addiction; 80% of young nicotine users started with a flavored tobacco product.
Nicotine addiction can severely impact mental health by increasing irritability, anxiety and focus issues; it's also a significant factor determining the severity of

a COVID-19 case in youths, dramatically increasing their risk of contracting and developing severe symptoms.
It seems like common sense. If a dangerous product is putting our children's physical and mental health at risk during a pandemic that has already amplified both of those issues, simply because of a lapse in the law, shouldn't we fix it?
With AB 422, we will fix the law to allow peace officers to promote healthy behavior and remove tobacco products from children who should not possess them while educating both children and parents on the grave dangers of tobacco use.
My bill does not create

criminal consequences for youth who have tobacco products confiscated. My aim is not to criminalize this behavior. Rather, it allows us to safely address it. The penalty under the ordinance would be the issuance of an administrative citation requiring the minor to participate in an anti-smoking educational program.
This legislation will not force local governments to act. It simply gives local jurisdictions the tools they need to keep their young people safe.
This bill is a meaningful and tangible step to addressing a crisis that we have seen on the rise during this pandemic, a problem I've heard plenty about from parents, teachers, peace

officers, local governments and city leaders like Burbank Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes. I'm proud to be working with Burbank and others on AB 422. It's a crucial step at a time when the adverse effects of tobacco products have proven to be deadly in a global pandemic. I hope my colleagues in the legislature will support this effort.
What do you think of this measure? Do you or a loved one need help with a state agency such as EDD? As always, please reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.



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meaningful professional development in hybrid learning strategies and have the time necessary to transition between remote instruction and in-person instruction, while addressing social emotional needs that are exacerbated during this time.

6. Consistently enforce all health and safety protocols, including the wearing of masks and the use of social distancing while on campuses. Educators must have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated before returning to in-person activities. At this time, educators are not yet eligible for their first dose.

7. Make accommodations for specialty programs such as FLAG, CTE, and the Fine Arts to ensure that no student will lose the opportunity to safely continue in an academic program during the pandemic.

8. Collaborate with GTA to sign a contract which spells out in writing the health and safety protocols as well as the expectations for hybrid instruction.

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