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#### Clean Energy Focus on Council Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

The Glendale City Council spent most of its long Tuesday evening meeting reviewing an updated report on renewable, clean energy options and heard from numerous callers urging the city to act as quickly as possible "to make Glendale a leader in clean energy."

First, the council approved a proclamation celebrating Arbor Day this year. The city's urban forester Loren Klick encouraged residents to share their tree stories. (The city is collecting and sharing special and memorial tree stories at https://www.instagram.com/myglendale/.)

"It's Arbor Day in Glendale! For many years, local non-profit Glendale Beautiful has partnered with the City's Community Services and Parks Dept. to celebrate Arbor Day at the Casa Adobe de San Rafael. The Glendale Beautiful memorial tree program encouraged residents to donate over 7,500 trees to our parks and public spaces. This year, please celebrate Arbor Day safely at home with this story of Glendale Beautiful's auspicious beginnings," the city's site said.

Councilmember Paula Devine shared information about a local organization, Door of Hope, that is offering rent and utility assistance to those who need it - local residents can call (626) 304-9130 for more information or to apply.

Devine also commented on the uptick in attacks on members of the AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) community.

"I am deeply saddened by these acts of violence against innocent people based on racism, bigotry or just plain hate. I stand with you against this - you are welcome and respected in our community. We've worked so hard to recognize our racist past, so let's all stand in solidarity against hate."

Councilmember Ara Najarian mentioned potential concerns raised by comments made by

see GCC on page 23

# High School Sports Return Amid **Excitement and Caution**

By Brandon HENSLEY

With lower adjusted case rates, student athletes prepare to return to the playing field.

igh school sports are coming back to campus this Lspring ... at least as much as districts and CIF will allow based on COVID-19 restrictions. On Feb. 19, CIF commissioner Rob Wigod released a statement to California schools and athletic directors outlining new dates for fall and spring sports schedules, and continued guidelines for coach and player safe-

Going by newly lowered Adjusted Case Rates Per 100,000 People as of Feb. 16, Wigod said CIF would allow teams to accelerate their preparation for abridged seasons.

This means some of the teams that have been back practicing this week will ultimately not be able to compete



in CIF playoffs once the regular season begins, which is unfortunately the case with Crescenta Valley High School.

"For us, most of our games

that are being played at this time are league games with maybe a few other out-of-league games," said Peter Kim, CV girls' athletic

Wigod's statement outlines dates for fall sports to play their season. Girls' volleyball has already started and will end the

see SPORTS on page 11

# Fire at Local Tire Store

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Fire Dept., along with Los Angeles County Fire, responded to a fire at Just Tires, 3765 Foothill Blvd., on Friday night, Feb. 26, at about 9 p.m.

"It was the smell that first caught my attention," said Lisa Fusano, a neighbor to the business. "I was traveling along Foothill, heading east, when I smelled it."

She called 9-1-1 to report the fire after she saw the flames coming from the corner of the building. She waited for fire personnel to respond.

Glendale police rerouted traffic in the

The fire was knocked down around 10 p.m. and crews remained on scene for overhaul, according to Anita Shandi, spokeswoman for GFD.

According to Glendale Fire Battalion Chief Chris Stavros, who was on scene, the outside fire spread to the interior of

No injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing.



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Firefighters attack a fire on the northwest corner of the Just Tires building in the 3700 block of Foothill Boulevard on Friday night.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# Good News, Pensive News

Sometimes the events of this past year hit good news that I want to share. me unexpectedly.

When the pandemic first struck, I told BFF Amy that we were living in "historic times." I was thinking that in two weeks it would all be over and life would return to normal. (Remember when we were told that bit of folly?)

Well, I'm over "historic times;" I'm eager to return to life and the "new normal" - whatever that is.

However, one of the things that brought down my mood really has nothing to do with COVID: the ongoing strife (fight) among the Glendale Unified School District, teachers (I guess "some teachers" would be more accurate) and the Glendale Teachers Assn. There appears to be little-to-no information as to what it will take to get teachers and kids back into the classroom, though perhaps the \$2 billion in incentives will accelerate the process.

The zero emergency bail schedule is another situation that makes my skin crawl. While I understand that the zero bail was supposed to be applied only to "lower level and misdemeanor crimes," since it was instituted we have repeatedly seen more crimes committed by the same criminals, sometimes within hours of being released on zero bail. Doesn't make me feel any safer, that's for

Then there's the insanity of QAnon. Not much more needs to be said on that front.

I could go on but instead I'm going to redirect my attention (or "pivot") to some

The lost coat has been found.

It was at my mother-in-law's house; I found it on Sunday.

Hurray!



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# Weather in the **Foothills**

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

~ Charles Dickens, "Great Expectations"

It's already March! Monday of this week – March 1 – was the first day of meteorological spring -not to be confused with the astronomical spring that begins on March 20. The weather prediction for yesterday included rain and will include a chance next week as well.

Question: Falling between these two dates, is the precipitation considered a "spring shower" or a "late season winter storm"? Whichever it may be, it's much-needed. But why the discrepancy as to the beginning of the new season?

So, what's the difference? The short answer: Meteorological spring is based on annual temperature cycles and astronomical spring is based on the position of the Earth in relation to the sun. Now the long answer...

Meteorological season lengths stay the same year-to-year (with the exception of leap year); it also allows the four seasons to be closer in length. According to NOAA, this method of breaking down the seasons leads to a more consistent way in which to compare monthly and seasonal climatological statistics (which are valuable in agriculture, weather forecasting, etc.).

Meteorological Spring: March, April, May

Meteorological Summer: June, July, August

Meteorological Fall: September, October, November

Meteorological Winter: December, January, February

There is a reason the old saying, "In like a lion, out like a lamb" is used to describe March. March often displays a transition from the cold winter to the warm summer; an example could be found this week: on Tuesday it was warm and sunny and on Wednesday was cold and rainy.

The astronomical classification is based on the Earth's travel around the sun. Within a year's time we see two equinoxes and two solstices. Essentially, the equinoxes refer to the times of the year when we see equal amounts of daylight and darkness; the sun is directly over the equator. The two solstices refer to the times when the Earth is tilted toward or away from the sun. The summer solstice - the longest day and shortest night of the year - is when the Earth is tilted toward the sun. The winter solstice the shortest day and longest night of the year – is when the Earth is tilted away from the sun. The variability with the astronomical season length makes it very difficult for climatologists and meteorologists to compare the year-to-year weather statistics. Thus, meteorological spring was born!

So if you want to celebrate spring a little early ... it's happening. Otherwise, spring is right around the corner! As the time for long dog walks draws near, will it be with sunglasses or an umbrella?

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# NEWS

#### IN BRIEF

#### **LIONS CLUB SPEARHEADING FOOD DRIVE**

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club continues its canned and non-perishable food collection drive.

Continuing through March 6, donations can be dropped in donation boxes at the Ralphs Market, 2675 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta and at the home at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Orange avenues. Curbside drop-off will be available at the Crescenta Commons at the southwest corner of Rosemont and Orange avenues only on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

To learn what items are needed, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS for an outline of needed items.

#### **ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING**

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, March 6. 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

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

#### THE FUTURE OF HOUSING **DISCUSSED TONIGHT. THURSDAY**

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 tonight, Thursday, March 4 at

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

# New Art Exhibit at Glendale Library

By Mary O'KEEFE

n Friday, Supervisor Kathryn Barger was among the dignitaries who attended the Glendale Library, Arts and Culture unveiling of "15,000 & More: A Plethora of Light and Darkness," an art exhibit that memorializes the lives lost to COVID-19 thus far in Los Angeles County.

Due to the pandemic, the exhibit can only be viewed by the public by looking through the library windows (preferably at night).

The art installation features thousands of silver and gold ingot-shaped, folded paper structures that hang from the ceiling of the Glendale Central Library. Each ingot represents a life lost. The sad reality for artist Connie D.K. Lane was that she had to keep adding ingot pieces to the display because the death toll in LA County continued to rise at such a rapid rate. When the art exhibit was unveiled there were 20,000 ingots.

Lane will not keep adding ingots even though the number of deaths due to COVID-19 continues to rise. As of March 2, there were 21,554 deaths reported in LA County.

"It's a beautiful and poignant reminder of the last year and what we've experienced as a community and as individuals," said Dr. Gary Shaffer, director of Glendale Library, Arts and Culture.

Ingots were used in Chinese ancestral worship of deceased relatives. Lane wanted to share this part of her cultural heritage.

"Often these ingots are burned in a special ceremony as an offering to one's deceased ancestors in the afterlife," according to a statement from the Glendale Library.

"I have always been a visual artist," Lane

That is evident when one walks into the library. The number of silver and gold ingots at first is simply a beautiful exhibit that seems to float down from the ceiling; however, once the reality of what they represent is realized the emotion is overwhelming. Each

one represents a life lost, each one represents a family in

In addition to Supervisor Barger, Glendale Mayor Vrej Agajanian, Caroline Tufenkian of the Glendale gallery Tufenkian Fine Arts, artist Lane and Shaffer were present.

"I can't believe it has been a year that, as chair, I announced the Safer at Home [order]," Barger said, "and today we have come full circle."

She thanked all who were involved in putting together the exhibit and for their continued efforts in supporting the community throughout the pandemic.

"Although this past year has forced us to stay distant, our community is connected and committed, and today you are seeing the fruits of that labor," Barger said.

Lane said she uses art to share and to teach others of her heritage and her outreach to share her heritage was included in "15,000 & More: A Plethora of Light and Darkness." She had invited several community members to help craft the symbols.

"We had the community [help make] the ingots," she said.

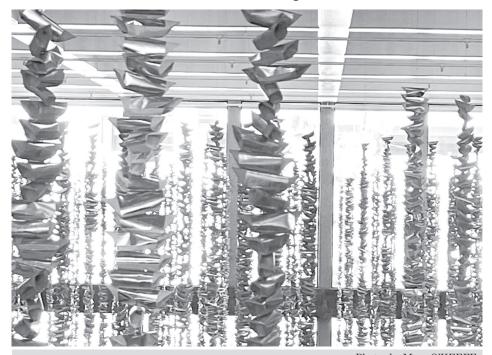
People were given an artist-pickup-kit and Lane made an instruction video on how to make the ingots. She added it was a community-based art exhibit.

Even though there is a downward trend in the number of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths, Agajanian reminded people to remain vigilant.

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to continue to follow public health guidelines. While we have made progress in fighting COVID-19 it is imperative to continue washing our hands and staying six feet apart from others when out in public to ensure our safety and that of our community," he said.

The library remains closed due to mandates issued by LA County Public Health.

The art exhibit was sponsored by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission as part of the program Art Happens Anywhere - COVID-19 relief initiative.



ABOVE: Shiny silver and gold paper structures hang from the ceiling of the Glendale Library on Harvard Avenue. The art exhibit "15,000 & More: A Plethora of Light and Darkness" by artist Connie D.K. Lane commemorates the thousands of lives lost due to COVID-19. BELOW: LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger attended the unveiling of the exhibit



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# Rim of the Valley Clears the House

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Friday the House passed a bill that would preserve open space, The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act. This would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The bill passed the House on a bipartisan basis as part of the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act.

Congressman Adam Schiff has promoted the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act of almost two decades.

"I am thrilled that the House of Representatives has passed the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, legislation I have championed for nearly 20 years," stated Rep. Schiff in a release. "Millions of residents in the Los Angeles Basin depend on open space in our communities for recreation, and the benefits of widely accessible natural land have never been more apparent than during this public health crisis. The Rim of the Valley Corridor is an area of breathtaking natural beauty, and we must preserve this pristine land for the sake of our environment, wildlife and ecosystems, and for the benefit of LA residents, the millions each year who visit, and for generations

There is a growing number of people visiting open public lands. Last year national park attendance grew by 21%.

"Los Angeles is the second most populous metropolitan region of the country, yet has less open space per capita than all other large cities on the west coast. The Rim of the Valley represents an opportunity to better protect and manage some of the region's last open spaces, critical

wildlife habitat, and historic places," stated Dennis Arguelles, senior program manager of the National Parks Conservation Association. "By facilitating partnerships between the National Park Service and local communities, it will help connect youth and families to these resources and ensure future generations have access to the region's natural and cultural treasures."

