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Building Complaints Surround Hillway House

By Julie BUTCHER

"I am a concerned neighbor from Whiting Woods and on Friday, Jan. 9 I was made aware of the proposed development for 3830 Hillway Drive when plans were published in advance of the Design Review Board meeting for approval. I was shocked at the proposed style and size of the development – a giant, hillside, cantilevered modern structure, which will create the biggest house in Whiting Woods (5233 square feet), intrude on neighbors' privacy, and visually destroy the low-key, natural aesthetic we all enjoy. I ask that you join me in opposing the approval of this development and share your opposition with the City of Glendale," said Randy Rohrer in the protest he lodged with the City of Glendale seeking to halt the project when it showed up on the Jan. 14 agenda of the Design Review Board (DRB).

The property had been responsible for a mudslide, "a small landslide," that occurred in the past few years that dumped mud and debris onto houses on El Lado Drive, down the hill from 3830 Hillway Drive. Neighbors were relieved to see work begin on a retaining wall.

"We didn't know the particulars, but we knew it was massive once construction materials started being delivered – caissons and the drill rig and all – but we assumed the city was doing their part, checking the plans. Then the owner hired an architect to put up story poles showing the height and width of the proposed new house. It was around a week before Christmas that we saw the story poles; the deck was already completed," neighbor Bruce Cacho-Negrete explained.

According to engineering professionals, "story poles" are typically constructed out of wood, pipe or steel that stick up vertically from the ground surface and are used to assist in

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Celebrating Women Who Inspire

By Mary O'KEEFE

As the country prepares to enter Women's History Month, CVW reflects on contributions by local women.

March is celebrated as Women's History Month in the United States, a time that is set aside to recognize and honor the contributions of women throughout history. As a woman-owned and operated small business, Crescenta Valley Weekly understands that we all stand on the shoulders of women who have come before us, inspiring us with a spirit of courage and leadership. These women include Agnes Richards, the founder of Rockhaven Sanitarium.

Although Rockhaven has long been closed, the history of this haven for women recovering from mental illness is important to remember. Agnes, a nurse, founded Rockhaven in 1923 as a place where women would be treated with respect and would be safe. She knew that too often women were victimized rather than treated at sanitariums



File photo Members of Crescenta Valley High School Falcons 589 robotics team gather outside a competition in 2019. Members of this year's team, as well as mentor Lyn Repath-Martos (holding trophy above) reflect on the women who inspired them.

and she created a safe place where they could recover and live out their lives with dignity. Agnes may not have set out to break glass ceil-

ings but she did – not only by opening a place that focused on women's mental health but also because she was a savvy business woman in a

time when a "woman's place was in the home."

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Parents Wanting Schools to Reopen Protest Outside GTA Office

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Wednesday morning parents of students in the Glendale Unified School District – GUSD – brought their concerns about getting students back into school to the doorstep of the Glendale Teachers Association office in Montrose.

"We want the union to follow science and facts," said Sharis Poulatian, a parent and organizer of the event.

Poulatian acknowledged that the GUSD has done a lot to prepare its schools for a safe return to in-person learning.

"One of the sticking points for teachers is that they get vaccinated [against COVID-19]," she said. "The District is doing that."

GUSD has vaccinated over 700 staff members and continues to work with

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Photo provided by Sharis POULATIAN Parents met outside the offices of the GTA on Wednesday morning to voice their displeasure with the delays in reopening schools.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

With an Abundance of ... Gratitude

Several things have come across my desk this week that have me gushing with gratitude.

First off, I want to thank everyone who responded with care regarding my lost coat. No, I haven't found the darn thing yet but I'm not giving up hope.

My lost coat didn't slow down my trek to my beloved Cambria. I left on Thursday with my best friend Amy. Though the weather was pretty much calm (though an unexpected bank of fog surprised us) we braved some pretty icy winds to meet with some Fresno friends who came down to share a glass (or two). We had such a wonderful time and I am already planning our next trip north.

On Monday night, I attended the virtual Zoom Founders Day celebration for Crescenta Valley High School. In addition to the PTSA business that was on the agenda, presentations of service awards were given to select honorees. These included the school senate, CVHS assistant principal Jordan Lessem, CVHS typist clerk II Mary Torossian, CVHS teacher Rob Evans, several cafeteria workers, the leadership team of CVHS teachers Amy Besoli, Tiffany Hirdler and Kristin Milano and teacher specialist Anne Reinhard, and PTA President and Monte Vista Elementary School teacher Rebecca Harvey. I was among those honored for their contributions to the community for my involvement in Prom Plus and the CV Weekly. It was a humbling night and I appreciate and thank the committee for recognizing me.

The cover story this week highlights the contributions of some local women that have inspired others. I was inspired

when reading their stories, some I was familiar with and others that were new to me. The history of Agnes Richards always touches my soul because she succeeded in a time when women weren't given a lot of chances outside the home. Her vision and tenacity have been an inspiration to me, especially in the early days of the CV Weekly when I didn't know if we'd last another week. As our office is located so close to the Rockhaven property I regularly walk by and offer a mental note of thanks.

Another inspirational story that Mary O'Keefe shared was that of Lyn Repath-Martos, a woman at JPL who mentors the students of the robotics team at CV High School. Mary details Lyn's story and how she came to be a mentor who ended up inspiring others.

I also read with fascination the stories of students pondering their futures and how the women in their lives have affected them. Reading the reflections of these relationships I am confident that they, too, will inspire others.

Finally, I hope you take a moment to read the story on page 3 of the Mars landing of the rover Perseverance. Whether or not you know it, some local people had a hand in that historic (some might even say inspiring) event.

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Weather in the Foothills

"O wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

— Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet

If all went as forecasted, moderate to strong Santa Ana winds were expected to settle in yesterday – Wednesday – in Los Angeles and Ventura counties and continue through today, Thursday. After a few calm and warmer days with temperatures nudging toward 80 degrees another round of gusty winds are blowing our way once again come late Saturday into Sunday. So hold onto your hat and grab your jacket.

Texas is known for its sprawling deserts and excruciating heat waves; however, last week the midwestern states from the Canadian to the Mexican borders experienced *gelidus* conditions. *Gelidus*, developed from the Latin words "gelidus" and "gelus," mean "frost or intense cold." Although mostly obsolete in its usage, the word seemed fitting for the occasion.

As Texas was blanketed in a thick layer of ice, power outages occurred across the region. A combination of high demand, power plants crippled by the weather and a grid that is cut off from the rest of the country left millions of people shivering in the dark. The state felt some of its coldest temperatures in more than 30 years with some areas even breaking century-old records.

National Weather Service meteorologists explained the extreme weather pattern was initiated by a large and recognizable phenomenon called "sudden stratospheric warming" or SSW. Texas' chill was caused by rapid heating in the stratosphere, the second-lowest section of the atmosphere. SSWs are a natural occurrence that happen every couple of winters and foretell extreme weather in the weeks following them. This happens when the Arctic warms rapidly and disrupts a spinning mass of cold air – the polar vortex, a semi-permanent weather system that is present each winter. The meteorologists explained that normally jet streams wind around the vortex and act like a lasso of sorts, keeping the cold air trapped inside. However, when it gets warm in the Arctic the jet stream weakens and elongates, allowing the cold air to plunge south. This enables a broad mountain of warm air to form over the Arctic. The warm air then acts as an atmospheric block, redirecting the jet stream and bitterly cold air southward. It is worth noting that cold air outbreaks such as these are normally kept in the Arctic by a series of low-pressure systems; however, this one last week moved through Canada and spilled into the U.S.

Unfortunately, our much-needed rain remains just that: much-needed. In past years so-called "March Miracles" delivered measurable end-of-the-season precipitation. With the vernal equinox just a few weeks off comes the chance for a "spring shower." Mother Nature added a "wait-and-see" ingredient to her spring recipe.

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NEWS

Mars 2020: A Picture Perfect Landing

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Feb. 18, Mars 2020 Perseverance successfully landed on the surface of Mars and the photos coming back from the Red Planet are impressive to say the least.

The landing was picture perfect as cameras aboard the lander and the rover documented everything from the parachute deployment to the “umbilical” cord being cut from the lander. But years before the landing hundreds of engineers, scientists and administrators worked long days to make certain the landing the world saw was successful.

“Getting to Mars is hard,” said Dr. Marc Rayman, chief engineer for Mission Operations at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, during a virtual landing watch party with Congressman Adam Schiff on Feb. 18.

The virtual event included students from Glendale, Burbank and Los Angeles unified school districts. The students were able to ask questions during the event.

