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New Manager for City

By Julie BUTCHER

The City of Glendale has a new manager. On Tuesday night, the council officially appointed Roubik Golanian to the position. Golanian has been filling the job on an interim basis since the retirement of Yasmin Beers in October 2020. Beers retired after having worked for the city in various positions for 33 years.

"I'll be honest - I came into this process thinking it important that we bring in somebody from the outside to get a fresh perspective, but Roubik won me over during the interview process. I think he understands that 'That's the way we've always done it' is not an answer," said Councilmember Dan Brotman emphasizing that the council's decision was unanimous.

Mayor Vrej Agajanian expressed his support for the appointment.

"We certainly dedicated a great deal of time and attention identifying the traits and characteristics the next city manager must possess and, at every step throughout the process, Mr. Golanian demonstrated the professionalism, temperament, skill and forward-thinking we were searching for coupled with his knowledge of the organization, the depth of relationships he's built in his decades with the city, his 29 years professional engineering and management experience in the public and private sector - he is the most qualified individual to lead this organization."

Next, Councilmember Paula Devine requested a staff report on the possibility of implementing a local measure to add extra pay ("hero pay") for grocery workers.

"The big grocers have seen billions in profits," she said, "and I want us to look at paying these heroes like other cities are doing."

Councilmember Brotman moved to support the inquiry.

"I've been working at Ralph's for 32 years," one caller told the

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Moose Lodge Calling for Canned Goods, Diapers, Wipes and More

By Mary O'KEEFE

On March 20 the Glendale Moose Lodge #641 is hosting a food drive for two local food organizations that serve the community.

"A lot of people are hurting in this community," said Don Thompson, Moose Lodge administrator.

The Lodge members know there are many people who are struggling during the pandemic and that many food banks are seeing an increase in demand. To address this need they will be collecting food for Sue's Garden, which operates through the Community Life Church, formerly the La Crescenta Baptist Church, and the Bailey Center at Tujunga Methodist Church.

The Lodge is getting strong support from others in the community includ-



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
 Members of Moose Lodge #641 are having a food drive on Saturday, March 20 that will benefit Sue's Garden and the Bailey Center.

ing the American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars 1614, the La Crescenta Woman's Club and the Crescenta Valley Chamber of

Commerce. Sue's Garden is a food ministry that feeds about 40 to 45 people each month.

"The program has been around for a long time," said Debra Coffeen

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Plans in Place for Return of Glendale Unified Elementary Students to On-Campus Instruction

On Tuesday, the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education gave direction for District leaders to move forward with their proposed plan for a phased return of elementary students for on-campus instruction in late March. Elementary teachers will return to campus on Tuesday, March 23 following the District's spring break holiday. Students in transitional kindergarten through second grade will resume in-person learning on Monday, March 29 and elementary students in grades three through six will resume in-person learning on Monday, April 5. The District will offer a full-time distance learning option for the remainder of the school year for all families who choose not to return to campus.

In order to maintain proper physical distancing, Glendale Unified elementary schools will operate on a hybrid

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File photo
 Students in transitional kindergarten through second grade will resume in-person learning on Monday, March 29 and elementary students in grades three through six will be welcomed back to in-person learning on Monday, April 5.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Social Change or Mental Derange?

This week we saw
More cancellation
Of this country's past
As we reinvent our nation.

No doubt some history
Will make us squirm
But isn't that how
We're supposed to learn?

From poor past decisions
(I'd like to think they're over)
That makes us think
We can't get much lower.

But rest assured
A shout from the PC crowd
Will tell us what is
And isn't allowed.

Potato head, for example
Is no longer mister or missus
What more will we be told
Are hits or misses?

And books by Dr. Seuss
Ask the question what to do
With books he wrote
Like "If I Ran the Zoo."

Already gone are classics
Like Tom Sawyer and his friend
Huck
Sometimes I wonder
"What the - heck."

Isn't it time-consuming
This virtual book burning?
Instead shouldn't we focus on
In-person learning?