The lands included within the expansion will be known as the Rim of the Valley Unit and stretch from the Simi Hills and Santa Susanas to the Verdugos and on to the San Gabriel Mountains. The bill will enable the National Park Service and the local community to better protect natural resources and habitats, and provide members of the community with improved access to nature for recreational and educational purposes.

The expansion of the SMMNRA boundaries respects private property rights and existing local land use authorities, and it will not put any additional restrictions on property owners. The bill does not allow for land acquisition through eminent domain.

Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act includes Colorado Wilderness Act, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act, Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act, Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act, Central Coast Heritage Protection Act and Grand Canyon Protection Act.

The Grand Canyon is also among the sites that will benefit from the passage of the public lands act. The Grand Canyon Protection Act would protect the Grand Canyon from threat and pollution of uranium

mining by removing more than one million acres of federal land from eligibility for future mining, according to the National Parks Conservation Association.

"Through the tenacity of many, the Grand Canyon and the Havasupai people are a huge step closer to a future without threat of uranium mining. And throughout Southern California, communities longdubbed 'park poor' will have the chance to write a new story in the expanded and enhanced Santa Mountains Monica Recreation Area," stated David Lamfrom, vice president of Regional Programs at the National Parks Conservation Association. "This lands and waterways package honors the deep and diverse connections between communities, individuals and place."

"Uranium mining has a toxic legacy of soil and water contamination and the prospect of future mining has been a serious threat to the Grand Canyon's fragile water supplies," stated Kevin Dahl, Arizona Senior Program manager. "This bill will ensure that the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon's rivers, springs, waterfalls and creeks remain uncontaminated by uranium pollution and can continue to supply vital water to park visitors and the Havasupai tribe.'

The bill would also contribute towards the United States' conservation target to conserve 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030, a target based on scientific recommendations in order to address the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, according to the National Park Conservation Association.

The senate is the next step for the bill and is hoped to be heard sometime in April.

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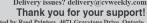
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## Foothill MW Opens 2021 Student Art

Foothill MWD announced the kick-off of its annual K-12 student art contest with the theme of competition adhering to that serves to inspire student creativity about the stewardship of precious water resources.

Last year, three students from Foothill MWD's service area made the final selection of art pieces that were featured in the 2021 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California "Water is Life" student art calendar. The three students were selected from artworks submitted by students from water agencies throughout Southern California.

The theme of the 2021 student art calendar contest "Water is Life" relates to the stewardship and conservation of the precious natural resource, water. This means wise and efficient water use inside and outside of the home, at school, in the community, in business and industry, in agriculture and

in recreation. The importance of clean and reliable water to public health has been made even clearer this past year. the phrase: "Water Is Life." This Additionally, climate change is a fun and educational project is already stressing Southern California's water supplies. Every watershed that the Southland depends on, from the Colorado River to the Sierra Nevada to our own groundwater basins, is becoming less reliable. This theme of water conservation and stewardship should be reflected in the artwork.

The contest is open to all K-12 students attending a school located within the Foothill MWD service area. This includes schools primarily located within La Crescenta-Montrose, the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and Altadena.

All art entries for the 2021 "Water Is Life" student art contest will be separated into three groups (grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-12) prior to judging. The grand prize-winning entry for each group will receive \$100 for the student and a \$50 gift card for the sponsoring teacher.

This event is co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and all winning entries will be submitted to MWD for a second round of competition to be included in the 2022 "Water Is Life" student artwork calendar.

Deadline for entries is Monday, June 7 including postmarked submissions.

For further information about the contest, including all rules, judging criteria, and other prizes, visit www.fmwd.com and click on "Student Art Contest Information" on the main page. Please contact Foothill Municipal Water District at (818) 790-4036 or mle@fmwd. com with additional questions.

Residents in Foothill MWD's service area can pick up a free copy of the 2021 "Water is Life" student art calendar at the District's Administrative Office - 4536 Hampton Road in La Cañada Flintridge.

# Contest : Pet of the Week





Frigate Our son's dog after his bath

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# GWP Extends Cares Bill Program Deadline and Moratorium

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) has extended to April 16 the deadline for its GWP Cares Bill Relief Program and moratorium on late fees and disconnections. The extension aims to help mitigate the economic impact that COVID-19 has had on GWP customers.

The GWP Cares Bill Relief Program is a temporary program that provides a one-time bill credit to GWP electric customers who have

been financially impacted by COVID-19. Bill credits are as follows:

- · One-time bill credit of \$210 to residential electric customers living in single-family homes.
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- One-time bill credit of \$175 to eligible small businesses and \$3,250 for eligible medium and large businesses that

are adversely affected by the COVID-19 Stay At Home order or did not operate in one of the essential services sectors covered in the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 for a period of at least four weeks.

One-time bill credit of \$90 to residential low-income customers currently enrolled in GWP's Senior/Glendale Care low-income discount program. These customers

will be automatically enrolled in the Cares program and receive the one-time bill credit.

For more information and guidelines on the GWP Cares Bill Relief Program, visit www. GlendaleCA.gov/GWPCares



# Accident at Angeles Crest and Foothill

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Feb. 25 the driver of a delivery truck that was traveling southbound on Angeles Crest Highway lost control of his vehicle as it approached Foothill Boulevard. The truck went over the northwest curb at the location near the 7-Eleven store

and gas station, continuing over the corner, knocking down a sign and hitting a large boulder, which it dragged into the middle lanes of Foothill Boulevard.

The driver and passenger reported minor injuries; no other vehicles were involved.

The driver reportedly told Los Angeles Sheriffs Dept.-

Crescenta Valley deputies that his brakes failed.

The boulder the truck hit slowed the vehicle's speed; otherwise the truck could have continued traveling, possibly striking businesses on the south side of Foothill Boulevard, said Sgt. Brooks of the CV Station.









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The truck came back to pick him up with his vehicle in tow. When he was able to look at his vehicle and go through the contents, he found his laptop computer, which he had left in his vehicle after the accident, was

The incident occurred between 9:50 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

#### Feb. 23

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in Montrose, rooms were ransacked and cash and a cash drawer were missing from a restaurant. Surveillance footage revealed a white Ford F-150 arriving early in the morning; it was unclear how many people exited the vehicle or if the driver left the vehicle. The vehicle then left. Other footage revealed three suspects in the restaurant. They were all wearing gloves and masks. The burglary is under investigation.

The theft occurred at 3:49 a.m.

#### Feb. 21

3000 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, a man parked his truck, making certain its doors were locked and secured. He returned to find the truck's rear bed lock cover was damaged, the corner along the driver's side cabin was cracked and

the rear driver's side had small cracks and dents. The rear bed cover had been damaged; the man did not report anything missing at the time.

The incident was reported at

#### Jan. 22

1200 block of Descanso Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman was having technical issues with her cellphone, an iPhone. She looked up Apple Support on the Internet and found a number. She called that number and the person she spoke with transferred her to another person/suspect claiming to be support for her phone. The suspect told her in order to fix her phone he would need access to it. She allowed him remote access and, without her knowledge or permission, he transferred funds from two of her bank accounts. After reporting the issue law enforcement contacted the number originally called by the woman to find it disconnected.

The incident occurred at 4 p.m.

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#### Gardening **Equipment**

On Tuesday, Feb. 23 at approximately 9:15 a.m., Glendale police officers responded to a report of a robbery that occurred on the 1500 block of El Miradero Avenue. An immediate area check for the suspects was conducted, but officers were unable to locate them.

The initial investigation revealed that the victim of the robbery was working as a gardener at a residence on the 1500 block of El Miradero Avenue when he noticed a blue minivan parked next to his work van and three suspects stealing gardening equipment from his van. As the suspects attempted to flee the scene in their vehicle, the victim grabbed the keys from the minivan's ignition to try to stop them. The driver of the suspect vehicle grabbed the victim's arm and drove the minivan in reverse at a high rate of speed for approximately 300 yards at which point he stopped and punched the victim in the face, causing him to fall onto the roadway. After this, the suspects fled the scene in the

The suspects are described as three male Hispanics in their early 20s. The driver of the suspect vehicle was described as having a shaved head. There is no further description of the suspects. The suspect vehicle was described as a late 90s to early 2000s blue Dodge Caravan with traffic collision

damage to the front passenger side headlight.

The victim received a minor injury during the robbery and declined medical attention. The total value of the stolen gardening equipment was estimated to be approximately \$7,400. There is no further information to release at this time.

Anyone with information that can assist with the investigation is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4911. Those who wish to remain anonymous cab call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477), use a smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP," or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

#### **Juvenile Male Arrested for Disorderly Conduct Relating** to Revenge Porn

On Oct. 18 just before midnight, officers responded to a residence in Glendale regarding a revenge pornography investigation.

A juvenile female was scrolling through the social media platform Snapchat when she noticed several people she follows repost an account that had pictures and videos of naked, under-age girls. The pictures and videos had names listed and sometimes what middle or high school (in Glendale) they attended.

During this investigation, a detective received a phone call from an officer who had responded to another call for service

regarding revenge pornography.

Throughout the investigation, detectives learned of more than 14 under-age victims involved in having nude or partially nude photographs of them posted online by this same account. Detectives followed up with each of the identified victims and learned of a potential suspect. On Oct. 20, 2020, the detectives were granted a search warrant for Snapchat relating to the accounts.

On Feb. 9, detectives received information from Snapchat that confirmed a suspect based on IP addresses and other account information. The appeared to be out of the country at the time the posts were made.

On Feb. 10, detectives were granted a search warrant for the suspect's residence. On Feb. 19, detectives went to the (juvenile male) suspect's house and spoke with him regarding all of the information obtained.

Ultimately, the juvenile was arrested for disorderly conduct relating to revenge porn.

The Glendale Police Dept. urges parents and guardians to discuss with children the seriousness of taking and sending nude photographs. For information on what people can do if they are made aware of any situation involving nude photos of underage individuals circulating online watch this PSA from Sergeant Gaxiola: https://tinyurl.com/ ec58akac.

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# Additional Affordable Housing Developments Approved

In response to the financial (RFP) process for the development California Housing crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Glendale, acting in their joint role as the Glendale Housing Authority, authorized the execution of an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with Linc Housing/National CORE for the development of 340 affordable housing units for extremely low, very low, and lowincome seniors and families on a 2.8-acre site in Glendale.

Over the past year, the City has acquired three properties, totaling 4.4 acres of land that were offered for sale on the open market, by committing \$25.5 million in locally generated Measure S sale tax and former redevelopment funding slated for affordable housing development. The City then initiated the Request for Proposals

hardships brought on by the of these properties. Council's authorization of the ENA with Linc Housing/CORE concludes a one-year planning process that awarded three different qualified developers rights to develop three separate projects totaling over 500 units. These acquisitions, and subsequent projects, represent the most significant and largest investment the City has made to date for affordable housing.

Housing Authority Chair Paula Devine said, "We're thrilled to once again partner with Linc Housing/ National CORE to expand the supply of affordable units in Glendale. In a time when our state faces an affordable housing crisis, the City of Glendale, Linc Housing, and National CORE will work collaboratively to provide even more housing opportunities

city controller for 21 years and was the Glendale city controller for six years. He also established the Glendale City Employees Credit Union in 1952 and was the treasurer for 44 years. Glendale City Employees Credit Union continues to serve Glendale residents and their families.

Larry was known for his great love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He enjoyed reading and working on crossword puzzles that kept his mind active. He enjoyed travelling around the world, especially on many cruises, and square dancing with Jean. Playing golf with his friends was his favorite pastime and he enjoyed attending many LA Dodgers and LA Rams games. He was also a member of the YMCA for over 50 years. He was still using the treadmill when he was in his 80s. He volunteered at the American Red Cross and the Montrose Library. Larry was one of the founders of The St. James The Less Catholic Church, La

Crescenta in 1955. He is survived by his four daughters and one son: Karen Oliver, Diane Mouw, Joan Weisner, Janet Weisner and Mark Weisner; daughterin-law Freia Weisner; grandchildren Jennifer White, Kristine Rodriguez, Gregory Mouw, Erik Weisner and Paul Weisner; three greatgrandchildren Kathleen Rodriguez, Jon White and Nathan Rodriguez.

Funeral services will be held at St. James The Less Catholic Church in La Crescenta followed by interment at San Fernando Mission Cemetery

donations can be made to The St. James The Less Catholic Church in La

An interactive memorial tribute page for Larry can be found at www.

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that will help seniors and families thrive."