Perseverance will be exploring the geology of Mars at its landing area of Jezero Crater, the site of an ancient river delta. It will assess ancient habitability, look for signs of ancient life specifically in rocks known to preserve signs of life over time, demonstrate technology for future robotic and human exploration and gather rock and soil samples that will be part of a return mission to Earth in the future.

This mission has some firsts that are game changers when it comes to exploration. During the landing there were not only cameras to record the landing but also a microphone on the rover to record the first audio sounds from Mars.

From the moment of parachute inflation, the camera system covered the entirety of the descent process, showing some of the rover’s intense ride to Mars’ Jezero Crater.

The footage from high-definition cameras aboard the spacecraft starts seven miles [11 kilometers] above the surface, showing the supersonic deployment of the most massive parachute ever sent to another world, and ends with the rover’s touchdown in the crater, according to a JPL statement.

“A microphone attached to the rover did not collect usable data during the descent, but the commercial off-the-shelf device survived the highly dynamic descent to the surface and obtained sounds from Jezero Crater on Feb. 20,” stated JPL.

The audio was between 10 and 60 seconds and captured the sound of a Martian breeze, along with the sounds of the working rover.

The event was emotional for many of those who worked on the project. Images shared showed engineers and scientists from all over the world watching as the landing was executed, first cheering then catching their breath as the reality of success washed over them.

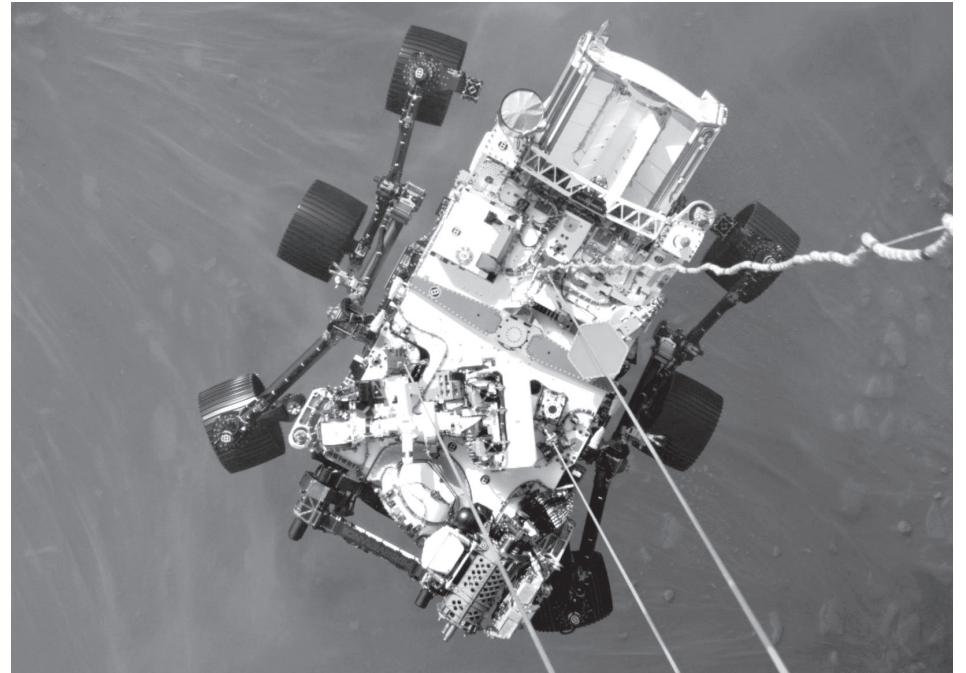
“For those who wonder how you land on Mars – or why it is so difficult – or how cool it would be to do so – you need to look no further,” said acting NASA Administrator Steve Jurczyk.

“This view of Perseverance’s descent is the closest you can get to landing on Mars without putting on a pressure suit,” said Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA associate administrator for science.

Mars’ photos began arriving at JPL a little over 200 seconds after the spacecraft entered Mars’ upper atmosphere.

Key hardware on the rover include Mastcam-Z, an advanced camera system with panoramic and stereoscopic imaging capability with the ability to zoom, SuperCam, an instrument that can provide imaging, chemical composition analysis and mineralogy at a distance, Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry an

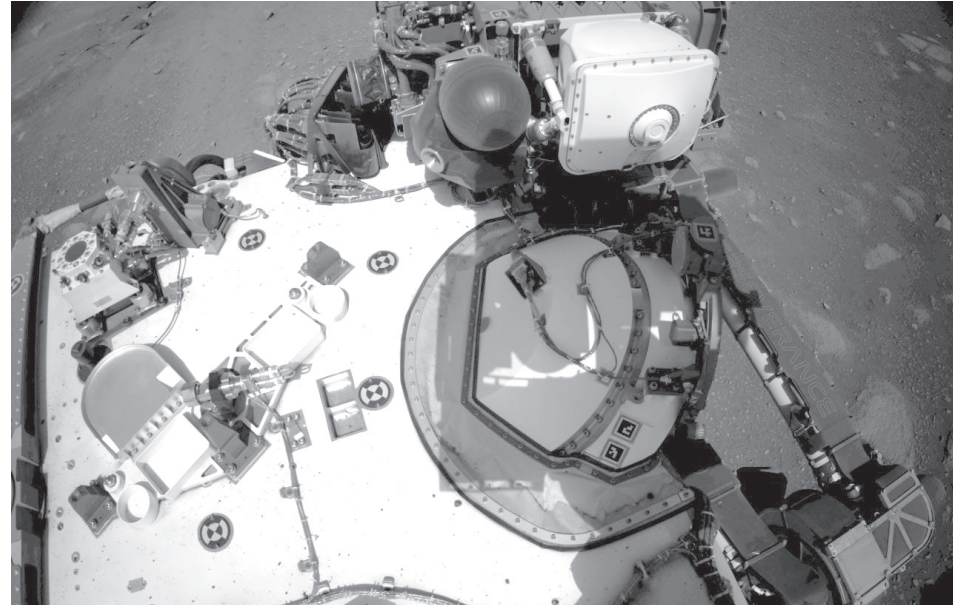
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Photos courtesy JPL/NASA

ABOVE: This high-resolution still image is part of a video taken by several cameras as NASA’s Perseverance rover touched down on Mars on Feb. 18. A camera aboard the descent stage captured this shot.

BELOW: The navigation cameras, or Navcams, aboard NASA’s Perseverance Mars rover captured this view of the rover’s deck on Feb. 20. This view provides a good look at PIXL (the Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry), one of the instruments on the rover’s stowed arm.



IN BRIEF

ALL INVITED TO CVCA MEETING

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavallecommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

DINE-OUT AT BLAZE PIZZA

CV Instrumental Music Dept. is having a dine-out at Blaze Pizza in La Cañada on Monday, March 1. Patrons who dine anytime between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. will have 20% of proceeds benefit CV’s music department. Orders can be placed online using promo code 1005A or purchased in the store.

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING

In Los Angeles County unincorporated communities are currently updating the housing element of the general plan for 2021-29. The housing element serves as a policy guide to address the comprehensive housing needs of the unincorporated communities. The primary focus of the housing element is to ensure decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for current and future residents of unincorporated

communities, including those with special needs.

The Dept. of Regional Planning every eight years reviews and makes recommendations for possible changes to the zoning within the unincorporated areas of the county. Given that there is currently a shortage of affordable housing, the County is looking to increase densities where it might be reasonable to do so.

The Dept. of Regional Planning will be making a presentation at the March Land Use Committee meeting of the CV Town Council on March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97589570194>; meeting ID: 975 8957 0194.

VERDUGO HILLS CEMETERY AND LITTLE LANDERS SOCIETY

The Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery organization has initiated activities dedicated to the renovation and restoration of Sunland-Tujunga’s historic Verdugo Hills Cemetery in anticipation of the cemetery’s 100th anniversary celebration event scheduled for April 2022.

Although Little Landers Historical Society is not directly associated with Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery, the Society recognizes the historic value of the cemetery and supports this celebration to help ensure a successful event.

REMOTE INSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE AT GCC

Glendale Community College (GCC) announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic remote instruction will continue on all three campuses through December 2021.

GCC classes have been taught in a remote learning environment since March 23, 2020 following the outbreak of the coronavirus. Today’s decision affects the Verdugo Campus, which primarily serves credit students, the Garfield Campus serving noncredit students, and the Professional Development Center in Montrose.

The college is making the announcement several months before the start of summer and fall classes to allow students time to make informed decisions about their educational goals. Priority registration begins April 26 for the 2021 summer session (June 14 – Aug. 20) and priority registration is May 17 for the fall semester (Aug. 30 – Dec. 15).