Swooping overhead
Like a dark vulture
Is the newest craze:
The cancel culture.

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Weather in the Foothills

"Bears, dragons, tempestuous on mountain and river
Startle the forests and make the heights tremble.
Clouds darken beneath the darkness of rain, streams
Pale with a pallor of mist. The gods of Thunder and Lightning
Shatter the whole range."

- Li Bai, Chinese poet

We're in the midst of a cold winter storm system. While here, rain, cold temperatures and low elevation snow remain in the weather forecast. It's expected to remain through today, Thursday, and exit the region by late Friday afternoon. And ... "It was good."

As I was putting the final touches on Weather in the Foothills, for a brief moment in time the heavens opened up. Here in the foothills, *graupel* fell, leaving the landscape blanketed in white. (Graupel, aka soft hail, hominy snow or snow pellets, is precipitation that forms when supercooled water droplets are collected and freeze on falling snowflakes, according to Wikipedia.) To the south, blue skies prevailed. Gusty winds soon ushered the storm onward. Left in its wake were intermittent beams of sunlight breaking through the mostly cloudy skies, snow covered local mountains, cold temperatures and a rainbow added a magical touch to the spectacular.

Besides the excitement mentioned, the late-in-the-season rainstorm was a much-needed one. It seems as if this year's rainfall has been brief and disappointing in the amount received. Since many areas have not received an inch of water in a long time, the soil (mostly rock) has continued to dry out. Most of us live atop a rock foundation due to floods emanating from the many nearby canyons. Only a little bit of natural soil remains, plus the amendments (mulch, fertilizer, etc.) we add. There is no question that our soil profile is considered to be dry, especially with the ongoing drought conditions.

What exactly is soil profile? Take a look at a roadside cut and you will see various layers in the soil. These layers are called *soil horizons*. The order and arrangement of these horizons in a soil is known as a *soil profile*. Soil scientists, also called pedologists, observe and describe soil profiles and soil horizons to classify and interpret the soil for various uses. Annual weather and climate - including floods, droughts and ice ages - over thousands of years are recorded within their layers.

Besides the present weather entertainment, has the current rainfall helped alleviate the effects of dry years? Unfortunately a single rainstorm will not break the drought. A light-to-moderate shower will probably only provide some surface or cosmetic relief; its impact is short term. Soaking, deep rains are needed and are the best medicine to alleviate drought.

It should be clear that the type and depth of soil along with the amount and speed of the rainfall event will determine just how effective the rain event is at re-wetting the soil profile. So please, Mother Nature, keep your faucets on!

Likely to linger through Thursday or even Friday is low elevation snow, a slight chance of thunderstorms, cold - in the mid 40s - hail and/or graupel and wind. The weekend is expected to be warmer - in the low 60s - but still cooler than normal conditions. Another round of rain is possible Monday or Tuesday. The storm's intensity is still an unknown.

Next week, we'll take a look at totals for the season. Wondering ... do they make waterproof face masks? Until then, keep the umbrellas up!

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NEWS

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SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday morning, March 14. At 2 a.m., clocks are turned forward one hour.

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 freeway off-ramp is Saturday, March 13. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at

8 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools.

For more information, call Steve Pierce at (818) 259-5195.

CV ROBOTICS HOST FOOD DRIVE

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

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, March 21. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist app to add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource. LA County guidelines are being followed requiring visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing when visiting the Preserve.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes.

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

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

CVHS MARCHING BAND FUNDRAISER DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music is hosting a See’s Candies fundraiser through March 19. CVIM will receive all profits on orders placed through March 19. All items will be shipped directly; no need to wait in line at the store.

Free shipping on all orders over \$49. To order, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3cwt76cc>.

Worker at Local Pharmacy Gets Shout Out



By Mary O’KEEFE

Fran Fletcher has worked at CVS for 14-and-a-half years.

“I am one of the younger ones,” Fletcher said of her years at the pharmacy.

She works at the CVS on Verdugo Boulevard in Montrose. She said people stay at the job for a long time.