The ENA award to Linc Housing/National CORE follows the ENA awarded to Meta Housing Corporation in November 2020 to develop a new construction, 127unit affordable senior development at 900 E. Broadway. An ENA was also issued in December 2020 to partner with Abode Communities for the historic preservation and adaptive reuse of the Harrower Labs campus at 912-920 E. Broadway into a 40-unit affordable housing project for seniors.

Within the last month, the City of Glendale also initiated and approved two innovative and exciting affordable housing programs. The first program is the Low Income Student Assistance Program (LISRAP). LISRAP is made possible in partnership with Glendale Community College's Fresh Success Program. In early February, Council and the Housing Authority approved \$1.3 million of Measure S funding to LISRAP, which takes significant actions to make a long-lasting positive impact on local students in need by providing rental housing assistance to very lowincome, Glendale-resident, GCC students living alone or with family. The program will be operated by Glendale Community College's recently approved Fresh Success Program, which provides a comprehensive and tailored system of ongoing case management and wraparound supportive services for high-risk students who face insecurities related to food, housing, and education.

The second program is the Low Income Family Employment & Rental Assistance Program (LIFERAP), a \$1.32 million program to be operated by the Verdugo Jobs Center. This affordable housing program will provide housing and employment assistance to low-income working families for a 12-month period. LIFERAP aims to support employment training, education activities, or any other goals identified and set by the family and case manager for adults in working families to facilitate

progression. successful completion of LIFERAP, families will have the necessary tools to obtain self-sufficiency.

Glendale has been a regional leader in developing affordable housing options. First established in 1978, the Glendale Housing Authority has been responsible for the development of over 1,200 new construction affordable units - 600 of which were developed since 2006. Additionally, Glendale has completed over 1,800 single and multi-family rehabilitation loan projects, provided more than 300 first-time homebuyer loans, and created hundreds of unique programs and projects for special needs populations such as seniors, developmentally disabled individuals, veterans, artists, and victims of domestic violence. Complimenting these programs, the City also operates one of the largest and most effective Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs in Los Angeles County, as evidenced by its ranking as a "High Performer" agency for the last 16 years.

## Obituary

#### Laurence Joseph Weisner



Oct. 23, 1921 - Feb. 10, 2021

Laurence Joseph Weisner, 99, a resident of La Crescenta, returned peacefully to his heavenly home on Feb. 10.

He was born to Arthur and Elizabeth Weisner in Sauk Centre, Minnesota on Oct. 23, 1921. He had one younger sister, Lorainne (Gerken). The family moved to Brainerd, Minnesota in 1935 and then to St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1940. Growing up in Minnesota certainly made them strong - they all lived into their 90s.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 for WWII. Larry was deployed in Europe and was a POW in Germany until the war ended in May 1945. His family moved to California while he was in the service.

Larry was a resident of La Crescenta for 71 years. He married the love of his life, Jeanette Holm Weisner, in October 1948 and they were married for 53 years. They both dedicated their lives to raising their five children in a simple, loving and humble environment.

He was employed by the City of Glendale for 35 years. He served as the assistant

in Mission Hills.

In Larry Weisner's honor, Crescenta.

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# Portantino Mental Health Proposals Receive Strong Support

Portantino announced strong but age-appropriate training coalition support from mental health advocacy groups for Senate Bills 224 and 14, both of which address the growing mental health crisis among California's youth. The bills mandate mental health education and training programs in schools. The senator also announced that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Commission Accountability voted to support both measures, increasing their positive momentum.

"I am thankful to have a strong coalition of mental health advocacy groups supporting policies that will improve the mental health of California's youth," said Senator Portantino. "The rate of students struggling with mental health issues has risen steadily over the years. Now isolated from their family and friends, students are suffering even more. By providing kids mental health education from a young age and mental health training for students and educators, we can bring these issues out of the shadows and end the stigma surrounding the discussion of mental health."

SB 224 would require all students in California to receive mental health education at least one time during elementary school, one time during middle school, and one time during high school. Educational topics will include but are not limited to the overarching themes and core principles of mental health.

SB 14 requires the California Dept. of Education to identify an evidence based training program for school employees who have direct contact with students. It also permits 10th-

State Senator Anthony J. 12th graders to receive similar mental health services, including struggles among their peers. The bill ensures that youth absences from school for mental health issues will be treated as an excused absence in the same way any other health issues are treated.

> Both measures introduced earlier this year and reflect the senator's dedication to improving mental health outcomes for youth. The senator previously authored SB 972, which required schools to print the suicide hotline on student identification cards. Additionally, the senator dedicated three years to pass SB 328, which pushes back school start times for middle and high schools.

Born This Way Foundation also supports the measure.

"The Commission strongly urges state leaders to address the growing mental health crisis among children by expanding and strengthening school-based

education, as recommended in to help identify mental health our recently released report, Every Young Heart and Mind: Schools as Centers of Wellness," wrote David Gordon, commissioner of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and Sacramento County Schools superintendent.

"With half of all lifetime cases of mental illness beginning by the age of 14 and one in five youth, ages 13-18, living with a mental health condition it is imperative that we give young people the tools and information to seek the help they may need as early as possible. Mental illness touches everyone and affects all age groups, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic Sponsors of SB 14 include classes. As the voice of families, Disability Rights California, NAMI CA could not be happier to NextGen Policy, and County partner with the Mental Health Behavioral Health Directors Oversight and Accountability Association. The non-profit Commission to improve student mental health, and provide our children with the tools to identify symptoms and seek treatment," wrote Jessica Cruz, chief executive officer, California Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



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**» WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** 

# Personal Perspective: Women Who Inspire

By Mary O'KEEFE

stories of the women in their lives company trained one man after who have inspired them. I would like to highlight some of the many women who have been examples of inspiration for me, through their practices but my mom dealt with this strength and in the way they live/ lived their lives.

children during the Depression. Her determination. husband died of cancer and she they fought for equality, including the treated as supermen as they went

My mother was another strong CVW is asking our readers to share woman who at work at the phone another who was promoted over her to a management position. My father would get angry about the unfair issue in her quiet, thoughtful way. She became a leader in the union I am from a long line of strong and changed things from the inside women. My grandmother raised her without fanfare, but with constant

I have been lucky enough to know supported her family by taking in some amazing women who made a ironing. She lost her youngest, my difference for those women who came Aunt Mary, to cancer when Mary after them - simply by doing the was only 21. Like all families, there work they were meant to do. Years were struggles but my grandmother ago, I interviewed Geraldine "Jerri" always seemed to find joy in Sloan Truhill. She was one of the everything. She supported me in Mercury 13 women who in the 1960s everything I did, even if it wasn't was being groomed for the space traditionally a woman's role. She race along with Mercury Seven men. and I would have afternoon tea and Of course the men received special she would share the stories of the treatment as they went through the strength of the women who came very difficult testing as part of the before me and reminded me that I astronaut training program. The men stand on their shoulders because received new Corvettes and were

receive cars and were put it in what Jerri described as "no-tell motels" as they went through training. Mercury 7 was supported by NASA while Mercury 13 was sponsored by another woman - Jacqueline Cochran, a famous pilot herself. What impressed me most about our conversations was Jerri's ongoing positive attitude. She was angry, no doubt about that, at not getting the shot to become an astronaut after the program for women was canceled, but she said all the "girls" continued to fly. They all continued what they were doing before the program and nothing stopped them. They formed a strong sisterhood and often met with each other. I don't know if I would have had the grace she had if this had happened to me. Her strength continues to inspire and guide me.

Another woman who I was again lucky to know and in fact call a friend was Dorothy "DC" Fontana. She was a science fiction writer and wrote for the original "Star Trek." She penned several episodes for the series under of 27 she became at the time the youngest story editor in Hollywood and one of the very few female staff writers. She was also the force behind the Spock character. She developed this iconic character who struggled between his Vulcan and human side. Dorothy wrote many scripts before she became secretary to "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry. She faced her share of rejection, though not because of her writing but because of the bias by male producers who,

through training. The women did not the name of DC Fontana. At the age in some cases, would only see her "female" name and decide the script was not for them. She changed the name on the scripts from Dorothy C Fontana to DC Fontana and suddenly her writing was being read. She went from being Roddenberry's secretary to a writer and editor, contributing to the "Star Trek" legacy along the way. She faced gender bias with a sense of style and a great sense of humor.

> She recently passed away and I feel the loss every single day.



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# VIEWPOINTS

#### TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# John Wayne Grew Up in Glendale

We have had a lot of Hollywood stars associated with our area, due mainly to our proximity to Hollywood. But the biggest by far was screen actor John Wayne, who had an amazing decades-long career in film. Wayne was more that a movie star. He is an icon. And surprisingly he had humble beginnings in Glendale.

Marion Morrison (Wayne's birth name) was born in Winterset, Iowa in 1907. His father was a pharmacist but wanted to reinvent himself as a cowboy. So in 1914 the family headed west, initially to Palmdale, to try their hand at cattle ranching. But it wasn't profitable, and Mrs. Morrison didn't adapt well. The family visited Glendale regularly while working the ranch and by 1916 the family decided to give up ranching and move to the fast-growing city. They were attracted in part because there were many people in Glendale from their home state of Iowa.

Mr. Morrison returned to a job as a pharmacist, and little Marion, just 9 years old, entered elementary school in Glendale. Mr. Morrison worked at Glendale Pharmacy but was not terribly successful. Money was tight. In the years 1916 to 1925, despite financial boom times in the city, the Morrisons moved 10 times, most of the time renting. They only owned one of the homes, and lost that when they couldn't make the payments. For a time Mr. Morrison had his own pharmacy, Baird and Morrison, and Marion made deliveries for the business on his bike.

An oft-told story is that as a little boy Marion loved to visit the fire station and hang out with the firemen. That would have been Fire Station No. 1 in the 300 block of East Broadway where the main post office is today. His big pet dog Duke was his companion on these visits. Because the dog was almost bigger than Marion, the firemen

took to calling the pair Big Duke (the dog) and Little Duke (Marion). The nickname "Duke" followed John Wayne through his entire life.

Despite the family's money troubles and transience, Marion excelled in school, particularly during his time at Glendale High. His parents weren't getting along and perhaps school was his escape. He wrote for the school newspaper, was on the debate team, president of the Latin Club, organized the senior dance and was student body president. He performed in several school plays, which cemented his passion for acting. On top of all that he was a star player on the school's football team, and he received an athletic scholarship to USC. But an injury ended his USC football scholarship and he was forced to drop out. During his USC years he continued to live in Glendale with his now divorced and remarried mother.

Marion had a Hollywood connection via cowboy star Tom Mix. Mix got him hired as a prop boy and he began to pick up bit parts as well. It was via his association with Tom Mix and Mix's good friend Wyatt Earp (who spent his last years in LA) that Marion adopted his signature western persona, his walk and talk. As Marion picked up more acting jobs, the studios changed his name to John Wayne, and the rest is history.

Despite John Wayne's stardom, Glendale never cashed in on its association with Wayne. No plaques, no memorials, no streets bear his name. Wayne's ultra-right politics made him controversial. In 2008, a huge bronze statue of Wayne was up for grabs, but Glendale was not interested. The statue instead went to Newport Beach where Wayne spent his later years. The nearby Orange County Airport was renamed John Wayne Airport, and Wayne's yacht has been enshrined in Newport Harbor. In fact, all across the country memorials to Wayne exist but nothing in Glendale ... until recently. In 2014, Glendale High's auditorium was renamed the John Wayne Performing Arts Center and a bust of him was installed in the lobby. Fitting in that his acting career started there.

Although John Wayne is largely unrecognized in his hometown, he was indeed a local boy who became something larger than life.



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#### **VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY**

#### » SUSAN BOLAN

# So Goes The Neighborhood

I am probably going to date myself here but in 1976 there was a movie called "Network" starring Faye Dunaway and Peter Finch. It featured an iconic scene by news anchor Howard Beale who launches into a full-throated monologue, telling listeners to run to their windows and scream, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!" I can totally relate to the character's outrage following my own frustration with a couple of public meetings this week.

But first, a history lesson.