NOMINEES WANTED

The Glendale Educational Foundation Diamond Awards Committee seeks to honor outstanding individuals who attended Glendale Unified School District. The individuals will be honored who have made significant contributions in our three areas of focus – visual & performing arts,

science & technology, and health & physical fitness. Nominations are also being sought for individuals who best embody the goals of the GEF mission through their significant achievement as an entrepreneur or innovator, their significant philanthropic service, or their significant achievements early

in their career.

Nominations for 2021 are now being accepted for the awards to be presented at the GEF’s virtual Spring 2021 Gala. Deadline for submission is Feb. 26.

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This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites local residents to Couch Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Those who miss the live presentation can watch the videos on the church website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. This week, Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Prodigy, Promise, Passion." 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.

During Lent through March 24, Bible study will be held on Facebook, Zoom and YouTube at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. More details are available on the church website.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@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951 for details, information, offering help or requesting help.

Prayer Gathering at Deukmejian

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

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

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

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

Parking can be very limited, so early arrival is recommended. Bring masks and remember to keep social distancing.

Walk and Word

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

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

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Council Hears Preliminary Plan on Eagle Canyon Trail

By Brandon HENSLEY

Preliminary stages of improvements along the Eagle Canyon Channel, including a recreational trail connection between Two Strike Park and La Crescenta Avenue, were presented at the Feb. 18 virtual meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Michelle O'Connor, who oversees trails planning for LA County, gave an overview of preliminary analyses that have been conducted on the potential project.

Further examination of next steps by Design Project Review would require a supporting action

by CVTC.

In 2020 completed Two Strike Park improvements included a new ADA concrete walking path from the Eagle Canyon Control Channel bridge to Rosemont Avenue.

Virtual audience members were mostly against the proposed additions, saying some would invade privacy as well as make it easier for crime committed at night. Proponents who spoke in favor said it would make it easier and safer for people who walk that area.

O'Connor emphasized that the Eagle Canyon Channel effort is in the preliminary stages, and that the meeting was not a formal project

with identified funding. She said the \$537,000 allocated for it has already been redirected to other projects for Two Strike Park.

"No funding currently is available or on the horizon," O'Connor added. "Public Works has evaluated installing a concrete cap to cover a portion of Eagle Canyon Channel and create about 1,200 linear feet of multi-use trail," according to O'Connor's presentation.

The trail would be six-to-eight feet wide and level for accessibility.

Additions to the trail would include walls and screens for adjacent property lighting as needed. It would also include

bioswales, which are channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater runoff while removing debris and pollution.

Former council president Leslie Dickson, who spoke as a public commenter, was in favor of the project.

"Having a trail will be safer ... this is another step along the way to have more trails and have more space for people to get out," she said.

Neighbor Paul Dutton was a critic of the project, saying that if more people used that trail there would be more trash, and unfavorable night activity for residents.

"If I lived there, I'd be livid," he

said, while adding that he worried about an expedited process that ignores committees like the Town Council's Land Use Committee.

Public commenter Adrienne Griffin was concerned about the surface of the trail.

"[Will it be an] ugly cement path?" she asked. "You could leave it as a dirt path, which is what we have now, but not for bikes. I don't want it to become part of a larger project ... is this part of something larger, or something small? Who is patrolling it?"

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Continuing Toward Back to School

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) continues to work on opening schools for in-person learning. Los Angeles County Public Health announced last week that COVID-19 cases as well as hospitalizations have declined enough to allow schools to reopen for in-person instruction.

LA County Dept. of Public Health announced that the County's adjusted case rate, reported on Feb. 16, was 20 new cases per 100,000 people, and that the adjusted case rate had remained under 25 new cases per 100,000 people for five consecutive days, which met the state requirements for schools to open on-site learning for grades TK through six.

The school districts would still have to apply for permits and follow regulations that included the requirements of staff and students to wear masks and observe social distancing. Additionally, each classroom would have to form a "stable group with fixed membership" that would not mix with other groups and the school would be required to report to Public Health clusters of three or more positive cases of COVID-19 that have occurred within 14 days of one another.

The state added requirements that included that district administration must consult with labor, parent and community organizations regarding re-opening plans.

Neither the state nor the county specifically mentioned teachers receiving vaccinations as a requirement for reopening schools; however, Superintendent Vivian Ekchian has put on the top of her list of things to accomplish getting vaccines to teachers and staff members who want to be vaccinated.

"We are lucky because we have good health partners and are working with them. They have offered us additional vaccination [appointments] and we are facilitating the process for our teachers who hopefully will be coming onto campus soon," Ekchian said.

As of Tuesday morning the District has been able to vaccinate

750 employees and have another 500 lined up.

"Vaccinations are my first step to secure the comfort of our employees," she added.

There are about 1,200 teachers in the GUSD, and Ekchian wants to make certain that everyone employed by the district has the chance to receive the vaccine if they want it.

It is hoped that any teachers who would like the vaccine will feel comfortable in accepting the offer from the District. Ekchian has been negotiating with teachers on the return to in-person classrooms and had another meeting with the Glendale Teachers Association on Tuesday.

In addition to vaccinations, Ekchian and District administrators have kept close watch on other districts within California and in other states that have returned to in-person instruction. They have also worked on getting the required ventilation equipment and creating classrooms that are capable of social distancing.

Ekchian stressed they have worked to make it safe to return but are aware that some parents will still be nervous about sending their child to school. There are options available, though, including remaining in a virtual learning mode for those parents as well as providing a tour of the school for them so they can see the safety precautions for themselves.

There is also flexibility in the individual school site schedules. When the District first set up virtual learning about a year ago, it created a schedule for all schools to follow but soon found that individual schools required individual schedules.

"If [school principals] want an alternative schedule, one that works better for their schools, they [can provide a] waiver to me," she said.

As long as that request follows both the Public Health guidelines and the curricular requirements, Ekchian would approve that request.

She is hoping that elementary students will be back in school at the end of March or early April. It is hoped that teachers and the

District will be able to come to an agreement to reopen.

"[The negotiations on reopening] are still being discussed at the table [with teachers]. I do think, for our parents and students who want to be on campus, pushing [the start date] beyond that does not seem [the correct decision]," she said.

Ekchian worries about students who are having difficulty with virtual learning, which seems to be especially difficult for those in low-income families.

"We have a school district with 55% of our students on free or reduced lunch," she added. "That can affect the child's ability to learn from home much more than others. I cannot disregard that."

Statement from GUSD on Agreement on School Reopening Plans with Classified Employee Union

On Feb. 16, the Glendale Unified Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for Coronavirus Response: Distance/Hybrid Learning. The agreement details protocols the District has put in place to ensure the health and safety of all Glendale Unified employees, including:

- Training and implementation for Public Health protocols, including cleaning and disinfecting facilities and stopping the spread of COVID-19
- Health screening for employees and students at school and work locations
- COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocols
- Development of a collaborative task force to create flexible work schedules for classified employees in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases

"We are confident that the health and safety measures being implemented across our District are effective at keeping our students, employees, families, and community safe," said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. "I am pleased that we have come to an agreement to ensure our classified employees continue to feel safe reporting to work every day."

"Our District and CSEA leaders

recognize the importance of maintaining safe facilities and operations for the benefit of our students, employees, families, and community," said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "I want to thank everyone whose hard work led to this agreement, which balances our desire to reopen schools for in-person learning while ensuring the health and safety of our students and employees."

CSEA represents Glendale Unified classified employees, including custodial and maintenance, nutrition services, and secretarial staff, classroom and yard duty assistants, and other school and district support staff. The Memorandum of Understanding for Coronavirus Response: Distance/Hybrid Learning was signed by District and CSEA bargaining units on Jan. 8, and ratified by CSEA members on Jan. 29, prior to receiving Board of Education approval on Feb. 16.



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local health partners to offer more vaccinations.

"We are here to support the district to reopen in a hybrid [program]," Poulatian added.

GUSD plans to reopen in-person classrooms with a block-type schedule that would divide students into two groups with one attending in-person classes on specific days and the other group attending in-person classes on alternate days. This plan was decided upon based on surveys sent to parents and students.

Poulatian said she felt the

District has followed all the protocols for reopening schools following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], the California Dept. of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health [DPH].

"[GUSD] has had 17 visits from [DPH]," she said.

The District has passed each inspection by the health department, according to Superintendent Vivian Ekchian.

Poulatian mentioned other districts that have opened successfully with hybrid

schedules and safety protocols and feels GUSD can do the same.

GTA released a statement to CVW last week outlining their concerns for reopening, which included asking the District to collaborate with GTA to sign a contract that spells out the health and safety protocols as well as the expectations for hybrid instructions. It does not mention vaccinations as a requirement; however, it focused its concerns on hybrid instruction.