“It’s a nice place to work, a good working environment

CVW received a call from a reader who wanted to highlight a woman who works at the local CVS Pharmacy. He thought she needed to be recognized for her because she has always been so helpful to her customers but also kind and had a positive attitude.

and we are a good team,” she said.

In addition to a being a good place to work, Fletcher said that CVS offers good benefits as well, which has been especially helpful during these stressful times.

She has seen a lot of things while at CVS but nothing prepared her for COVID-19.

CVS remained open throughout the pandemic. “[Management] put up Plexiglass [to protect] the cashiers,” she said.

The employees were also offered the COVID-19 vaccine, which Fletcher accepted.

“My arm was a little sore,” she said, but after the vaccine, “I feel invincible, and much more relaxed.”

She said she thinks getting the vaccine is a socially responsible thing to do and hopes people feel comfortable and confident enough to get the vaccine.

Several CVS Pharmacy stores are offering vaccinations including some in Glendale, Burbank, Eagle Rock, Pasadena and the pharmacy inside Target in La Cañada Flintridge, according to the CVS website. Available time slots fill up quickly.

Fletcher thinks eventually the Montrose location will be administering the vaccine but the store is in the middle of a remodeling project. Among the projects is the installation of several self-serve checkout stations, but Fletcher said she will still be at the store.

“I enjoy helping people,” she said. “If I see someone with a question I can go to them and help them.”

Fletcher has noticed a difference in the customers who enter the store since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and as it continued.

“Everybody is so stressed out,” she said. “I just tell them to relax and that things will be better soon. Keep

wearing the mask and eventually we won’t have to.”

Fletcher knows every aisle of the store and where every item can be found. It is important to CVS to keep that personal contact between workers and their customers, she added.

She said that as the pandemic continues she finds some customers’ attitudes challenging.

“Most people understand what everyone is going through and can be patient, and I appreciate that, but there are always one or two who aren’t,” she said.

She lives in the community and those who come into the store are her neighbors. She continues to be helpful and remain positive.

Fletcher was surprised that someone would mention her to CVW for just doing her job and she was grateful for the recognition.

“I want to thank [the customers] for being friendly and thank them for noticing,” she said. “And thank you for being appreciative of [what I do].”

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Some History of St. Patrick's Day

"Christ with me. Christ before me. Christ behind me. Christ in me." This is the prayer of St. Patrick. March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and although the traditional celebration will be different this year it is still a good time to reflect on Patrick's ability to forgive and to keep God in his heart.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day and for the second consecutive year there will not be traditional commemorations because large gatherings are still not allowed in the County of Los Angeles. Some churches will be holding virtual services but, for the most part, it will be another quieter St. Patrick's Day.

As for the celebrations at pubs, those will look a lot differently as well. Restaurants are open with outside dining for limited numbers of patrons but it will not look similar to years past.

St. Patrick was born Maewyn Succat; he took the name of Patrick later. According to his writings, Patrick was born in Britain but was actually Roman and at the age of 16 was taken prisoner by Irish raiders who attacked his family estate. During his servitude he worked as a shepherd. It was during this time of isolation that he turned to God.

Patrick was able to escape his captors and return to Britain. He continued his religious training and once ordained as a priest was sent to Ireland.

Patrick approached the Irish and Christianity differently than others. He knew their language and traditional rituals. For example, according to historical reports he used a bonfire during the celebration of Easter since this was a traditional way the Irish honored their gods – with fire. He also superimposed the Sun, an Irish traditional symbol, onto the Christian cross creating what is now known as the Celtic cross.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations of drinking beer and dyeing lakes and rivers green are actually American

traditions. In Ireland on March 17, the date of Patrick's death, the day is recognized as a religious holiday but America took a completely different turn that was born from the longing for the old sod by those who had immigrated to America. Boston is best known for the first St. Patrick's Day celebration in 1827 when a group of Irish Presbyterians formed the Charitable Irish Society to help other Irish immigrants. There is some evidence that in 1762 Irish-born British soldiers serving in the British Army held a St. Patrick's Day breakfast.