In 2009, there was a project proposed for Foothill Boulevard Dunsmore Avenue. massive structure with three levels of retail and office space would have been out of character among the rest of the one-story businesses, essentially towering over them and blocking all mountain views. Following the approval of the project

by the Glendale Design Review Board (DRB), neighbors appealed the decision and the Glendale City Council agreed, denying the project. The Council realized that the 50foot height allowance on Foothill in that area was inconsistent with the other jurisdictions and that led to a change in the commercial hillside zone to 35 feet and, ultimately, in 2011 the creation of the North Glendale Community Plan (NGCP) that defined the vision for the community. For the next 10 years, new businesses that came in, like Wells Fargo at 3200 Foothill Blvd., were built with low-scaled, natural-looking architecture and landscaping that fit the community and enhanced the beauty we all

Recently, however, we have seen a surge of new, large-scale housing projects being submitted throughout the Crescenta Valley

under State Bill 1818. Two in the Glendale portion of La Crescenta were recently moved forward. An 18-unit apartment project at 2941-2943 Honolulu Avenue, the site of the former Leo's Sports Bar, was approved by the DRB with three broad concessions (allowing 43-foot height in a 25-foot maximum commercial zone) and 15 conditions rather than returning to the applicant for redesign. The neighborhood associations appealed the decision, primarily because the design did not fit the design guidelines of the NGCP. At a recent Glendale City Council meeting, the appellants presented their case showing the conditions required by the DRB did not address the mass and scale of the project or add any architectural interest to the modern, boxy design. Neighbors pointed to the size of the building compared to the

one- and two-story businesses and homes adjacent to it and that the developer had made no attempt to use traditional design or natural materials. Some members of the City Council balked, resulting a 2-2 split vote. The project will remain on the agenda until resolved.

The other project is located at 3950 Foothill Blvd., the site of First Steps preschool at Lowell Avenue. The applicant proposes three buildings, three-to-four stories each, containing 34 apartments and four commercial units on the ground floor with multi-level parking. The case went before the DRB and community members from three jurisdictions sent approximately 40 letters with several calling in during the meeting. Their main concern was the monumental size of the buildings with a height of 41 feet on Foothill and 51 feet on Lowell where up to 35 feet is

allowed in the commercial hillside zone. Other issues raised were building massing, traffic volumes and deliveries, removal of mature pine trees, loss of mountain views, not following the topography, extensive grading and dirt haul routes, and more. Curiously though, the DRB didn't seem appropriately concerned about these issues and instead homed in on the color palette. One boardmember flippantly stated the community shouldn't worry about the project size and that residents will be lucky to live there. The final vote was 5-0 to approve the project.

More density housing bills are coming from Sacramento and my hope is that Glendale planners will help us realize our community vision, not destroy it - and yeah, I'm mad as hell.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Need Remains for Natural Gas

solar-powered homes and buildings lithium-mining-in-US. as well as electric vehicle (EV) useable product.

Two of the largest mines in the the Thacker Pass mine in Nevada that was listed as being the largest mine is owned by a Canadian do it. company and the mine's life span is listed as 46 years. The other mine is owned by Piedmont Lithium located storage markets in the U.S.

to make the brine for production process and steam for the reforming

of fossil fuels. Two of the green Club and the rest of them are going in the U.S. sources being backed are lithium to handle that. If anyone wants for batteries. The batteries are further information they might want natural gas will be used in the a few folks say they disapproved to be used for energy storage for to look at www.lithiummine.com/

The second energy source is transportation. Lithium comes from hydrogen (H). Hydrogen and natural huge open pit mines and uses a large gas are both used as an energy amount of water for production of a source for electric fuel cells. Toyota currently has an EV car fueled by hydrogen. It can go further on a tank world are located in the U.S. One is of fuel than a Tesla on its battery. The hydrogen tank can be refilled faster than an EV battery can be deposit of lithium in the U.S. The charged. And it takes less energy to

There are two methods of creating hydrogen. One is electrolysis, which uses lots of electric energy to split in North Carolina. Its stated goal is an atom of water into hydrogen to be the leading supplier of lithium and oxygen. The other is steamhydroxide for the U.S. EV and methane reforming. Both methods use a lot of natural gas to create The use of large amounts of water the electricity for the electrolysis

this product for green energy does coal, could be used too. Natural gas to Monte Vista Elementary School together to create community? I just The current administration is not sound very environmentally reforming using steam accounts for and the park, as well as providing a don't know, but I do hope that they pushing hard to eliminate the use friendly. I wonder how the Sierra the majority of hydrogen production place to see and chat with neighbors come to realize this kind of project

> It looks like either way some do not think that solar can do it all.

Tom Suter La Crescenta

#### **Supports Green-Space Project**

I attended a CV Town Council meeting [Feb. 18] to hear from the LA County Parks Dept. about a proposed green-space project in La Crescenta. The project would provide safety and landscaping improvements to an existing treelined walking path along the county flood control channel between Two Strike Park and La Crescenta Avenue.

After the County's presentation, it was heartening to hear many residents speak up in support of the project, describing how it would provide their children and neighbors a beautiful, safe, green-space for

and large open pit mines to make process. Other fuels, such as oil and a safe and off-street path for walking friends and neighbors to come and walk their dogs.

I was then surprised to hear and come to support it. production of green energy. I really of the proposed project, voicing a fear that this trail would somehow comments were made by people com. I have known as neighbors for decades. People that I know through their volunteering with the Girls Scouts, PTA, emergency response and other community-based and community-creating organizations.

My previous experience with them was that they shared my belief that you make a safe, supportive, friendly community by doing the work of and supporting programs and projects that bring people in our community together. So why would these folks not support a project like this, which would do just that: provide

would be great for our neighborhood

I also hope that those of you that do support this kind of green-space project in our community will not let "bring crime and pollution" to their a few naysayers stop it. Please let the backyards. What confused me CV Town Council know by voicing even more, though, was that these your support at www.thecvcouncil.

Thanks!

Frank Colcord La Crescenta

#### **Glendale Residents Unite** to Preserve Glendale Neighborhoods

This issue hits close to home. Sadly, the character of our 1950s neighborhood is about to be impacted by two projects directly above and below my family's house.

One positive effect of the recent city council meeting was Glendale

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# YOUTH

# Talent Show A Virtual Success

By Lori BODNAR, intern

students participated virtually in the Mountain Avenue Elementary School Talent Show on Feb. 18. The PTA co-chairs were Jennifer Peñez and Latha Risso; however, the event is a true team effort with the help of volunteer parents Wendy Goldsworthy and Michelle Paxton assisting. The group has worked together on the Mountain Avenue talent shows every year for three years. The talent shows used to be held every other year and were limited in scope to a small number of student acts since the show was held as an assembly during the school Consequently competition keen and some students were disappointed not to have "made the cut" after tryouts. PTA decided to oversee the event and hosted annual talent shows so all interested students could showcase their amazing - and varied talents.

A somber note in the show was that it was dedicated to the memory of Peñez's baby daughter Jazlyn Katana who tragically passed away from an accident the week of the talent show.

"We are all heartbroken for the family's loss," said parent Jackie Bodnar. "Jennifer was a past PTApresident at Mountain Avenue, and she and her husband have volunteered many hours for the school and also brought the talent show and culture night PTA events to Mountain Avenue."

The talent show format also had a different look due to the pandemic.

"This year we did not have auditions, and everything was submitted online via Flipgrid

video," explained Latha Risso, one of the organizers. "We used every single submission. We made an iMovie of these video submissions and shared it on a school-wide Zoom on the talent show night."

Risso added that she thought some students participated in the online show who otherwise would not if it was live.

"I'm hoping this will give them the confidence to participate in years to come," Risso said, "though nothing can replace live theatre, with the lights, the sound, the feedback, the excitement, the adrenaline, and taking center-stage."

Risso said that there were challenges for the team to coordinate an online event.

"While all of us are experts at putting on a live show, none of us had ever had to download 53 videos, put them in a good show order and upload them back into an iMovie," she said. "It's really a different expertise, but we did it! Principal Scott was so supportive and really became the online coordinator of the event. Without her care and support, this event could not have happened."

The online experience changed the way the organizers thought about the show and Risso said in the future videos for talents that cannot be done on the stage might be incorporated into the show.

"I am so impressed with the level of talent from our students this year. From horseback riding to ice skating to singing or playing an instrument, our student talents shined bright," said Principal Scott. "I am incredibly thankful to PTA for continuing our traditional events during distance learning."

PTA President Kathyryn Necus agreed that a virtual event could be more inclusive.





TOP LEFT: Avril Coba demonstrated taekwondo for the Mountain Avenue Elementary School talent show TOP RIGHT: Maya Manchikatla played the drums BOTTOM LEFT: Kara Welch was able to show her equestrian skills



BOTTOM RIGHT: Zachary Yang with his animation video

The End

"There were more students participating in the talent show this year than previous years, which may have been possible with the virtual format," she said.

For example, some of the talents exhibited were snowboarding, bodysurfing, ATV-riding, horseback riding and ice-skating, and the presentation of an animation video, which would not be possible to showcase in the traditional inperson stage format.

For her talent, student Kara Welch submitted a video of her on horseback.

"Horseback riding is my passion and I was excited to share a talent not everyone has seen before," said Kara. "I have been practicing riding since I was 4 years old and have been practicing jumping with

horse Epona since the beginning of the shutdown. I liked that there was a variety of acts we normally would not be able to see in the auditorium."

Zachary Yang presented his animated movie clip called "Friends."

"This was my first year [in]

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# Community Scholarship Foundation of LCF Now Accepting Online Applications

The Community Scholarship Foundation of La Cañada Flintridge (CSF) is now accepting scholarship applications from 2021 graduating high school seniors.

CSF embraces learners who want to attend a junior college, four-year college, or trade or technical school. Eligibility requirements include applications from students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who attend one the following schools: Crescenta Valley High School, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Flintridge Preparatory School, Hillside School and Learning Center, La Cañada High School or St. Francis High School.

Vice President Scholarships, Rose Linda Gonzales, encourages high school seniors to visit csflacanada.org to submit an online application. All applications and additional required information must be received by April 18. Successful award recipients will be notified by May 16, and their award will be publicly announced at their school's awards night.



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# **SPORTS**

# GCC Opts Out of Spring Games Due to COVID-19 Concerns

By Michael LEVITSKY

lendale Community College announced Friday that it will opt out of all sports competitions for the remainder of the school year citing health and safety concerns. Releasing a memo and posting to Instagram, associate dean of Athletics Chris Cicuto stated the Spring II season consisting of baseball, beach volleyball, golf, softball, tennis and track and field will not be competing this school year.

"It's unfortunate," said the thirdyear athletic director, who also served as head baseball coach for many years. "It's heartbreaking, it's truly heartbreaking, to announce that news."

California community colleges fall under different, perhaps more stringent, guidelines in comparison to the youth sports guidelines that are being followed by the CIF at the high school level. Junior colleges in the state are being held to the same standards as four-year institutions, which present a challenge for junior colleges not being able to host a bubble-type environment for athletes as seen at four-year schools.

COVID testing remains the most prevalent challenge that Glendale and other community colleges face. Mandatory COVID-19 tests must be taken by coaches, athletes and staff within 48-72 hours prior to any competition — something that is expensive.

In the case of high school sports, Gov. Gavin Newsom stated last week that the state would aid in funding COVID testing, but Glendale Community College would have to muster up that money on its own.

Associate Dean Cicuto held two virtual town halls for athletes and students over the week to address questions or concerns and noted many questions and concerns had already been handled by some of the coaches who had provided information about the cancellation of competition with their own individual teams before the official

announcement was made Friday.

"These Spring II athletes already lost half of their season last year, so I have complete empathy for them as far as losing another opportunity," Cicuto said.

Several other community colleges that compete against the Vaqueros in the Western State Conference are believed to be opting out of most Spring II season sports as well, according to another athletic department official.

Cicuto said the school can opt back in at any point, but is prioritizing meeting all the requirements to get athletes back on the field, practicing first before moving forward with competition.

The California Community College Athletic Association is providing its Limited Athletic Opportunity program that will allow the Vaqueros the chance to engage in two intrasquad scrimmages in all sports, except football, which will have 15 padded spring practices and three scrimmages, leaving the door open for at least some sort of competitive



Sam Lee/GCC Athletics

California Community Colleges have not competed since they were shut down March 16, 2020, nearly one full year ago.

activity sometime down the line.

"Glendale College's first and foremost mission is to keep our students and employees safe," said Cicuto. "We are in the midst of trying to negotiate as well as plan out a safe return, whether that be in a couple weeks or a couple months; we are working out all those details that we have to go through."