GUSD and GTA continue their negotiations on reopening.

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Feb. 21

2111 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a male adult entered a store and stole two purses at 10:27 a.m.

1900 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a person/persons damaged a door, door lock and frame of the location overnight.

Feb. 17

2655 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, security cords were damaged and several cellphones were stolen from a store. An informant reported

seeing a heavysset male in his 20s with a goatee and light-colored baseball cap run out of the store and get into the passenger side of a pickup. The vehicle was red with light gray stripes along the body of the truck. It headed eastbound in the parking lot and out of view.

The theft occurred between 4:11 p.m. and 4:13 p.m.

Feb. 15

4700 block of Rosebank Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a computer and cameras, along with other items, were stolen from a house between Feb. 15-17.

GPD REPORTS

Pair Arrested for Identity Theft

On Feb. 20 at approximately 10:30 p.m., a patrol officer observed a vehicle with no front license plate travel westbound on San Fernando Road from Alameda Avenue.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver, 25-year-old Devin Scagnelli of Van Nuys, and the passenger, 24-year-old Jade Abundo of Oxnard, regarding the violation. During a search of the vehicle, officers located multiple drivers' licenses, credit cards, debit cards and EDD cards all belonging to other people along with methamphetamine pipes.

Scagnelli and Abundo were subsequently arrested for identity theft and possessing drug paraphernalia. Due to Los Angeles County's emergency "zero-dollar" bail schedule, Scagnelli and Abundo were both released hours later with a notice to appear in court.

Male Arrested for Vehicle Theft and DUI After Vehicle Pursuit

On Feb. 19 just before 10 p.m., patrol officers responded to the area of Adams and Maple

streets regarding a male causing a disturbance in the area. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a vehicle theft had just occurred. Officers located the stolen vehicle driving in the immediate area and initiated a traffic stop, but the suspect fled and a vehicle pursuit ensued. Eventually, the driver, identified as 28-year-old Joel Cotrina of Glendale, yielded to officers on the 1500 block of East Garfield Avenue and was taken into custody. During a search of the vehicle, officers located what appeared to be crack cocaine on the driver's seat.

The vehicle was recovered and released to the registered owner. Cotrina was arrested and booked for evading, vehicle theft and for driving under the influence.

Male Found in Possession of Two Loaded Handguns, Heroin and Evidence of ID Theft

On Feb. 16 just before 5:30 p.m., officers assigned to the Special Enforcement Detail (SED) of the Glendale Police Dept. observed a male, later identified as 34-year-old Karen Vahanyan of Glendale, walk up to a business on the 300 block of West Los Feliz Road. Officers noticed Vahanyan was

not wearing a face covering, then saw him come into contact with an employee at the business while still not wearing a face covering, in violation of the Glendale Municipal Code.

As the officers exited their vehicle to speak with Vahanyan regarding the violation, he fled on foot. Officers chased Vahanyan and observed him drop two bags he was carrying. Shortly after this, Vahanyan tripped over his own feet, fell down and was taken into custody.

A search of Vahanyan revealed a loaded stolen handgun in his jacket pocket, another loaded handgun in a small bag he had around his neck and heroin. Vahanyan in his wallet also had multiple ID cards and ATM cards in other people's names. During the investigation, officers discovered that Vahanyan was wanted by Glendale detectives in connection with an open burglary case.

Vahanyan was arrested and booked for multiple charges including carrying a loaded firearm in public, felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, burglary, identity theft and obstruction.

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HCN Offers Insight into Science and Medicine Careers

By Lori BODNAR, intern

Those interested in the fields of science and medicine are invited to attend the Crescenta Valley High School Academy of Science and Medicine Health Career Night on Friday, Feb. 26. The Health Career Night (HCN) will be hosted virtually on Zoom with Academy of Science and Medicine advisor Orenda Tuason assisted by Vero Caba and Alamelu Arunachalam. The presenters include physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists, professors, directors, alumni and many other health care professionals. Some of the presenters are professionals from Adventist Health Glendale and nursing students from Glendale Community College.

HCN will be presented in a way similar to previous years (see CV Weekly, March 5, 2020 for the report of last year's event) with one major change: this year's HCN will have a virtual format necessitated by pandemic restrictions.

Eric Markarian, the junior co-president of the Academy of Science and Medicine at the high school,

said, "Health Career Night will be a Zoom meeting where [participants] will be in breakout rooms with presenters rotating through the breakout rooms based on the schedule. The way we designed this virtual event is similar to how we would do it in person, with students being put into breakout rooms instead of classrooms and presenters switching through these breakout rooms as they did with the classrooms."

Meghan Parada, junior co-president of the Academy, added, "The presenters will be rotating breakout rooms after 30-minute intervals, as in previous years, to speak to different groups of Academy members. Each breakout room will hear from four different presenters to learn about unique topics in health, science and medicine throughout the event."

This year, there are 54 Academy of Science and Medicine officers, although usually there are around 25 officers. Freshman students are not a part of the Academy, although they can be honorary members if they are enrolled in medical biology class.

The Academy of Science and Medicine has held many events and activities virtually this year to maintain the same social atmosphere as in previous years.


"We continue to hold lunch presentations every Friday with medical professionals presenting for our members, the most recent one being last Friday with the vice president of the American Heart Association for Heart Health month," said Markarian. "We also have virtual field trips every month along with fundraisers. I'm happy to say we maintained the 'big three' events that Academy members are required to go to, one of which is Health Career Night, and the other two the virtual orientation picnic and the banquet at the end of the year."

Parada said Academy students have continued with merchandise and dine-out fundraisers, virtual field trips, movies, socials and weekly lunch presentations.

The Academy of Science and Medicine is a career pathway program for CVHS students

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the construction design process or may be required by a local agency prior to project approval. They help to represent the silhouette of a proposed structure or possible addition to an existing building. They are used in both residential and commercial developments, usually within coastal and mountain view areas where there may be view-preservation concerns.

After Whiting Woods neighbors reviewed the permit issued by the city in 2020 for the wall/deck, they discovered that the city authorized a wall “not to exceed” eight feet, including a safety railing of at least three feet, six inches, required by ordinance. The wall is closer to 15 feet, the neighbors observed.

“This is not a small thing that was overlooked; it’s now a 150 foot wall that faces the entire Crescenta Valley,” Rohrer told the CV Weekly. He added that the city has requested updated plans and a proper survey from the owner. “We met with the city last week – they’ve been very responsive since we brought this to their attention – and we requested that the wall be removed.”

“I’m not anti-development. I work in industrial real estate,” Rohrer noted. “But this just does not fit here. You’d be able to see it from the 210.”

Neighbor Cacho-Negrete added, “The deck was approved to be no more than eight feet high. The owner built well over 13-feet high and it is now staring down at the entire Crescenta Valley. As of yet, the city has not taken a stand about forcing the owner to remediate the deck down to the approved size. Furthermore, the owner is proposing a 5,300 square foot ultra-modern home on the site, completely tearing down the mid-century ranch on-site. This would represent the first home ever fully torn down in Whiting Woods. Interestingly, the proposed home is only possible because of this new out-of-compliance deck. The proposed home breaks at least a dozen published design guidelines/municipal codes. Yet, oddly, the city planner is recommending that the project be approved.”

The house is inconsistent with current Whiting Woods architecture and would also require demolition of the existing house.

The Whiting Woods Property Owners Association – WWPOA – believes this would be the first complete destruction of a house in Whiting Woods (the current house is 1,700 square feet and has a two-car garage) and was built in 1952.

“Apparently the wall did not require a permit because of a deck exception, so the DRB didn’t review it. What’s been built would never have been approved. The massive [proposed] house can only exist because [the owner] built this illegal deck. What message does it send? What are you incenting if you let an illegal structure enable you to build something that would never have been approved by the DRB?” Cacho-Negrete pondered. “I don’t understand why the city spent so much time developing hillside development standards back in 2011 if they didn’t plan on following them. This clearly does not fit in with this neighborhood. Is the city going to allow them to break the law and then ask for forgiveness later?”

Lynn Aldrich lives on El Lado Drive. The mudflow, she said, ran between her house and that of her neighbor’s two or so years ago. Aldrich has lived in Whiting Woods “for nearly 50 years; we bought it when we first moved here.”

“What concerns me most is just how ugly it is. It’s like [the owner is] robbing everyone around him to build a grand extended cantilevered deck up there. This is a modest, much-appreciated neighborhood of homes that fit the hillside,” said Aldrich. “People run and walk and hike. Historically, Glendale has expressed a desire to protect its history and its trees and open space. City planners don’t seem to be paying attention to the guidelines we’ve spent years developing to protect this middle-class neighborhood. We need development that supports these families who don’t have millions for mansions.”