Early celebrations were not always welcomed by others since there was a lot of hatred toward Irish Catholic immigrants. The party atmosphere evolved into what it is today after the mass immigration of Irish to America in 1845. Many of these immigrants left Ireland because they were starving during the Great Hunger, the potato famine. Though they may have physically left Ireland many kept a piece of their homeland in their hearts. St. Patrick's Day was a time to share their culture and their traditions.

And the traditional corned beef and cabbage? Well, that's American, too. In Ireland, ham-and-cabbage was a traditional meal but, for the many impoverished Irish immigrants, corned beef was a much cheaper choice.

Until the early 1960s, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland was a quiet day with pubs not allowed to open but once television and movies showed the party atmosphere of the day in America, Ireland joined in.

So maybe instead of saying, "We are all Irish" on St. Patrick's Day it would be more appropriate to say, "We are all American Irish."



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NOTES & NODS

This Week at LCIF

Change your clocks this Saturday night (spring forward!) then join Lutheran Church in the Foothills at this Sunday's 10 a.m. "Couch Church" on its Facebook page and YouTube Channel. This week, Pastor Scott Peterson will deliver a message called "Do You Even Lift?" Following is fellowship on Zoom at 11 a.m. then drive-thru communion on-campus (enter the parking lot from El Camino Corto) from noon to 12:30 p.m. For those unable to watch live, the videos will be available on the website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

The community is invited to "Prayer Zoom" on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 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.lcifoorthills.org.

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

Lenten Series at La Crescenta Presbyterian

The community is invited to join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for outdoor worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m.

This week, the congregation continues a journey through Lent that explores what it means to walk in step with God's holiness.

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

For those who prefer to worship online, services are also available at lcpc.net every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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

Holy Week Celebrations at Bethel Church

Bethel Church in Sun Valley invites the community to join its Holy Week services. The following services are offered: Palm Sunday outdoor worship – March 28 at 10 a.m.; Good Friday communion service – April 2 online via the church website (bethelsunvalley.com); and Easter outdoor worship and praise service – April 4 at 10 a.m. Easter gift baskets will be distributed for all kids at the 10 a.m. service. (Traducción en español disponible).

All are welcome! Questions? Need transportation? Call (818) 767-4488. All are free and COVID safe.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

Walk and Word

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

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Obituary

Laurence Joseph Weisner



Oct. 23, 1921 – Feb. 10, 2021

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

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

He was drafted in 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 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 the residents of Glendale 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; daughter-in-law Freia Weisner; grandchildren and spouse Jeff and Jennifer White, Richard and Kristine Rodriguez, Gregory Mouw, Erik Weisner and Paul Weisner; three great grandchildren Kathleen Rodriguez, Jon White and Nathan Rodriguez.

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

In Larry Weisner's honor, donations can be made to The St. James The Less Catholic Church in La Crescenta.

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

Directors Crippen Mortuary

Obituary

Harvey Fernandez

Oct. 3, 1945 – Feb. 28, 2021

Harvey Fernandez passed away peacefully in his home in Montrose on the morning of Feb. 28 after his long struggle with leukemia, which he fought bravely. He was surrounded by his family members and caregiver.

He is survived by his devoted wife of over 40 years, Carmen, and his two siblings, Yvonne and Ed.

Harvey was born on Oct. 3, 1945 in a small town in Bangladesh to Portuguese parents. He came to America in 1971 and was a resident of Glendale and Montrose for the past 50 years. He attended Holy Redeemer Church ever since he lived here. He was a devoted son to both his parents and took care of them until they passed away. He had no children of his own but viewed his nephew Paul and his niece Crystal as his own, and he was always there when they needed him.

He is remembered by his family and friends for being a most loyal fan of Elvis Presley, and was a collector of Elvis memorabilia. He was also the family photographer, always showing up at all family gatherings with at least two or three cameras and a tripod. He will always be remembered as being the hardest worker in the family, too.

Rest in peace, our dear Harvey.