#### SPORTS from Cover

season on March 20. Kim said all sports teams are practicing and playing outside currently; practicing in a gym is not allowed. That means volleyball is outside, which isn't all too uncommon, Kim said, considering volleyball does play outside during the offseason, due to limited spring/summer facility use with basketball and dance

"We'll have to wait until county guidelines [allow] for them to play indoors," Kim said. "When that comes out, CIF will make a decision and then our district will look over guidelines and make a decision."

Boys' and girls' water polo has the same schedule as volleyhall

Boys' and girls' basketball will begin Friday, March 12, as will football. The Falcons' first football game will be at Arcadia at 7 p.m.

Kim said softball has not started practicing, but will soon. Both CV softball and football won CIF championships in 2019.

Baseball and softball are both scheduled to begin the season on March 19.

Falcon Principal Linda Junge said this week that athletics is really about student wellness.

"Of course, we love competing and winning. With that said, I am not sure we ever fully appreciated what a game-changer it is for our student athletes to just be outside with teammates exercising," she said. "It creates wellness where there may have been anxiety, depression and isolation."

Throughout the school year, Kim said it hasn't been hard to prepare for whatever CIF throws at them, it's that "we just have many safety precautions to take. All of our coaches have been on the ball to follow the guidelines because we know how important this is to our student-athletes emotionally, mentally and socially being out there. It really is good for them, so the last thing we want is for our district to shut us down because someone is sick."

Kim said communication with the parents throughout all of this hasn't been difficult, either.

"Parents have been great. We're not forcing any studentathletes to play," he said. "If the families for whatever reason feel it's not safe to return, we're still offering Zoom practices and workouts and, for those who want to return, they're back."

Junge said the dedication from the coaches to the students has never been more apparent.

"From implementing all safety protocols every day with fidelity to voluntarily offering conditioning and on-campus experiences," she said of their commitment. "Their focus has clearly been on meeting student needs first, and getting creative to do so during these extraordinary times. I am so proud to work with such dedicated coaches."















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# Local Summer Camps Promise Fun For Kids

his summer, like last, will be a little different in the area of camps for kids. Gone (hopefully just temporarily) are the extended day camps and overnight camps where kids were shipped out for a week or two (sometimes longer) to learn the art of archery, bracelet-making and team building. Though COVID-19 has affected some of these long-term "away camps," local facilities are gearing up with reimagined experiences that will surely create memories for the younger set.

Candice Bautista, school age coordinator and summer camp director at the Center for Children, said the Center is making necessary adjustments to keep kids and staff safe.

"We are planning a summer camp for children from first to seventh grades. We did last year, too, though it was a bit of a

The Center is limiting each "pod" to 14 children and considering mixing ages – something that wasn't done pre-COVID.

"We're considering keeping kids together with their siblings, and pairing up kids who have been attending the Center with new ones coming just for summer camp," she said. The goal is to help the newer attendees adapt to the safety protocols that are in place, like mask wearing.

"It can be a bit of a learning curve for the new attendees," said Bautista. "They are so excited when they come here and see the other kids. But they catch on pretty quickly.'

To counter so much screen time, there is a lot of outside play planned including water play. She said the focus will be on what's fun outside and is hopeful that a variety of field trips, like to local parks, can take place.

An "outdoorsy program" is planned for young campers at Hogg's Hollow. According to Susan Chatch, head teacher, kids naturally gravitate to being outside rather than inside. She notes that they instinctively know that being outside in the sunshine, exercising and playing, is helpful for them in growing stronger.

Hogg's Hollow, located at 4490 Cornishon Ave. in La Cañada Flintridge, welcomes children from age 2 to kindergarten though owner Rose Hogg said that "alumni" love to come back for the

"We have a 40 foot rock wall, daily biking - bike hikes are planned for the summer – and more," said Hogg who added that

Local camps, like this one at the Center for Children, are observing county COVID guidelines, including social distancing. parents aren't left out. A Mommy & Me class during the summer

is offered for parents and their children from 18 months to 3 years of age. A trip to the beach by train for summer campers is another highlight that parents enjoy with their children.

"The beach trip is irresistible to parents," laughed Hogg. Hogg added that the bike rides aren't just fun - they're

"For one of our bike hikes, we have the parents drop their kids off at Hahamongna Park and then we bike the Arroyo Seco. We learn about poison oak among other things," she said.

Hogg's Hollow is located next to the track on Cornishon Avenue and its facilities are used by Hogg's Hollow students. They can have a reputation and we want to meet that expectation."

Hogg's Hollow has been serving the community for over 30 years and has some spaces for summer camp and the school year that begins in the fall. Call (818) 790-1700 for more information.

Diverse activities are also planned at the local Y camps. Whether attending the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA at 1930 Foothill Blvd. or the Crescenta Valley facility at 3931 Lowell Ave., a summer of adventure and fun is waiting for campers. At the La Cañada facility, off-site adventures include trips to the LA Zoo, Descanso Gardens and more. Both sites offer swim, physical activities, arts and crafts and more.

Despite the various activities, Adam Franko, the interim director of Operations, offers assurances that all safety protocols

"We follow the CDC and state guidelines at our camps. All staff are health screened, temperature checked and are asked health questions upon arriving at the facility," he said. "Health screenings are conducted with campers, too, and they are asked key questions relating to COVID. Everyone wears a mask, too. And we do cleaning – lots of cleaning.'

Social distancing protocols, though challenging, are also

"We know a lot more than a year ago," Franko said. "Safety is at the top of our list."

Chelsea Lawrence is the leader of youth development at the Ys and looks forward to an active camp season.

"A lot of parents are ready for in-person experiences for their children," said Lawrence. "The kids right now need social interaction. We want to provide fun. From speaking to parents I've learned that they are as excited as their kids for summer

The Ys also offer a variety of specialty camps, which no doubt will be popular. Camp sign-up day is at the La Cañada site on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Both Ys are prepared for campers from kindergarten through eighth grade and also offer training programs for teens in grades 10 through 12. Week long sessions begin June 7 with the last one on Aug. 9.

"We've been in the foothills over 60 years," said Franko. "We

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# CAMP CCY AT CRESCENTA-CAÑADA FAMILY YMCA

#### **SESSIONS:**

A: June 7-11
1: June 14-18
2: June 21-25
3: June 28- July 2
4: July 5- 9
5: July 12-16
6: July 19-23
7: July 26-30
8: Aug 2-6
9: Aug 9-13

#### **OFF-SITE ADVENTURES\*:**

LA Zoo, Descanso Gardens, Griffith Park, Underwood Family Farms, Mother's Beach, and more.

\*all trips are subject to change

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#### **CAMP HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm

7:30am-9:00am (drop off) 9:00am-4:00pm (camp) 4:00pm-6:00pm (pick up)

#### **CAMP LOCATION:**

Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA 1930 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

#### **CAMP GRADES:**

K-8th 10th-12th (LIT)

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#### 1: June 14-18 2: June 21-25 3: June 28- July 2 4: July 5- 9 5: July 12-16

**SESSIONS:** 

5: July 12-16 6: July 19-23 7: July 26-30 8: Aug 2-6 9: Aug 9-13

#### CAMP HOURS:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm Half/Full Day Options Available

7:30am-9:00am (drop off) 9:00am-4:00pm (camp) 4:00pm-6:00pm (pick up)

#### CAMP LOCATION:

Crescenta Valley Family YMCA 3931 Lowell Ave. Glendale, CA 91214

PRICE:

Starting at \$250

#### ON-SITE ADVENTURES:

Bubblemania, Puppy Party, Laser Tag, Petting Zoo, Magic Show, and more. \*all trips are subject to change

#### CAMP GRADES:

K-8th

10th-12th (LIT)

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#### **SESSIONS:**

1: June 14-18
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# Date Set for Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Virtual Wine Tasting Event







Keith Eich, wine tasting chair



Mary Gant, fundraising task force member



Terry Piasky, fundraising task force member

or those ready to celebrate the coming of spring, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada is holding "A Virtual Wine Tasting Event" on Thursday, March 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person or two tickets for \$100, and will boast six delicious wine selections by ONEHOPE wines, including delectable cheese and charcuterie especially curated by La Cañada Cheese Shop. The event is the Club's major fundraiser geared to help the Kiwanis mission of helping local kids and the community.

"We encourage wine enthusiasts to enjoy an evening of great wine and cheese pairings for a great cause, while getting to know your neighbors a little better," said Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Fundraising Task Force member Keith Eich. "When our newly established sixmember Fundraising Task Force brainstormed, we were inspired by our annual wine tasting tradition, and the virtual social event was created. We hope folks will join us

and lend their support as we raise funds to make a difference in our area." Eich is also chair of the event.

For social distancing, ticketholders will be able to pick up their wine and cheese selections at DISH Restaurant, which has generously offered their convenient drive-thru located at 734 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the event. The wine and cheese will be placed in either the back seat or trunk of the vehicle; mask and glove guidelines will be followed.

To date, the major sponsors include State Farm - Barbara Marshall, Realtor Terry Piasky, Nasa Services, Stella's Pizza Kitchen, Dish Restaurant, and La Cañada Shell Station at 4530 Angeles Crest Hwy, LCF. ONEHOPE wines will also graciously give back a percentage of any wine sold to event ticketholders, in effect through April 2.

To purchase tickets or for more information, go to lacanadakiwanis. org and click on the Virtual Wine

Tasting tab. Those who have any questions, please lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com

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, which features the "Guest Speaker of the Week" program. To get a private invitation to attend, lacanadakiwanis@gmail. com. Also check out the website at lacanadakiwanis.org.

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# The Importance of Connectivity

By Adria NAVARRO

California's Health and Human reaching as mitigating health Services Agency unveiled a risks associated with dementia carefully developed Master and of victimization through Plan for Aging (MPA) designed elder to support the needs of the includes abuse, neglect, and/ growing demographic of older or exploitation. Improving residents - aged 60 years and better - estimated to total 10.2 impacts from social isolation million persons by 2030.

One targeted goal of this plan adults is paramount. is to strengthen ties between offerings and connections to quality of life. older members of our Foothill communities.

This past fall, amid the and hospital pandemic, launched an additional support, the Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) as a FREE community service. Uscvhh.org/aging-resources. We designed the CRCA to review and share services and supports both online, as well through individual consultations with callers. The CRCA is place to turn where a real-life person hears your concerns, discusses your needs further, and strengthens your next steps to finding needed resources.

Research this past year

has placed a spotlight on the powerful protection found in Last month the State of strong social supports; as far mistreatment awareness of the health/medical and loneliness among older

If you find that your or a loved health care systems and one's social support seems to be community-based networks waning, the good news is that and resources. USC Verdugo this can be addressed through Hills Hospital is ahead of the a variety of means. Decreasing curve in this regard with robust one's isolation clearly enhances

> community, we capable of making sustaining important connections to one another and it is imperative that we do so. I look forward to assisting you or your loved ones in making those important connections. I can be reached at (818) 949-4033 or adria.navarro@med.usc.edu



### Glendale Memorial Hospital Earns Five-Star Rating from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Dignity Health - Glendale and it is rewarding to receive this Memorial Hospital and Health Center recognition from CMS." (GMHHC) has earned five stars, the & Medicaid Services (CMS).

"This achievement is a true of our staff and physicians," said Jill Welton, GMHHC hospital president. "Providing high-quality, compassionate care in a safe

CMScreated highest-possible rating, through Hospital Star Ratings program to the Overall Hospital Star Ratings help patients and their loved ones program by the Centers for Medicare compare hospitals. The federal agency assigns star ratings to more than 4,500 hospitals nationwide based testament to the commitment on their performance across seven quality performance areas: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care and efficient use of medical imaging.

Only 8% of hospitals nationwide and 11% statewide and just five hospitals in the greater Los Angeles area achieved this five-star rating. Hospitals receive an Overall Star Rating (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 stars) and a performance category for each measure group (i.e., above the national average, same as the national average, or below the national average). The Overall Hospital Rating provides consumers with a simple overall rating generated by combining multiple dimensions of quality into a single summary score.





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# CVW Writer Releases Poetry Book

By Mary O'KEEFE

he name Lori Bodnar will be familiar to CVW readers because of the many stories that have appeared in the paper with her byline. She has covered a variety of stories for the publication and with every article has honed her professional talent. What many of our readers may not know is she is a senior at Crescenta Valley High School and, in addition to being a journalist, is also a poet. She recently released her first book of poetry titled "Deep Thoughts."