“People come from outside the neighborhood to walk their dogs or hike the trails and they don’t want to be looking up at giant white cubes jutting out of the hillside. Beverly Hills on steroids! It’s just not appropriate,” she added.

“How is it illegal if I have a permit for it?” property owner Dr. Robert Kyureghian asked. “The wall has

been inspected four times. I spent a lot of money to fix the deck, with caissons and two retaining walls, in order to prevent harm. The square footage of the proposed house is based on the size of the property. All work will be done to code. We can talk about it all at the DRB.”

Kyureghian added he is beginning to talk to his neighbors.

Scheduled for the Jan. 14 DRB meeting, city planners initially approved plans for the proposed residence acknowledging that it “will be the largest home in the neighborhood.” They urged a “more earth-toned color palette,” though.

City planner Roger Kiesel responded to questions about the city’s actions.

“The cantilevered deck was issued a building permit but appears to have been built inconsistent with this permit. At this point, the City is awaiting information on the as-built height of the deck, topographical survey, and drainage plans. Once this information is received, the City will work with the applicant to develop options on addressing any violations,” he said.

Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian explained that even after approval at the DRB, a project would be subject to the plan check process before building permits would be issued.

The WWPOA believes that the origins of the neighborhood date back to 1948; the organization has records going back to 1960. The WWPOA describes Whiting Woods as a “peaceful enclave that consists of 170 homes occupied by about 375 residents. The neighborhood has only one major entrance and exit on Whiting Woods Road. “The Woods” other major streets are El Lado Drive and Mesa Lila Road. The neighborhood still includes an abundance of live oak and sycamore trees (both are protected by the City of Glendale) and wildlife, such as deer, rabbits, coyotes, snakes, bobcats, bears, etc. Neighborhood attractions include hiking trails at the top of Whiting Woods and Mesa Lila roads and a seasonal stream that runs along Whiting Woods Road.”

Rohrer encouraged those interested to contact him by email at randyrohrer100@gmail.com to stay informed.



Photo provided by Randy ROHRER

Neighbors near the development on Hillway Drive have numerous concerns regarding the proposed 5,233 square foot house and are eager for answers from the City of Glendale.

WOMEN from Cover

will be highlighting the contributions to society made by women. CVW invites readers to share their stories of women who have made a positive difference in their lives.

Women’s History Month originally was just a week long and incorporated March 8 – National Women’s Day. It continued as a week of recognition until the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress in 1987 for a Women’s History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995 presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women’s History Month, according to womenshistorymonth.gov.

One local woman currently making a difference in her role as leader is Lyn Repath-Martos. For many years she has been the lead mentor for the Crescenta Valley High School 589 Falkon robotics team. Repath-Martos works at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and started as a volunteer for the Falkons but soon began taking on more responsibilities until she found herself a lead mentor. She inspires 589 members, both boys and girls, to reach for their dreams regardless of gender.

“It took me a long time to find JPL,” Repath-Martos said.

She grew up in Spain and didn’t know she was looking for a place like JPL – but when she did she knew she found her place in the world.

“[It’s a] place where I can do good,” she said noting that the contributions of inspirational women surround her.

“There are so many unsung powerful women who really helped build the space program,” she said, noting that the human computer

program started at JPL in the 1930s and ’40s.

“Human computers” were women who either had degrees in mathematics or were just very good at math. These women performed hundreds of thousands of mathematical calculations that were crucial to the U.S. space program and eventually became some of the first computer programmers at NASA. Barbara “Barby” Canright was the first female human computer at JPL.

Repath-Martos said the work these women performed laid the foundation for the space program and their influence can be linked to the recent Mars 2020 landing.

“In the 1950s and ’60s [most] women were in the home, not in the workplace,” she said. She added these computer-savvy women may not have been out demonstrating or burning bras in protest but were equally important to the women’s rights movement.

“They were knuckling down, doing their jobs and creating a place for other women,” she said.

A couple of weeks ago JPL offered an opportunity for workers to stop and reflect on their lives, to stop and listen to colleagues about their experiences at JPL.

“As an under-represented gender I found it to be a powerful event,” she said.

The NASA/JPL program is a positive, colleague-bonding program that is especially valuable in this time of pandemic isolation.

For her robotics students, Repath-Martos has created an atmosphere in which members feel they have the freedom to be exactly who they are regardless of gender.

Adarsh Chilkunda is a senior at CVHS and member of 589. He plans on majoring in computer programming in college. He said

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The 1971 Earthquake

A reader reminded me that the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Sylmar Earthquake (sometimes called the San Fernando Earthquake) had come and gone a few days ago. I have written about it in the past, but a revisit is always appropriate.

The fault that caused the quake was the Sierra Madre Fault, the major fault that runs through our valley. The Sierra Madre Fault runs about 50 miles along the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, from the San Gabriel Valley through the San

Fernando Valley. Its name comes from the old name for the San Gabriel Mountains, formerly called the Sierra Madre Mountains in the 1800s. The Sierra Madre Fault passes through our valley a little above Markridge Road. According to one geologist, it's actually visible in Deukmejian Park on an eastern ridgeline above Dunsmore Canyon, showing up as a lighter colored band of rock.

In 1971 it broke on the northern end of the fault, in the Sylmar area. It was just after 6 a.m. on Feb. 9, 1971, and it registered 6.6 on the Richter scale. The actual quake lasted just 12 seconds, but shaking was felt for 60 seconds, followed by several strong aftershocks. Damage in the San Fernando Valley was extensive. Two hospitals were destroyed, the overpass of the 5/14 freeway interchange came

down, and Van Norman Dam was seriously damaged, but was drained before it broke. The brand-new 210 Freeway broke in several spots and many dwellings were destroyed.

Here in the Crescenta Valley, damage was fairly light. We lost two buildings entirely, the Roger's Pharmacy building on the corner of Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues, and Spike Jones Market at Foothill Boulevard and La Crescenta. Another building, the former Montrose Hotel on Honolulu, lost its second story. In all cases, they were brick buildings. The upper deck of the two-story parking lot that fronted Shopping Bag (today's Ace Hardware) on Foothill was split apart. A few houses were rendered uninhabitable, and several brick and stone chimneys fell. The

Montrose sheriffs had to abandon a patrol car that was trapped on the Angeles Crest Highway between two landslides. The Glenwood plant of the Crescenta Valley Water District caught on fire.

Much of the reported damage had to do with lost stock in retail stores. One of the worst was at Reed Hardware in the two-story brick Roger's Pharmacy building, which was entirely condemned. Inside Reed Hardware, broken pipes poured water into the interior, inundating the merchandise on the floor. Someone took a sledgehammer to the front of the building, knocking out a floor level hole, which allowed the water to flow out. Any stock that was salvageable was moved to the parking lot for an impromptu sale. In Montrose Hardware down the street, broken paint cans made a rainbow on the floor of oil-based paint, and paint thinner was used to clean it up.

Alpha Beta Market on Foothill was a foot deep in cans and packages in its aisles. The photo lab at Woodall Camera suffered a big loss in photo chemicals, which spilled everywhere. Vince Dundee kept a local warehouse full of liquor and glasses for his two restaurants, and

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

» ADAM SCHIFF

Ensuring All Angelenos Get Access to the Vaccine

Amidst the torrent of information about COVID-19 and the continued toll the virus has taken on our community and the entire nation, it is easy to lose sight of the miraculous, safe and astonishingly effective nature of the vaccines.

Two vaccines have already been approved and tens of millions of Americans have received their first dose. Another vaccine may be approved as soon as the end of February. And remarkably, all three of these vaccines in randomly controlled trials have all but eliminated COVID-19 deaths among those who receive the shot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School Closures, the Real Issue

Looking for a break from the dark winter of President Biden and the continuous fear mongering of the mainstream media, I decided to take a look at this week's CV Weekly. Surely my trusted local town newspaper would have something relevant and interesting for me to read.

But aghast – right there on the front page is a huge article on COVID-19 and MIS-C in kids.