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**COVID-19:
Moving in the
Right Direction**

By Mary O'KEEFE

Barbara Ferrer, director of the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health, announced that Los Angeles County has "crossed the threshold [into] the red tier" with the County's COVID-19 positivity rate at 2.5%, reported on March 10.

This means the County can open more businesses and even begin opening schools for grades seven through 12. Public Health is working with the LA County Board of Supervisors to plan additional re-openings.

"According to the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, Los Angeles County has begun to meet the metric thresholds for the red tier that allows for additional re-openings, including on-site learning for grades seven through 12. In order to move into the less restrictive red tier, LA County's daily case rate must be at or below seven new cases per 100,000 people and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below 8% for two consecutive weeks. LA County's adjusted case rate dropped from 7.2 new cases per 100,000 people to 5.2 new cases per 100,000 people. The test positivity rate dropped from 3.5% to 2.5%. Should the cases and test positivity rates remain at or below the red tier metrics next week, the County would move to the red tier on March 17," according to a statement by the Dept. of Public Health.

The Dept. of Public Health also announced that starting on Wednesday custodians/janitors, public transit workers and airport ground crew members would be added to the list of people who qualify to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

On March 15, the County will go into Phase 1C, opening up vaccine eligibility to people ages 16 through 64 who have underlying health conditions or disabilities that put them at the highest risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19. These conditions include:

- Cancer, with a current weakened immune system
- Chronic kidney disease, stage 4 or above
- Chronic pulmonary disease, oxygen dependent
- Down syndrome
- Solid organ transplant, leading to a weakened immune system
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (but not hypertension)
- Severe obesity with a BMI of more than 40

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of Sue's Garden. "We have [evolved] into a food ministry."

When Sue's Garden began its focus was on collecting backpacks and school supplies for local students, then it partnered with Trader Joe's, which donated food to its program.

"That got us into food ministry," Coffeen said.

Once a year Sue's Garden benefits from a huge food donation drive by the Boy Scouts.

In the past Sue's Garden volunteers would create an area where participants in the program could come into a store-like set up and choose items they wanted. Due to COVID-19, this has changed and now volunteers fill grocery bags for each person in need.

They are contacted by people who not only need food but other items as well.

"We are expanding during COVID; families need more things that go beyond food. We are trying to [provide] more cleaning and hygiene items," she said. "We do have people approach us with special needs. A gentleman contacted us [recently] for a winter coat, and in December someone needed gas and we were able to get him gift cards."

They were able to get a winter coat for the man who needed that as well.

Sue's Garden is a small food ministry so as people are able to improve their situation they step back and another person who had been waiting is able to move up the line.

Coffeen said they have seen more need since the pandemic began.

"We are definitely seeing an increase in family need," she said.

That increase in need is something Bailey Center has been noticing for a year now, ever since the first shutdown due to the pandemic. Its monthly distribution of food increased from about 200 per month prior to the pandemic to over 500 people per month. The Bailey Center is located in Tujunga and is part of the United Methodist Church ministry. It also has been around for many years and every Wednesday serves the community in need.

"[The numbers] have gone up so much and we are going non-stop," said Maureen O'Keefe of Bailey

Center. She added the people who have been coming for a while to the Bailey Center for help make up about one-fourth of those they serve; the rest are new to the Center, and many are new to needing food service.

"We have people who tell us they are not sure how this [food bank] works," she said.

She added many never thought they would need this type of support. She's heard stories of people who moved in with family members, increasing that family's size by six or seven people.

The people come to the Bailey Center from all over ... but the Center doesn't deny anyone in need.

"[Those in need] are so grateful," O'Keefe said of people who receive food. "People cry. We get a lot of tears; they are so grateful."

O'Keefe travels to downtown Los Angeles to "shop" at regional food banks. She is able to get vegetables and fruit, though what she's able to purchase is always dependent on what is available. She tries to get something that will last a week for those the Bailey Center serves.

"What we need is canned goods. [Regional food banks] don't have things like cereal. We need spaghetti sauce because people donate [a lot] of pasta but no sauce. We could use [items like] canned tomatoes," O'Keefe said.