These collections of poems gives readers a glimpse into the world of a teen and, for me at least, reminded me how out-of-step one can feel during these years that bridge child and adult.

Below is an example of the poetry found in her book:

How?

How do the lost get found?
How do we find ourselves?
I just need some help
To realize what I should do
I have tried so hard to be who I want to be
But the world isn't what it seems
I don't know who I should be
I need to find myself
I need to find myself
How do the lost get found?

Her love of poetry started in sixth grade when her teacher introduced her to haiku.

"That propelled my passion for poetry," she said.

And she is a prolific writer. In 2017 she wrote 370 poems. She has many that she keeps just for herself and chose 21 works for her book.

"I looked at the ones that talk about raw emotions and complexity," she said. "I wanted [my poetry] to speak to other teens."

The poetry in her book is unapologetic, and the reader doesn't get the sense she is trying to give advice. It is just her honest thoughts, which is truly refreshing.

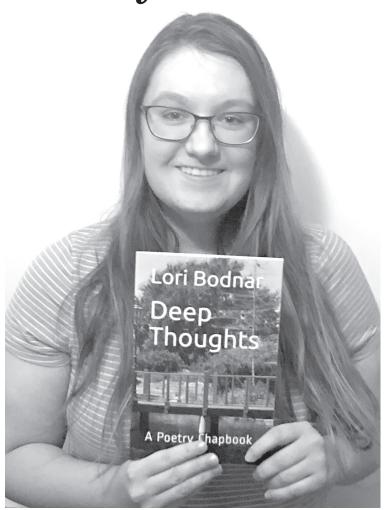
"I do share my poems with my family, but I do have some that I keep to myself," she added. "My mom has been very supportive of poetry."

Bodnar does appreciate the support from her entire family for her love of writing. In addition to her poetry she is working on a fantasy-style novel

She has yet to decide what college she will be attending but plans to major in English and wants to be an author and an English teacher.

Her book, "Deep Thoughts" by Lori Bodnar is available on Amazon.

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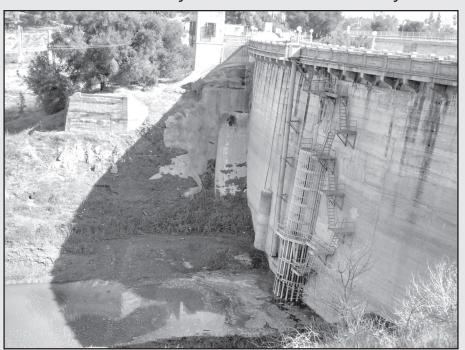
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#### THEN & NOW I

**Then** » It was May 1893 and the first bridge was just built across the Arroyo Seco making the important connection between Pasadena and the Crescenta/Cañada Valley. The "opening day" celebrants retreated to the shade of the bridge to gather around a barrel of liquid refreshment, presumably beer. Behind them, you can see the fresh cut in the rocky hillside. The pilings on top of the cut support the iron bridge with its wooden roadbed.

# Arroyo Seco Bridge Pilings Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now** " The bridge has been replaced over the years by the roadway on top of the dam, then the bridge that is now Oak Grove Drive, and finally the 210 Freeway overpass. But the old pilings, beefed up from their original configuration with additional cement, are still there, just inside Devil's Gate Dam. In this view looking east toward Pasadena, you can clearly see the cement footing of the 1893 bridge in the upper left.

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# Concert Features Music for Oboe, Flute and Piano

12:10 p.m., the Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be streamed.

Oboist Paul Sherman, flutist Asuncion Ojeda, and pianist Traci Esslinger will perform works by Chinary Ung, Alan Hovhaness and Madeleine Dring on a Facebook stream and YouTube.

The program includes Chinary Ung "Neak Pean" for flute and English horn, Alan Hovhaness "Visionary Landscapes, Op.214" and Madeleine Dring "Trio For Flute, Oboe and Piano."

Dr. Paul J. Sherman enjoys a varied career as a conductor, oboist and musicologist. He performs on both modern and baroque period instruments and enjoys a career with many different musical branches. These include jazz, classical and early music. His doctorate from

On Wednesday, March 17 at USC is in oboe performance, conducting, early music and music history. While studying at USC he was honored as the university's top wind graduate. Dr. Sherman is an assistant professor of music history at Glendale College and has been on the faculty of USC as instructor of early music, at Chapman University as director of the wind symphony and coordinator of winds and brass, and at College of the Canyons as director of the Symphony of the Canyons.

As a performer, he has appeared with the LA Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, LA Master Chorale, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Southwest Chamber Music, Santa Fe Pro Musica and Music Angelica among many others.

Flutist Asuncion Ojeda has been active with various



Southern California ensembles including Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra, the Filipino American Symphony Orchestra (FASO), and Nimbus Ensemble. She is also a student/performer with the World Kulintang Institute ensemble,

an organization devoted to the ancient gong and drum traditions from the southern Philippines. As an elementary music teacher with the LAUSD Arts Education Branch, Ojeda gets to share her love for music with students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Pianist Traci Esslinger is a Los Angeles native committed to the exploration of contemporary as well as traditional repertoire. She has performed with the California EAR Unit, Inauthentica, Nimbus Ensemble and CalArts New Century Players and in festivals such as

LEFT: Flutist Asuncion Ojeda (left) and oboist Paul Sherman RIGHT: Pianist Traci Esslinger

the Los Angeles Philharmonic "Minimalist Jukebox" ("Rajikaru!") "Experimentations in Japanese Art" at The Getty, at REDCAT as part of the Synaesthesia Festival, the Banff Chamber Music Festival, UCSB's "Made in California," and "Kaffee und Kultur: LA's Emigre Life of the 1940s and 1950s" at the Skirball, among others. She

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#### **ALG THRIFT ALLEY REOPENS**

Assistance League of Glendale Thrift Alley Chairwoman Vicki Carlson shared that the reopening of Thrift Alley on March 3 featured a half price sale. Thrift Alley is open from Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2

Thrift Alley accepts donations to fill the store with great values.

Thrift Alley is located in the alley at 314-AE. 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.

#### PANDEMIC DISCUSSION ONLINE

An informative discussion about the COVID19 pandemic will take place online at the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena on Tuesday March 9 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The discussion is free of charge.

Dr. Kimberly Shriner, an infectious disease expert, will discuss different aspects of the pandemic. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end of the session.

Dr. Shriner is a faculty member at Huntington Hospital and has provided valuable national leadership during the pandemic. She is the founder and director of the Paul Simon Clinic, which provides HIV and infectious disease care for the underserved in the San Gabriel Valley.

Location is the Cancer Support Community-Pasadena, 76 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 215, Pasadena 91105; (626) 796-1083; www.cscpasadena.org

#### **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.

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23) Perlman of "Cheers"

29) Time of "comfort and joy"

31) Play \_\_\_ (feign death)

35) Response to a fleecing?

36) Old computer accessory

39) Never-say-die attitude

38) Big underwater ray

16) Wrinkly Jamaican fruit

17) Prank played in a pasture

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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 emeritus 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.

#### **PFAR HOSTING TOWN HALL**

The Pasadena-Foothills Association of REALTORS® will be hosting a virtual town hall with Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang on Tuesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. Discussion is free to PFAR and partnering association members.

Non-members can email events@pfar.org for information on how to register.

#### **GLENDALE MOOSE LODGE HOSTING FOOD DRIVE**

The Glendale Moose Lodge #641 is conducting its first annual drive-by food drive on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be supporting two local organizations that have been involved for years in serving Marking a year of pandemic life, Dr. Corley local families in need. Since the COVID-19

43) Place to exchange vows

51) Dishonestly acquired riches

55) What's seen in a mirror?

67) Stadium or wedding cake

59) Deciduous ornamental

63) Attempt to convince

44) Slangy turndown

45) Ballgoer, for short

46) Completely stump

48) Guitar-playing tool

53) Show signs of life

50) Before

shrub

64) Rodeo activity

66) Depend (on)

feature

69) Santa's load

70) Bump off a dragon

71) Coyote relative

68) Relish

pandemic, the need has multiplied. Please help the Moose Lodge by either dropping off goods or sending a donation to the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave., in La Crescenta.

Benefitting from the food drive is the Bailey Center, a free community outreach program of the Tujunga United Methodist Church, 9901 Tujunga Canyon. It has been providing services to the local community since 1981. Bailey's Food Cupboard provides two-three days of emergency food services for homeless and low-income families/individuals. The Clothes Closet offers donated clothing for adults and children. Medical equipment and blankets are available by request. All services are free of charge and are for people in La Crescenta, Lake View Terrace, Montrose, Sunland and Tujunga, including those who are undocumented or homeless. For further information, please call (818) 353-1481.

The other recipient is Sue's Garden, a ministry of Community Life Church located at 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. It is a local food pantry and distribution center that provides food, once a month, for families that are going through hard times.

It has been in operation since 2008. For more information, contact suesgardenfbclc@ gmail.com.

#### 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.cvweekly.com/JustForFun to see the sponsorship opportunities. Those with questions can contact Laurie at (323) 707-7357 or email lola3058@gmail.com.

## ARIES March 21 - April 19

**WEEKLY HOROSCOPES** 

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Take a look at your wellness routine and any beliefs that get in the way of radiant good health. You have a golden opportunity to make changes, and the cosmos may force the pace. Complacency about your diet and exercise habits could be one factor. If you need motivation, invite a buddy along to share the experience.

Provided by horoscope.com

#### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Health is a big issue now and will be into the future. Get on track and start to feel good by doing something you don't usually do or even think you'd like. You could be surprised. Plan your exercise and eating regimen, and keep up the routine even if it seems hard. Take it one day at a time. It will make a big difference.

#### **★★ GEMINI** *May 21 - June 20*

You're feeling fit, but it's important to connect with your deeper feelings on certain issues. If you've been ignoring an underlying tension, attend to it and sort it out. Now the cosmos offers you the chance to notice what makes you happy. By doing so, you'll feel much better about yourself and less stressed and distracted.

#### CANCER June 21 - July 22

It could be time to be more disciplined when it comes to health and diet issues. Your resolve may waver as soon as any form of temptation crosses your path. The same could be true of your exercise routine and any other positive habits that you're trying to develop. Don't give way to your moods.

#### LEO July 23 - August 22

Avoid foods that don't provide you with real health benefits. You might be rushing around more than usual. It would be a shame to eat fast food on the way to your next appointment. If you plan ahead, you can still rush and have good, nourishing food to sustain you.

#### & VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Be your own person when it comes to health decisions. Don't follow what everyone else does if it makes you uncomfortable. Look more deeply into your circumstances and listen to your inner guidance. Get to know your body and your real dietary needs in greater detail as opposed to those you're "supposed" to have.

#### **LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

by John Deering and John Newcombe

THE SAME JOKERS

COMEDIANS

It could be difficult to get your priorities straight. Perhaps you think you should spend more time on work, relationships, or other aspects of your life. But your health should always be your first priority. You have the perfect opportunity to be fitter than ever. Don't let this chance pass you by. Remember this as you plan your day.

March 1, 2021 - March 7, 2021

#### **SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The focus continues to be on releasing deep-seated patterns that have lain dormant in your subconscious mind for years, perhaps since childhood. It's time to investigate those areas of your life that cause you the most stress and do what you can resolve them. Your health will begin to blossom.

#### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It might be helpful to ask what good health means to you. The answer may enable you to develop a schedule that affords you optimal well-being. Approach this with patience and don't let your desire for a perfect body deter you, especially when you fail to live up to your own expectations. Buried issues need to see the light of day so your body can relax deeply.

#### A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You probably need an aura of peace and calm around you more than anything else. There are many ways that life and other people can frazzle you, especially when your mind is already working overtime. You could be so intensely focused on other things that you aren't concentrating on what you're doing. Slow down and take your time.

#### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It's all in your mind. Tension emanates from there, affects your body, and makes you grouchy. Certain events could conspire to increase this sense of inner pressure, and your body is going to know all about it. Find a way to exercise and discharge some of this nervous energy. You'll feel better. The cosmos is rooting for a new, healthy

#### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Stay supple and try to detox regularly. It will help you feel better in many ways. Keep yourself in top condition by taking supplements to ward off infections. You may be prone to a sore throat or other bugs. You might feel like eating comfort foods now. Don't give in!