This rare disease with a usual excellent outcome is nothing is more fear mongering written to scare kids and parents even more, as if we needed that. In fact, the

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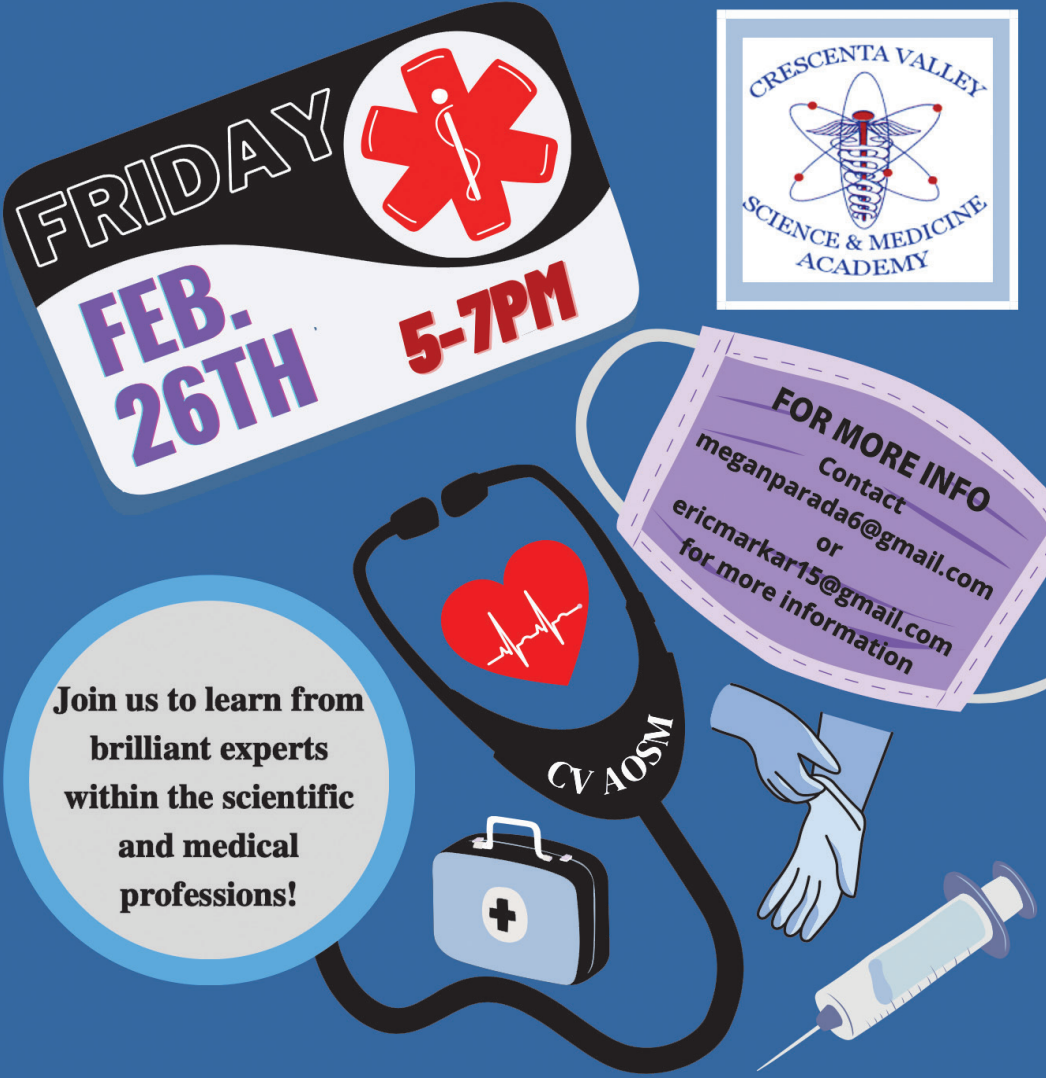
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SPORTS/YOUTH

Almost There – Return of Youth Sports

By Michael LEVITSKY



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The CIF Southern Section announced Friday that high school football and other outdoor sports are allowed to resume as early as Feb. 26.

Approaching one full year since youth sports came to an abrupt halt, the CIF Southern Section announced Friday that high school football, boys and girls water polo, and other outdoor sports are allowed to resume as early as Feb. 26.

The decision came following the California Dept. of Health's youth sports update on Friday morning after the state has seen a sharp downturn in cases and hospitalization in recent weeks.

The state's health department requires each county to have an adjusted case rate of 14.0 per 100,000 people in order for outdoor sports to

begin practice, then competition. As of Tuesday, LA County had a rate of 12.3.

Teams will have to practice for 14 days before being allowed to play any official game. Testing will occur on a weekly basis and be required for every player and coach, as well as the wearing of face coverings at all times unless on the field of play.

Though the path for outdoors sports is a bit clearer, a murky outlook is still seen for indoor sports, especially those that are in the fall season and

have to end by mid- to late-April to usher in spring season sports. CIF-SS will continue to have discussions with the Governor's office and the CDHP to get indoor sports up and running again. In the meantime athletes can begin to play outdoors, if possible.

"We hope to have an update later on the situation with indoor sports," Commissioner Rob Wigod stated in the Southern Section's press release Friday. "As soon as that information becomes available, I will update you at that time."

Authors & Illustrators at Dunsmore Elementary – Virtually

On Friday, Feb. 19, Linelle Vincenti, Authors & Illustrators chairwoman, stopped by Dunsmore Elementary School to give a check



to Principal Karen Stegman on behalf of the Assistance League of Glendale. ALG also gave a check for \$2,000 to the school librarian to buy new books for the school library.

Four authors – Tao Nyeu, Carter Higgins, Michele Markel and Tracy Holczer – made Zoom presentations to classes in their assigned level. Their presentations encouraged students to flex their artistic talents by reading, writing their own stories and drawing their own pictures.

The event was funded in part by the Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund.

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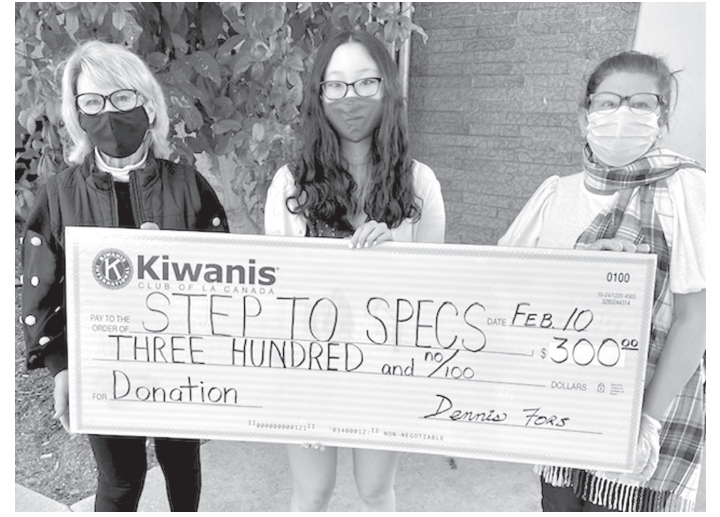
Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Donates \$300 to Local Girl Scout Gold Award Project

In a show of enthusiastic support, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada contributed \$300 toward senior Girl Scout Anna Heur's "Step to Specs" project. Heur is a candidate for the coveted Girl Scout Gold Award. She is a La Cañada High School sophomore and created the project as a way to get gently-used prescription glasses to those who can't afford them.

When Heur asked her former Palm Crest second grade teacher Nancy

Leininger to be her sponsor, she was asked to make a presentation to the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada. Leininger serves on the Club's newly-created seven-member Community Services Task Force, headed by Linda Fors. After Heur's talk, several Club members immediately volunteered to help collect and keep an inventory of glasses donated by Kiwanis members and others. The project fit well with the Kiwanis' mission of helping local youth and the community.

Launched in November 2020, Heur built a website to collect, display and provide a search engine to enable eye care professionals she's partnered with to get glasses to those in need. To ensure the glasses are a match for a potential recipient, Heur uses a lensometer to identify the prescription details. She has already distributed glasses at the county hospital and has placed collection boxes and flyers at a gas station, bookstore, schools and optometry offices around town.



"I've worn glasses since the age of 5, and they have helped me pursue my education," said Heur. "I wanted to ensure that others with impaired vision could have the same opportunities."

A spirited Girl Scout for the past 10 years, Heur is always looking for ways to help others. Future plans include writing a book to bring positivity and encouragement to those who wear glasses.

For additional information, or to donate glasses, visit <https://stepstospecs.com>. She can be emailed stepstospecs@gmail.com.

For those interested in making friends and giving back while having fun, the Kiwanis Club of

La Cañada extends an invitation to attend a Zoom meeting, held every Wednesday at noon, featuring the "Guest Speaker-of-the-Week" program. To get a private invitation to attend, email lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com. Also visit the website lacanadakiwanis.org.

Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of La Cañada's Community Service Task Force member, and sponsor, Nancy Leininger (left) presents Girl Scout Gold Award candidate Anna Heur (center) with a \$300 donation for her Step to Specs project. She is joined by Community Service Task Force member Rima Sirrieh.