They also need canned tuna and chicken.

O'Keefe added they have been able to get some diapers and baby wipes from the regional food bank but need more donations because there are so many families in need.

"And wipes are expensive," she added.

Volunteers at the Bailey Center have seen not only an increase in need but the toll this pandemic has taken on people.

"People are exhausted and sad. Some of them are [telling] us about their health issues," O'Keefe said. She added that a woman shared that her husband was in the hospital due to a stroke and said it "came out of nowhere." As the Bailey Center volunteers see the stress that weighs

see MOOSE on page 7

CRIME BLOTTER

March 4

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported several liquor bottles were stolen from a display case located in the store. Surveillance footage revealed a man, described as wearing a black jacket, black mask, black pants and black shoes, entering the store with a black duffle bag in a shopping cart. He took a crowbar out of the bag, pried open the two locked cabinets, stole several bottles and placed them into the duffle bag. He then left the store at 11:17 p.m. carrying the duffle bag

March 3

1400 block of El Vago Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident received a notice from USPS that a package was delivered to her home. When she arrived at her residence she found her mailbox was open and

no sign of the package.

The theft occurred between midnight on March 3 and noon on March 4.

March 2

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a store employee noticed several bottles of liquor were stolen from the secure cabinet. Surveillance footage revealed a man, described as white, wearing a gray jacket, black pants, black shoes and a tan baseball cap with "checkering," entered the store and stood around the liquor area until all customers had left. He pried open the cabinet door and removed multiple boxes from the cabinet that contained liquor and placed them into a black bag that he then put in a shopping cart. He returned multiple times to the cabinet to remove more boxes. He then left the store with the items.

He returned again to the store, this time wearing a light-colored bag around his shoulders and torso. He continued to place more liquor into the new bag and left the area.

The incident originally occurred at 6:10 p.m.

Jan. 1

2700 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, a man reported that he had received the license plates for a car he had purchased but had not placed them on the car. He had kept them in the trunk and thought they were still there until he received a bill for a toll that showed an image of another vehicle that was not owned by him. He looked in the trunk of his vehicle and saw the plates were missing.

The theft occurred between Jan. 1 and Feb. 20.

GPD REPORTS

Six Males Arrested for Attempted Residential Burglary

On March 6 just after 9 p.m., officers responded to a residence on the 1100 block of Avonoak Terrace regarding an unknown person wearing a ski mask who was seen jumping the fence and entering the rear of the property.

Within minutes, the Air Support Unit arrived overhead as an alarm at the house activated and relayed to responding officers that four males with backpacks were in the backyard of the property fleeing towards the front. The four male suspects then entered two vehicles parked at the front of the residence and quickly fled the location.

The Air Support Unit kept a visual on both suspect vehicles as they directed patrol units to their locations. Officers located and stopped both involved vehicles – one (which had another vehicle's license plate on it) at the intersection of Mountain Street and Verdugo Road and the other at the intersection of Cañada Blvd and Verdugo Road.

Each vehicle was occupied by three males: 31-year old Michael Smyer of Woodland Hills, 26-year-old Terry McGee of Los Angeles (who initially provided a false name), and 22-year-old Kalin Butler of Los Angeles occupied one vehicle, while 26-year-old Drequanne Armstrong of Palmdale, 20-year-old Daizon Blue of Palmdale, and 26-year-old Dionza Blue of Van Nuys occupied the second vehicle. During the investigation it was discovered that Smyer was on parole and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest, and McGee also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

During their investigation, officers located multiple ski masks, gloves, crowbars, a hammer and a screwdriver.

All six individuals were arrested and booked for attempted burglary to a residence and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Male Arrested for EDD Fraud and Illegal Drug Possession

On March 4 just after 5 p.m., officers assigned to the Special Enforcement Detail (SED) of the Glendale Police Dept. were on patrol near the intersection of Adams Street and Colorado Street when they noticed a vehicle with a brake light out travelling westbound on Colorado Street.

The officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop and contacted the driver, 23-year-old Mathew Cupp of Lompoc, who was unable to provide officers with a driver's license. While speaking with Cupp, officers noticed a debit card on the floorboard that had another person's name on it. When asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, Cupp told officers the vehicle was not his but that there was a methamphetamine pipe inside. During the traffic stop, officers learned that Cupp had a non-local warrant out for his arrest and was considered a "parolee at large."

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed approximately nine debit/credit cards and one identification card all belonging to other individuals along with multiple pieces of opened Employment Development Dept. (EDD) mail belonging to other people, a notebook containing personal identity profiles of other people (including names, birth dates and Social Security numbers), multiple small plastic bags of methamphetamine and methamphetamine pipes.

Cupp was ultimately arrested and booked for identity theft, possessing controlled substance(s) and unlawful paraphernalia, and for his outstanding warrant.

Male in Custody for Child Sex Abuse after Assaults Investigation

On Nov. 13, 2019, the Glendale Police Dept. received a report that a female minor had been sexually abused between 2009

and 2016 by a family friend, identified as 63-year-old Barry Clark. Detectives from the Glendale Police Dept. – Assaults Unit immediately began an investigation.

During their investigation, detectives discovered a second minor victim when they found out that Clark had complaints filed against him at his previous place of employment where he was accused of taking photographs underneath the clothing, also known as "up-skirt" photos, of his coworker's minor daughter in 2012. Detectives also located a third minor victim in San Francisco where in 2004 Clark started talking to the victim about masturbation and asked the victim if they wanted to do it with him.

On Dec. 28, 2019, detectives learned that Clark was living in St. Joseph, Missouri. On Jan. 17, 2020, as a ruse detectives sent Clark a text message portraying to be one of his victims, but they did not receive a response.

On Feb. 3, 2021, Clark reached out to this same phone number that detectives initially used to contact him. During a phone call on that number, Clark made admissions of sexually abusing this specific victim throughout the years.

On Feb. 24, 2021, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed an arrest warrant for Clark for two counts of committing a sexual act with a child under 10 and one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child. The bail was set at \$1.5 million.

On March 4, Glendale Police Dept. – Assaults Unit detectives went to St. Joseph, Missouri. With the assistance of detectives at the St. Joseph's Police Dept., Clark was placed under arrest and a search warrant was conducted at his residence where additional evidence was located.

Clark is currently in custody in Missouri awaiting extradition back to California.

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heavily on so many they serve health issues are no surprise.

They do have help from youth volunteers with the Church of Latter-day Saints, who help a lot, but they still need strong volunteers on Wednesdays who are able to help lift the boxes of food.

She is grateful for the Moose Lodge's efforts to help.

"We do need food," she said.

That desperate – and simple – call for help is exactly why the members of the Moose Lodge organized the upcoming food drive.

Thompson explained that many of their members are lucky to be doing all right during this time but felt it was important to reach out to those who need help. The Moose Lodge has a tradition of helping others.

At the core of the Moose organization is the saying, "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many" found on its website. According to the website, the organization has a rich past and can trace its roots to 1888. As the organization expanded in numbers it expanded its outreach to serve local communities.

It is that core value that inspires members to help those in the community who are in need.

The food collection will be held on March 20 at the Lodge, which shares the American Legion Post 288 location at 4011 La Crescenta Ave, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who would like to donate but are unable to make it on that day can contact Moose members at (818) 957-7133 or can drop off food at the CVW office at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 during office hours. After arriving at the CVW office during office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) call (818) 248-2740 and someone from the CVW office will collect the donation.

GUSD from COVER

schedule. Students returning for in-person learning will alternate between on-campus and distance learning in stable groups. Childcare in the District's technology learning pods will continue to be available on days when students are distance learning. The more than 1,000 students who have been enrolled in technology learning pods since the beginning of the 2020-21 school year will have priority for childcare. The District is working diligently to assess the need and provide childcare for teachers and staff who are reporting to work locations.