# STEER CLEAR By Mary Jersey

#### Edited by Timothy Parker **DOWN**

- 1) Accord
- 2) High-pitched wind instrument
- 3) Held on by a thread
- 4) "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin 5) He strikes while the iron is hot
- 6) Clairvoyance, for short
- 7) Betwixt
- 8) Measures of loudness
- 9) Certain breakfast container
- 10) It provides no outlets
- 11) Curved molding
- 12) Family reunion group
- That a Shame?
- 18) Not real
- 22) Appetite stimulus
- 24) Put in rows

- 26) Successor to Arafat Ste. Marie, Mich.
- 28) Like the sea
- 30) Bar, at the bar
- 32) Nasty, as a remark
- 33) Unconditional
- 34) "We'll see"
- 37) Foreign Legion hats 40) Eel look-alikes
- 41) Recovers from a flood
- 42) It's bee-quested 47) Chooses by ballot
- 49) Put the on (stop)
- 52) One way to attract a lifeguard
- 54) Settle, as a debt
- 55) Mongols' tent
- 56) Lunchbox cookie, sometimes 57) Like Quasimodo

and Let Die"

- 58) Tiny circus performer
- 61) Abetting, as with a scheme 62) Indian tourist city

65) Cook bacon

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# RELIGION

I have a stepson I've known since he was 3 years old. He is now 13. A few years ago, and with the help of family counseling, his mom and I agreed that she'll be the disciplinarian in our home and I would back up what she has decided to tell him. He can be very difficult and, after one argument with his mom, he said he wanted to live full time with his dad. We told him if he decides to do that, it would be until he's 18. That ended that.

My problem is I become very angry at some of the things he does but I keep quiet. I also know that he is emotionally conflicted. When he visits his dad on weekends, he's supposed to "be seen and not heard." When he is with us, we think it's best for him to interact with the family but he still spends a lot of time in his room. He is in counseling but we don't see much of a change in his behavior.

Is there a spiritual solution to this family problem? My wife and I don't think he's happy.

~ Worried Stepdad

Dear Worried Stepdad,

The teenage years are some of the most turbulent times in a person's life. The gradual growth from dependence to independence is a time of finding an identity that builds upon the experiences of life that a person has had. Living in a split household situation increases the challenges of adolescence and brings in additional elements to the process. It sounds as if your

**lestion:** stepson has to "put on" different identities depending on which identities depending on which household he is in, and that will also add to the difficulty of the process of development.

> I commend you on the steps you have already taken to support your stepson through the years. Introducing the services of a therapist is a strong step in showing how much you care and are willing to participate in the process yourself to discover the best way to move forward. I would continue what you have been doing and realize that it will take time to work through the many realities of the situation.

> What I can advise on a spiritual level is to practice intentional listening and presence. Jesus sat with people and listened to their stories. In the Biblical text we often think that He more often spoke to those around Him, but if we look a bit deeper we see that He enters into conversation with those around to show that they are valued and worthwhile. This is something that each of us wants - to be noticed, to be of value. Maybe as a way to begin this you might approach your stepson in his natural environment (at this point, his room) and ask him about his day. Let him speak (or keep silent) and just be there with him. Let him know that you are there to listen to him and that you understand that it is a difficult time in life. Make him the focus of your attention - it may be for five minutes or end up being a good amount of time. Let him be in control to the conversation and the time. Give him an opportunity to practice a bit of independence that will

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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.

hopefully blossom into a realization of interdependence. Sitting and listening.



Pastor Scott Peterson pastor@lcifoothills.org

Dear Worried Stepdad,

I hear your concern about your stepson's mood and what you see as isolating behaviors. It sounds like this is a pretty complicated situation with a long history. The history of having been to family counseling speaks to a real desire to help and heal as a family, and I think leaning into that sort of impulse is really important for any family.

Though I don't know enough to speak to what your stepson is currently going through, I think we can all remember that 13 is a really difficult age no matter what situation you find yourself in. Being 13 at this moment in history and living in houses with such different standards of behavior sounds like it would be a double dose of difficulty. It's really normal for a teenager to want to spend time alone, but I trust your assessment of his mood, so I'm wondering if maybe your stepson could use one-on-one counseling as a space to explore his feelings and develop coping strategies that will help him throughout his life.

You asked specifically for a spiritual solution and, while there's no quick and easy "say this and then it will be fixed" answer from my perspective, I can see a couple of places where spirituality could be helpful. A regular spiritual practice whether it's prayer, meditation, study of a text, journaling or participation in a faith community - can help ground us against the intense emotions that can arise in our interpersonal lives and make decisions from a place of connection with the Divine. I'd encourage you and your wife - but you particularly since you speak about getting angry - to dedicate yourselves to some sort of regular practice of spirituality and to give your stepson the option of participating in a spiritually grounding activity of his choosing

Wishing you all healing and peace.

Blessings.



Rev. KC Slack.

testing. I just found out my dad is not my biological dad, although his name is on my birth certificate. I'm now married with two children. My husband thinks I should bring this up with Mom and Dad, but I don't want to rock the boat. [My husband] says he'll honor my decision.

Dad has been there through thick and thin for me. I seriously wish I had never found this out. "The truth" doesn't really matter as far as I'm concerned. Am I wrong in not letting my parents know what I found out?

~ Loving Daughter

Dear Loving Daughter,

I believe there are no coincidences and that everything happens for not just a reason, but for a good reason. This truth has been revealed to you at this time for a good reason. Perhaps if you were to find out earlier in your life you and your parents would not have been ready to talk about it. Now you know the truth and you cannot un-ring the bell. This could be a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with your parents.

I know that there is a spiritual solution to every issue and the answers come when you seek divine guidance found in the quietness of prayer. My heart believes that the best-lived life is one that comes from a place of authenticity, one in which you can speak your mind truthfully and respectfully and face whatever circumstances unfold.

I understand that you do not want to "rock the boat" by telling your parents you have found out that your father is not your biological dad. Your parents clearly must have had the same belief, or they would have told you as well. I wonder if you have considered what not saying something to your parents will cause? To live a truly empowered life requires that we face the truth. Withholding the truth means there is an area of your life that you must close off when you spend time your parents and that secret will be in your heart every time you interact.

Only you can truly know the best way to proceed. Pray and listen to your heart and inner guidance. You will know the best way to proceed and it will be right for you.



Rev. Mary Morgan mormari@aol.com

Dear Loving Daughter,

Firstly, I'm very sorry to read about your distress in finding out your father is not your biological father. It's certainly not an easy thing to learn, especially in the manner in which you have learned it.

see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on next page



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It seems to me that the crux of your question is whether it is "right" to keep these findings hidden from your parents in order to prevent them from anguish. Or is it "wrong" to keep things such as these hidden from your parents?

Let me draw your attention to a few interesting stories of the Torah (Bible) concerning righteous men bending truths for the greater good:

Abraham and Sarah: When Abraham and Sarah were traveling into the land of Egypt, Abraham made Sarah swear that if anyone asked about their relationship "please say that you are my sister." The reason for this was Sarah's beauty. Abraham was fearful that had the truth of their marriage been known, the Egyptians would have had Abraham killed in order to make Sarah their own.

Jacob and Isaac: Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau was the older twin, deserving of the firstborn son's rights, while Jacob was his younger brother. The Torah describes that Esau had once returned from hunting and was famished. Jacob - always the businessman - said: "If I will give you from my soup, will you sell me your birthright?" Desperate, Esau agreed. When the time came for Isaac, their father, to give his blessings, he called Esau - not knowing that the birthright had already been sold. As Esau is out preparing a meal for Isaac before the blessings would be given, Jacob puts on coats of fur and proclaims to Isaac, "I am Esau your firstborn!" (Isaac had gone blind in his old age. The way he'd discern

which son was in front of him was with his sense of touch – Esau the hairy son, while Jacob the smoothskinned son. Jacob donned the fur to deceive Isaac into thinking he was the hairy son – Esau).

Aaron and the nation of Israel: When Aaron passed, the Jewish people wept even more than when Moses died. The Torah explains that Aaron was so loved by the people because he was a peacemaker. Peace between friends, and peace between husband and wife. His strategy was to tell each side that the other party related to him privately how they regretted their actions and wished to make peace. Although Aaron was told no such thing, he pretended that he was so told in order to bring them

Being honest is one of the

fundamental laws Bible. It is even one of the Ten Commandments engraved into the tablets! How is it possible for such righteous people such as Abraham, Jacob and Aaron to bend such truth? The commentaries explain that all three of these lies were "white lies" (Abraham was in fact related to Sarah by blood as Sarah was Abraham's niece, which in those times could be referred to as "sister." The Torah tells us Jacob had purchased the birthright and was also conceived first - thereby not lying in claiming he is the firstborn. Aaron's claim that the other party wanted to make peace wasn't entirely false. Deep inside everyone's soul they want to do the right thing, so deep down everyone wants to make peace). Sometimes one must white lie for the greater

Based on all of this I humbly believe that in your situation not only is it not "wrong" to hide these findings from your parents but by hiding it you are honoring them. Here you mustn't even "white lie" to keep them from distress, you merely have to not share something you've found.



Rabbi Menachem Grossbaum rabbi@cvchabad.org

This Week at LCIF

Lutheran Church in the Foothills invites local residents to Couch Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 7 on the church's Facebook page and YouTube

channel. Those who miss the live called "Flipped Tables, Forward presentation can watch the videos on Focus." After the service, everyone the church website, Facebook page and is invited to join a time of fellowship YouTube channel. This week, Pastor on Zoom at 11:30 a.m. There is also

Scott Peterson will deliver a message prayer Zoom 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

www.lcifoothills.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.

#### 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.

# **Rain Barrel Distribution Event**



#### Monday, March 22 - Friday, March 26 Order your rain barrel today!

Contact-less delivery is included with order, residents do not need to be present when rain barrel is delivered.

Pasadena Water and Power, along with Foothill MWD, Crescenta Valley Water District, Liberty Utilities, Glendale Water and Power, and Burbank Water and Power are hosting a five-day rain barrel distribution event. Customers will be given the opportunity to easily pre-order a rain barrel and all rain barrels will be delivered directly to customers. The cost of the rain barrel is \$65 but partial and full amount rebates are available.\*

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\*Pasadena residents get rebates for the full price of the rain barrel making them FREE after application. All other cities/water agencies give a \$35.00 rebate per barrel. The maximum quantity is 2 rain barrel rebates per household. Visit SoCalWaterSmart.com to apply for a rebate.

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# JW.org Offers Seven Practical Tools on How to Cope With Pandemic Anxiety

Few events in modern history have harmed the emotional well-being of people around the world as has the COVID-19 pandemic. The threat of

contracting or transmitting a people of all backgrounds. possible life-threatening disease and the added challenges of anxiety and isolation have had an immeasurable impact on

To help address this situation, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, jw.org, is featuring a video entitled "Virus Outbreaks-What Can You Do" (https:// tinyurl.com/x3t8xd87). The three-minute whiteboard animation offers families practical methods to cope emotionally and spiritually with the effects of the pandemic.

Since the pandemic began, jw.org has featured information designed to assist people of all ages and backgrounds to remain calm, informed and healthy. With content in an unprecedented 1,027 languages, the site also addresses often-asked questions and points to the Bible's assurance of a bright

Visit jw.org for the seven practical tools.

Robert Hendriks III, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses, said, "Since the outbreak of the pandemic, many have felt that their life is slipping out of their control. The material on jw.org helps people of all ages and backgrounds successfully govern their feelings by using the timeless wisdom found in the Bible."

Those who do not have a Bible can download a copy or read it for free of charge on jw.org; no sign-up or personal information is required.



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# Montrose in Bloom

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For those who do not yet follow us on social media, please do so to stay up-to-date with all of the latest resources available. Our Instagram handle is @Montrose Chamber and our Facebook is Facebook.com/MontroseChamber.

Chamber Updates

A big thank you to Jade Luu of Ellume Gardens and to everyone who joined us for our Ambassador's Programs' "Vegetable Garden Startup." This wonderful virtual event would not have been possible without our sponsors Panos Productions Photography and S.I.G. Property Management. For anyone with a green thumb aspiration who missed it, you can still view it on our website, MontroseChamber.org.

Upcoming Virtual Events

March 11 from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.: "California State Resources

for Small Businesses" with the California State Treasurer's Office. For webinar details/registration, email us at mvcc@ MontroseChamber.org.