Veterans Corner by Blake HYFIELD February 2021

Understanding the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is a collaboration between the federal government, states and territories, and 21 national pharmacy partners and independent pharmacy networks to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination across the United States. This program is one component of the federal government's strategy to expand access to vaccines for the American public. The program is being implemented incrementally based on the available vaccine supply, with select retail pharmacy locations providing COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals. As vaccine availability increases over time, the program will expand to ultimately include all 40,000-plus pharmacies.

How it works:

- As the program begins initial implementation, select retail pharmacies nationwide are receiving limited COVID-19 vaccine supply directly from the federal government to vaccinate state-selected priority groups at no cost.
- The program will begin with per capita allocations by each jurisdiction that will be divided among the selected pharmacy partners based on number of stores and reach. As the program expands and supply becomes more readily available, the allocation may be adjusted to reflect partner size (number of store locations nationwide), reach (percent of the total U.S. population living within five miles of a store location) and ability to vaccinate (throughput).
- Veterans who are eligible for vaccination in their state and are interested in getting vaccinated at their local pharmacy should call or check the pharmacy's website

to find out if vaccine is available. *In California, CVS Pharmacy, Inc. and Rite Aid Corp have been selected.*

- Most pharmacy partners are using online scheduling systems to schedule vaccination visits for eligible individuals based on their limited available vaccine supply.

Program benefits:

As the program scales up to eventually include COVID-19 vaccination at all 40,000-plus retail locations, it will:

- Make it easier for individuals to access free COVID-19 vaccine at a pharmacy in their community
- Improve vaccine uptake while decreasing the logistical and operations burden on state, local and territorial health departments

Important news

VA COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout: In mid February, VA, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, and Phillips held a webinar focused on how veterans and caregivers can access the COVID-19 vaccine. VA offers COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for caregivers participating in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. The panel discussed how eligible veterans and their caregivers can receive their COVID-19 vaccinations at any VA facility and should be immunized at the same time. Veterans who never used their VA benefits can contact their local VA office for information regarding the vaccinations, and VA's distribution plan. Veterans and caregivers can sign up for updates and express their interest in receiving a vaccine, which will help VA with their vaccine supply.

For information, visit www.va.gov.

People Making News

The University of Wisconsin-Madison recognized the following students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year:

Aleen Babikian of Glendale, College of Letters and Science; Sydney Mueller of La Cañada Flintridge, College of Letters and Science; David Komjathy, College of Agricultural & Life Science, and Charles Pingry (dean's honor list), School of Human Ecology, both from La Crescenta, earned these honors.

Students who achieved at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each

university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor "dean's list," but some grant the "dean's honor list" and "dean's high honor list."

To view an online listing, visit http://registrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm.

Aidan Holland of Glendale achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the fall 2020 semester at Hofstra University, earning a spot on the provost's list.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, New York that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). The campus is a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. Small classes and personal attention are offered with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

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Signing documents remotely is a time saver and with more people working from home it's now a business necessity. DocuSign is used and trusted in:

- Real estate transactions

- Human Resources employee hiring
- Government services/applications
- Financial services

Is online signing safe? Keep in mind that the DocuSign is emailed to your personal email address. Electronic signatures authenticate, track and store signatures and signer information at each stage. Each electronic signature has a unique sequence of encrypted numbers; one public

and one private. This encrypted data offers a record of the date and time that signing took place and stores information regarding the signer's IP address.

My concern with DocuSign, is that it's too easy. There are so many forms in a real estate transaction, and some are much more important than others. So, while online signing is safe, I think it's critical to thoroughly read and understand what you are signing.



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Drive Back In

By Charly SHELTON

Drive-in movie theaters were how your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents saw some of the best movies ever made, nestled safely in their own cars. They were the place to be, especially in the 1950s and 1960s, for teenagers looking for a secluded date night spot or families with kids too loud to go to a traditional movie theater. In fact, the first official drive-in theater was advertised in 1933 as a place where “The whole family is welcome, regardless of how noisy the children are.”

Drive-ins were, at one time, prevalent across America. In the 1960s there were over 4,000 drive-in theaters. But due to the amount of land needed to operate a drive-in, the owners found they would get more money for the land when sold to a developer rather than when a theater sat on the property. Coupled with reduced attendance due to the gas crisis of the 1970s, a steep drop-off in profits made the offers by developers all the more enticing. Drive-ins began disappearing en masse shortly thereafter and those few that remained showed shock/slasher films, exploitation films and even adult films. The reputation of drive-ins as a family outing had faded away and the excitement and fun of seeing Gidget and Moonoggie from the comfort of one’s own car were firmly planted in the past. By 2017, there were just over 300 drive-in theaters still in operation across the country, mostly as novelties showing old films on occasion. That is how the world was ... until social distancing was mandated.

Drive-in theaters are making a comeback in a big way. In-person inside movie theaters have been shut down for the last year and it is hard to find somewhere to see a movie with friends where guests can really feel safe. But pulling up next to your friends’ car and watching an old favorite brings

back that same nostalgic feeling that your grandparents had at drive-ins 70 years ago, and that nostalgic feeling you had of going to a movie with friends 14 months ago.

One local musician has brought this feeling back to the Crescenta Valley in a big way by establishing his own drive-in theater in La Cañada. Empire Lakes Productions was founded by Arsen Tujian and Luke Bonham, both college students who have spent the pandemic at home in La Cañada while college classes went virtual.

“We were, you know, obviously brought back home with everything that was going on [with the shutdown],” Tujian said. “So we thought to ourselves, ‘Let’s not see this as we’re losing these few months, but like how can we make something? How can we put an optimistic spin on this? Or how can we make constructive use of this time?’ And that’s kind of what inspired this.”

What started as a COVID-safe, CDC-compliant live music venue service pivoted to a backyard movie service, complete with 14-foot screen and a library of movies licensed to screen. This idea grew through private and public events at apartment complexes, country clubs, churches and more until the ultimate dream was realized: a standing location of a drive-in movie theater.

“Our end goal was always to have our own destination where we host the shows, where we have a home base,” Tujian said. “We noticed there weren’t really many drive-in theaters in our area. There are some in Hollywood, but [nothing in the Crescenta Valley]. So that kind of led to the inspiration to starting our own drive-in theater. We had our opening weekend just last weekend.”

At the La Cañada Thursday Club, 4440 Woodleigh Lane in La Cañada, guests are invited to drive-in and see some great films on the big screen in a safe way at



the ELP Drive-In. The tickets are \$50 for a small or mid-size car, or \$60 for a full-size car/truck, and each ticket is good for the entire car full of passengers. Popcorn, soda and candy are also provided for each person, included in the price. To round out Black History Month, this weekend’s movies are “Get Out” and “Black Panther.” Donations will also be collected for Black Lives Matter, and those donations, as well as 10% of ticket sales to both films, will be donated to the organization.

For more information and ticket sales, visit EmpireLakesCo.com.



Arsen Tujian



Luke Bonham

THEN & NOW I



Reed Hardware was hit hard by the 1971 Sylmar Earthquake. It was located in the Roger’s Pharmacy building located on the northwest corner of Honolulu and La Crescenta avenues. Broken windows and fallen bricks front the Honolulu side of the building while inside the store, broken water pipes created a lake around the fallen merchandise.

Quake Damage Reed Hardware Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



This is the view looking west on Honolulu today. Reed Hardware moved its remaining undamaged stock into the parking lot and held an “earthquake sale.” The two-story Roger’s Pharmacy building, made of unreinforced masonry, had to be entirely demolished. This gas station has been on the site ever since.

Duo Recital Features Sirota and Brady

On March 3, the program of the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts will be streamed. The program begins at 12:10 p.m.

Violist Jonah Sirota and oboist Regina Brady will perform works by Rodney Lister "Peaches and Penumbra," Gilles Silvestrini "Etudes for Oboe" (based on Impressionist paintings), Jonah Sirota "Cinematic Studies for Solo Viola" and Claude Debussy from the preludes for piano, arr. for oboe and viola, on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

Composer and violist Jonah Sirota is a new breed of multi-talented musician. Equally at home writing concert music, performing as a soloist and chamber musician, scoring soundtracks for TV, film and videogames, and collaborating in improv and new music ensembles, Sirota creates and recreates vivid music for a wide variety of audiences. His debut solo recording "Strong Sad," a 2018 National Sawdust Tracks release, features premiere recordings of new elegies for the viola by Nico Muhly, Paola Prestini,

Arthur Joseph McCaffrey, Valgeir Sigurðsson, Robert Sirota, Kurt Knecht and Sirota himself. Recent compositions include "Grounded," an orchestral work written for the Greenwood Music Camp Orchestra and premiered in the summer of 2018, and the viola sonata "Flutter Fingers."