March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Join us for a free and family-friendly comedy night with Funny Girl Events. This is all possible because of our sponsors: Nix Marie − a local Montrose boutique, Janssen's Floor and Fabric Care, and the CV Weekly! Join us for some much-needed laughs and bring your Montrose knowledge for the trivia at the end of the event to win prizes from our local businesses. Register by emailing us at mvcc@MontroseChamber.

March 18 at noon: Montrose

Barbershop virtual ribbon cutting via Facebook and Instagram. Montrose Barbershop has been a staple in our community since the 1940s and we are taking this opportunity to host a virtual ribbon cutting. Follow us on our social media or visit our website to watch their ribbon cutting and to leave them an encouraging note in the comments section.

Easter: MVCC Eggs Your Home! Purchase an Easter egg package to have us spread candy-filled eggs across your yard (or surprise a neighbor!) for a fun early Easter morning. Visit our website or email us by March 28 to purchase (\$25-\$75). MontroseChamber.org

Lastly, there are many different chamber opportunities and ways you can get involved. Anyone interested in joining the chamber can reach out to us for more information. We would love to host your virtual ribbon cutting ceremony and help promote you on our social media plus e-blasts. There are also sponsorships available for our upcoming webinars (opportunities as low as \$50). Get in contact with us for more information.

Stay safe, be well, and please keep supporting local businesses (if Amazon has it, one of our shops does too; just let us know what item you are seeking and we can advise you of the shop that has it)!

> Mavil Aghadjanian MVCC Executive Director

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# A Return to Normalcy

Over the last several weeks the majority of those in our community 65 years of age and older have either received their initial COVID-19 vaccination, completed both the first and second inoculations, or are in the process of securing appointments. As of March 1 new categories opened for more segments of our population to arrange for their vaccinations. And with the supply of Pfizer, Moderna and, more recently, Johnson & Johnson vaccines becoming more prevalent and available to our California communities, a "return to normalcy" in 2021 becomes less a dream and more a distinct possibility.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is actively progressing in this direction. Our annual student scholarship program has been announced with an April 8 fundraising event at Alissa's Ocean View Bar & Grill in Montrose. Owner Alissa Hwang will be generously donating 15% of all patio dining/takeout proceeds to our scholarship program. Thursday, April 8 will be your opportunity to support deserving local students while enjoying a great meal from one of our community's finest restaurants.

Additionally the Chamber has arranged "Save the Date" events tentatively scheduled throughout the year. First, on Thursday, May 6 we are hosting a Vendors Silent Auction, a virtual format but one that enables the donor to chat about their business and viewers to bid on quality gift items. Next, an evening of bingo returns to the Crescenta Valley on Saturday, July 10. At this time we are working on the possibility of a physical site with strict adherence to Los Angeles County Public Health regulations. Otherwise we will conduct a virtual bingo event with the same amount of fun and excitement. On Friday, Aug. 20 our Chamber tees off its annual scholarship golf tournament at Scholl Canyon Golf Course. So many of us have remembrances from past years ... and you may even get lucky and find one of your old golf balls!

Our year's biggest event, the Hometown Country Fair, complete with vendors, live music, food, games, activities for the kids and a classic car show, returns on Saturday, Sep. 18. We will be bringing back more excitement and fun for the entire family.

And there's more ... on Saturday, Oct. 30 is our Chamber's 5K Pumpkin Fun Run with a chance to compete for yearlong community bragging rights in all age categories. Finally, Chamber board member Leonard Ghazarian (Caspian Services) is arranging a fun evening of poker during the latter part of this year. The location and date will be announced shortly.

While Chamber event dates are tentative due to current Los Angeles County Health

Department restrictions, we will notify the community through our website (www. crescentavalleychamber.org), our Chamber office (info@crescentavalleychamber.org or [818] 248-4957), Facebook page, or upcoming Chamber articles in the CV Weekly newspaper as we finalize details for each event.

CV Chamber of Commerce notes:

Our Chamber congratulates and welcomes a new business member, Leon Plumbing (Harry Leon) www.leonplumbingsocal.com or (818) 464-5870. Harry Leon has been a professional plumbing contractor since 1985 but many of you know Harry from his community service work as president of the Crescenta Valley Town Council. We are honored to have Harry and Leon Plumbing as part of our Chamber family

CV Chamber Board Member and CEO

of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Keith Hobbs announced he will be leaving on March 12 to accept a position at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Keith, a graduate of Crescenta Valley High School, has contributed in so many ways to our community's growth and success. Godspeed Keith; you'll be missed.

March Emergency Preparedness Tip: Scan valuable documents (i.e. insurance cards and policies, Social Security cards, passwords, deeds, bank account numbers, credit card information, family records such as birth, marriage, and death certificates) and store them securely online. Take short videos of valuables in your home for insurance purposes. It only takes a small amount of your time to be fully prepared for an emergency situation.

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities: If

you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www. crescentavalleychamber.org.

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Steve Pierce, Executive Director Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce (818) 248-4957

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#### **LEGALS**

#### 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 Petition for Probate requests that Darren Lee be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to make may 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

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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.

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#### CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE. Case number 21STCP00620. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 111 North Hill St. Los Angeles, CA 91002, Stanley Most Courthouse. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: STEPHANIE MARIE PIERCE for Proposed Name: LILY MARIE PIERCE. 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 matter 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: MAY 3 2021 Time: 11:100AM Dept.: 28 Room: 316 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 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 country. Published Crescenta Valley Weekly March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.

#### LEGALS

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT First Filing No. 2021004419 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CV TREE, 10633 MOUNT GLEASON AVE, SUNLAND, CA 91040 LA COUNTY / P.O. BOX 1310 LA CANADA, CA 91012 Registered Owner(s): CRESCENTA VALLEY TREE, INC. 10633 MOUNT GLEASON AVE., SUNLAND, CA 91040 This business is being conducted by: an CORPORATION The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/20 declare that all information in this statement is true and correct signed VIRGILIO PEREZ-VASQUEZ title PRESIDENT. NOTICE - A Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 ET SEO., Business and Professions Code). Published Crescenta Valley Weekly, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2021.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SHINY XIAQIN WU. Case number 21GDCP00042. 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 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 matter 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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#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: SUNNY CHA. Case number 21GDCP00055. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 North Central Division. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner SUNNY CHA and RANDOLPH SADU BROWN SINGLETON DR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: NYLA SINGLETON CHA. 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 matter 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 22, 2021 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: E 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 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2021.

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LETTERS from page 9 residents from across were in solidarity for preservation of their neighborhoods. They expressed disdain for developments that directly contradicted the city's own codes stating that projects must be compatible in terms of size, scale and architectural design among other things.

For hours, numerous

residents and homeowner groups spoke out. They were from every area of the city, north from La Crescenta, south from Adams Hill, west from the Rancho and to the east from Chevy Chase. Clearly, residents want city staff and design review board members to enforce the city's own development guidelines and

In 1997, due to resident complaints, the city investigated the El Tovar house and paid Attorney Shearer a \$100K for a report that detailed the lack of oversight in the city. The city has developed guidelines and codes. Yet today, hillsides have new homes that do not fit in and older homes have been

demolished and replaced by others almost double in size or maxed out with apartments. Even downtown Glendale is unrecognizable from just 10 years ago.

Glendale residents want the city to preserve, not destroy, the character of Glendale. The city council, as our elected officials, must determine why the city

development policys and codes are still not fully implemented or enforced and make positive changes.

Thanks to councilmember Mr. Brotman for appointing DRB member Mrs. Smith; this was a giant positive step in the right direction for Glendale.

> Erica Passman Glendale

TALENT from page 10

the talent show since I am usually a shy person," said Zachary, "but I like making animation, so what better year than this year to do it, when the Talent Show was held virtually? I took around three hours to make the animation. The crazy thing is that I had to draw around 210 pictures to make an animation only 20 seconds long!"

There were also more traditional talents in the show such as students playing instruments including piano, violin, accordion, guitar, drums, cello and viola. Other acts were singing, reciting poems, performing gymnastics, reading their own published book, demonstrating martial arts, leading a short meditation calming, playing an Armenian folk tune, performing an "Among Us" skit, drawing, telling dog jokes, showing flipbook art, cup stacking, dancing, hula hooping and demonstrating taekwondo.

Sixth-grader Avril Coba performed taekwondo with nun-chuks and in the culmination scene she broke a brick.

"I've been doing taekwondo since kindergarten and last year I already did an act inperson for the talent show," she said. "I decided to do nunchucks again since it's what I'm best at, but the breaking was upgraded from two boards to a garden brick. It took me around three to four weeks to prepare for the show."

Maya Manchikatla played the drums for the talent show and fourth-grader Lily Gibson sang the song "Snowman" by Sia in the talent show.

Suzy Bodnar, another fourth grader, sang an original song she composed entitled, "Love."

"I came up with my act because I enjoy singing," she said. "I sang what was in my heart and went with the flow."

The students enjoyed the Mountain Avenue Talent Show and appreciated the diversity the online experience allowed.

"Last year's show was exciting because there was a live audience, but I liked being able to record my own performance and take many tries to get the perfect video," said Lilly. "I also liked that my distant relatives could join the Zoom and watch it as well."

The organizers of the talent show have backgrounds in theatre and writing, which sparks their dedication to the Mountain Avenue Talent Show

"I have a degree in theatre, and I can't think of a better way to help my community," said Risso. "I accidentally walked into a final dress rehearsal four years ago and saw that they weren't using directional lighting on the stage and the audience lights were up full blast. I used my theatre expertise to properly light the stage. I have been involved ever since. I also love seeing what the kids come up with every year! They are so creative and super-talented."

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has worked with leading contemporary composers such as James Newton, James Tenney, Ulrich Krieger, Anne LeBaron, David Rosenboom, Roger Reynolds, Sean Heim and John M. Kennedy and is featured on David Rosenboom's "Naked Curvature:

Four Memories of the Daimon" on the Tzadik label.

Esslinger is a founding member of the Arroyo Ensemble and holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree in piano performance from California Institute of the Arts as well as a Masters of Music in composition and a bachelor's degree in piano performance from California State University, Los Angeles. When not performing or teaching in her Altadena-based studio, Esslinger can usually be found in the mountains, hiking and backpacking with her partner

Sean Heim and her Blue Heelers, Matilda and Angus.

Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 13th year of presenting free admission, and now streamed, concerts every first and third Wednesday of the month.

GCC from Cover

former-Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, who reportedly made remarks denigrating Armenians in Artsakh. Najarian requested that condemnation be held pending the appropriateness of Walsh's retraction and apology.

Councilmember Dan Brotman reported on a new low-cost auto insurance program aimed at helping low- and moderate-income drivers, regardless of their immigration status.

"This could help reduce incidents of uninsured drivers, one contributor to hit-and-run accidents," he noted. "Let's get creative about reaching out to let people know about this."

The council heard a mid-year financial update and plans to bridge

the city's current budget divide. City staff reported that the city could receive as much as \$40 million if the recovery legislation pending at the federal level is approved "and the formula stays."

Finally, the city heard an extensive update on the city's plans for renewable energy. The city shared its "Progress Report on Glendale's Clean Energy Future" with "updates on demand response programs, commercial customer programs, Glendale's proposed Virtual Power Plant (VPP), cost of electric service analysis, clean energy and storage at city facilities, and ongoing analysis for 100% clean energy by 2030."

These plans were detailed in the

Oct. 15, 2020 issue of CVW when the council adopted the preliminary outlines of these contracts for renewable energy.

Glendale Water and Power interim general manager Michael De Ghetto reminded the council that Glendale has a long history of supporting clean and renewable energy.

"In 1931," he explained,
"Glendale became one of the first
California cities to contract with
the federal government to purchase
clean hydropower from the Hoover
Dam."

The city became one of the first municipal utilities to offer solar rebates in 2002, De Ghetto continued. Glendale included

renewable energy in its portfolio beginning in 2003 and reached 23% renewable by 2017. In 2007, the city installed the first city-owned and operated solar system at Glendale City College. Currently, the city is at 35.8% renewable and expects to meet 60% clean energy goals by 2030, 100% by 2045.

Earlier in the day, the council spent time reviewing and debating plans for increasing transit and mobility, and participating in a study session on pedestrian and bicycle plans citywide traffic study. Discussion was also held regarding plans for the Verdugo Wash, a "slow streets" pilot program, and the city's "Vision Zero" plan to improve pedestrian safety.





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