Sirota was the violist of the recently-disbanded Chiara String Quartet for its entire 18 years. With the Chiara Quartet, he toured internationally, recorded seven albums and played in numerous major venues worldwide. The Chiara Quartet performed much of the string quartet repertoire from memory including the complete string quartets of Béla Bartók, a recording of which was released in 2016 on Azica Records. The group was honored with a Grammy nomination (2011, Best Contemporary Classical Composition for Jefferson Friedman's 3rd String Quartet on the New Amsterdam label), the ASCAP/CMA Adventurous Programming Award, the Guarneri Quartet Award, top prizes at the

Paolo Borciani Competition and the Astral Artistic Services Audition, and a Gold Medal at the Fischhoff Competition. Their albums have been featured on N.P.R., and in "Best of the Year" lists from the Boston Globe, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. In the 2015-16 season, the group was in residence at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, a venue to which the group returned for its farewell New York concert in May 2018. As a concert violist, Sirota performed with pianist Molly Morkoski, with organist Kurt Knecht as the improv duo "Mondegreen," and as a member of the revived California String Quartet. He is sought after as a session player and regularly plays with major orchestras, including the Long Beach Symphony, where he is assistant principal viola.

Equally adept on the oboe and English horn, Regina Brady is a member of The Orchestra Now at Bard College. She recently completed the Master of Music degree at the Colburn Conservatory of Music where she studied with Anne

Marie Gabriele and Ariana Ghez. She played both oboe and English horn with the Colburn and Oberlin orchestras. On the Colburn Chamber Music Society series, Brady had the opportunity to perform with Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

Brady is a passionate advocate for new music, and has collaborated with Los Angeles based new music ensemble, wild Up. As a member of the Oberlin Contemporary Music Ensemble, she was chosen to perform on a special concert series in collaboration with the Cleveland Museum of Art. Brady has been a fellow at the Kent/Blossom Music Festival, the Texas Music Festival, and the Sarasota Music Festival. Prior to her studies at Colburn, she completed the double-degree program at Oberlin College and Conservatory, where she majored in neuroscience and oboe performance, studying with Robert Walters.

A native of White Plains, New York, she is also a graduate of the Juilliard Pre-College Division where she studied with Richard Dallessio.

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To join the concert on Friday at 5 p.m., visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832342051>.

'SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE' COMING TO CALTECH

Directed by Caltech Theater's Brian Brophy, "Socially Unacceptable" follows three Facebook content moderators who are hired to work remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Feeling lucky to have a job, these new employees spend their days in a virtual world, Zoom conferencing with teammates for full workdays.

As they screen the site's most violent and offensive posts, these content moderators begin to deal with the dangerous psychological effects of the job, and their lives become increasingly interconnected both on screen and off.

In "Socially Unacceptable," playwright Matt Steinberg shows us five characters: the idealistic dreamer, the ambitious recruit, the easygoing confidant, the frustrated expert and the manager just trying to hold it all together. Together they face the worst the Internet has to offer - that which is completely socially unacceptable.

"Socially Unacceptable" will run for three performances (rescheduled from original January show dates): today, Thursday, Feb. 25, Friday, Feb. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. followed by Q&A with the playwright and students.

Admission is \$5 for non-Caltech students, \$10 for JPL/Caltech employees and \$20 for everyone else. Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/5xrcdksf>.

For more information, visit tacit.caltech.edu.

ALG THRIFT ALLEY TO RE OPEN

Assistance League of Glendale Thrift Alley Chairwoman Vicki Carlson announced that the reopening of Thrift

Alley will be on March 3 and will feature a half price sale. Thrift Alley will be open from Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thrift Alley will be accepting donations to fill the store with great values - most at half price to welcome back customers.

Volunteers have collected, priced and filled the store with what donors have cleaned out of closets and kitchens while staying at home.

Line starts at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3 following health guidelines. Shoppers are invited to grab their masks and come join the fun.

Thrift Alley is located in the alley at 314-A E. Harvard St. in Glendale and is staffed entirely by members.

Thrift Alley sells collectibles, clothing, books, household items, bric-a-brac, linens, furniture and much more. There is free parking and wheelchair access. All purchases are free of sales tax.

AAUW GLENDALE BRANCH MEETING

The next AAUW Glendale branch meeting will be held as a Zoom conference on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. The program will be "Pandemic Journey: Navigating Grief and Grace" with speaker Dr. Connie Corley, MSW, MA, Ph.D.

Marking a year of pandemic life, Dr. Corley will share pearls of wisdom using metaphors of epic journeys and her own research on resilience. She will also offer strategies for reflection and action.

Dr. Corley specialized in the fields of gerontology/geriatrics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She leads the doctoral concentration in creative longevity and wisdom in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University. She is professor emerita at California State University, Los Angeles and a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Academy of Gerontology in Higher Education.

Her podcast Love Goes Viral (www.lovegoesviral.org) offers support during the pandemic. She was also co-host/producer of Experience Talks on KPFK-FM.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information about membership, activities,

and meetings, visit <https://glendale-ca.aauw.net/>.

To receive the Zoom link for the March 13 meeting, contact Marilyn "Susie" Robinson at Marilyn_Robinson@hotmail.com by Wednesday, March 10. Provide your name and email address.

BRAS FOR A CAUSE SPONSORSHIP OPPS

Soroptimist International of Glendale's (SIG) 18th Annual Bras for a Cause fundraiser "Wonderful WOMEN" will be held on May 1. Proceeds raised from this year's fundraising will help support local non-profit organizations with financial grants for programs directed towards providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment as well as to its own Soroptimist programs. Also, women are supported through the path to better health, especially those fighting cancer.

Sponsors for this special event are being sought. Go to www.cweekly.com/JustForFun to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357 or email lola3058@gmail.com.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

Answers for puzzle 02.25.21
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com February 22, 2021 - February 28, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

To get the best out of this period, try a detox diet that can help reenergize you. You don't need to do this for too long - two or three days should be enough. You might also want to attempt this when you have a few days off so you can relax when necessary. Your organs get a chance to rest and your whole body will feel refreshed.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Is your mind tying your body in knots? If there's a lot of activity, your thoughts may be buzzing like angry bees. If you're working too hard, you could be prone to muscle tension. Aspects indicate that this could worsen unless you relax. You have a good chance to get a new health routine going now.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

If you want to improve your self-esteem, there's no better way than to start with your appearance. If you don't feel as though you look your best, make the decision to change. Get into the habit of exercising regularly. This will put the glow back in your cheeks and help you feel happier. You can then start on your diet.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your partner may be the catalyst for changes that you make to your health and lifestyle. He or she may start a new diet or form of exercise that appeals to you. Immerse yourself and discover the benefits you might gain from it. If it feels right, perhaps you should incorporate it into your daily routine. Be adventurous.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You're eager to get fit and stay healthy. The cosmos is giving you the incentive to create healthier habits, ones that will pay big dividends in feeling and looking good. The secret is discipline. It's worth challenging yourself. You'll reap wonderful benefits.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You've taken a fairly experimental approach to your diet and health, but you could be tempted to take it one step further. The information that comes your way could encourage you to see your health in a new light. You might have to adopt a different set of beliefs in order to understand the subtleties of what you're learning, but the results could be awesome.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You may be looking for a way to exercise that will keep you fit and trim. If the emphasis is also on having fun, you may want to take up dancing or golf and enhance your social life at the same time. Learn more about how to remain in good health. Go for it!

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Determine to make a fresh start regarding your health. Whatever troubles you've been fighting can be overcome with the help of the cosmos. Inspiration and the urge to experiment and keep an open mind are all important aspects of sorting out lingering issues. If you feel an approach is right, try it.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

If you learn to lighten up, it will help you make it through this period in a much better frame of mind. Life may be turbocharged now. Even having fun takes on new intensity. Find some information on personal health management or hire a personal trainer with a good sense of humor. Your back, muscles, and joints will thank you for being so thoughtful.

♈ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Eating at a friend's house could open your eyes to a new way of eating and preparing food. Sometimes seeing how others cook, what ingredients they use, and the imaginative ways that they put things together can affect you. Learn a few lessons and be humbled. If you like it, try it yourself.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos is going to bring some major changes your way whether you're ready for them or not. You may be compelled to take a fresh look at your health and review your progress. Get serious about making some changes. They won't happen by themselves. Take that leap of faith.

♊ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Although you're usually disciplined and stick to the "mind over matter" approach, sometimes you need to be more sensitive to your body. If you've been working hard lately, don't ignore the signals that are your body's way of letting you know that it needs a break, nutritious food, or decent sleep. Know your limits. Exceeding them can damage your health.

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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

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