As of March 5, Glendale Unified has facilitated COVID-19 vaccination appointments for all teachers and staff who wish to receive a vaccine. Second dose appointments will occur the week of March 22 before students return for on-campus instruction. The District has invested \$21 million in CARES Act funding to ensure school and district facilities are safe for students and employees. Added health and safety measures include upgraded MERV-13 filters in all HVAC systems; HEPA filters in classrooms; touchless thermometers at entrances to all facilities; portable handwashing stations and water fountains converted to handwashing and water bottle filling stations; Plexiglass desk shields and dividers; stockpiles of health and safety equipment and PPE, including touchless thermometers, face masks, face shields, gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes; directional signage in hallways; safety signage to indicate maximum occupancy and encourage mask wearing, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing; and creation of outdoor learning spaces.

"Based on current Dept. of Public Health guidelines, we are excited to resume in-person learning for families who choose to return their students to campus," said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. "We are confident that the health and safety measures being implemented across our District are effective at keeping our students, employees, families and community safe."

"I am incredibly proud of our dedicated administrators, teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure our students receive continuity of education in a distance learning environment over the past year. We will continue to work together and support our educators, students and families as we pivot to hybrid learning," said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian.

Resolution Adopted by GUSD Board to Stand in Solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

At its meeting on Tuesday, March 9 the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education adopted a resolution: Affirming the Glendale Unified Board of Education's Commitment to the Safety and Wellbeing of our Asian American and Pacific Islander Students, Employees, Families, and Community Members and Denouncing Xenophobia

Due to Fears of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This resolution comes in response to a concerning nationwide rise in hate crimes and acts of discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities over the past year.

"One of our top priorities as a Board of Education is to foster a positive culture

see GUSD R on page 18

PET OF THE WEEK



Max

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

High-Speed Rail from Vegas to La Cañada? The Crystal Lake Freeway?

I just love writing about things that could have been, but never panned out. In the past I've written about plans to turn the valley into a reservoir, construct a racetrack at CV Park, build Montrose Junior High, and the wholesale development of the Verdugo Mountains. This time I'll write about plans to build high-speed rail and freeway over or through the San Gabriel Mountains back in 1969.

Some of you will remember the Concorde Supersonic Transport (SST) of the 1960s, an airliner that would travel at twice the speed of sound ... New York to London in three hours. It was to revolutionize air transport but had some problems: It had a reputation for being incredibly loud (including creating sonic booms) and polluting. That denied it landings and takeoffs from LAX. Instead, Palmdale was to be the LA hub for SST flights. LA purchased thousands of acres of desert for the massive Palmdale Intercontinental Airport. The

airport proposal set off a land boom in Palmdale. It also changed transportation goals for LA to a priority of getting people back and forth from the LA basin to Palmdale quickly.

One proposal was construction of a high-speed rail from Vegas to Palmdale Intercontinental Airport, which would continue into a tunnel piercing the San Gabriel Mountains. After 14 miles under the mountains, the train would exit at La Cañada then continue to LA. This 300-mph train would take international SST passengers landing in Palmdale either to Vegas in an hour, or to LA in minutes. This proposal had the advantage of money buy-in from Las Vegas.

Other proposals were either a vehicular tunnel or two cross-mountain freeways. The tunnel concept would, again, be 14 miles in length and, again, exit in La Cañada. That would have made it the longest vehicular tunnel in the world, eclipsing the then-longest

tunnel in Switzerland (7.2 miles) twice over. (Since then, a longer tunnel, 15.2 miles, has been built in Norway, completed just last year.)

The cross-mountain freeway concept had two proposed freeways. The first was to extend the 2 Freeway over the San Gabriels. In 1969, the 2 Freeway was already planned to end at Foothill and Hilliard, as it does today. This new concept would continue the freeway up through Alta Canyada and across the mountains until it connected with the 14 Freeway, which was already under construction. This was to be called the 2/249 Freeway. The 2/249 Freeway would flow an estimated 96,000 vehicles a day through La Cañada by 1980. (For comparison, approximately 160,000 to 180,000 vehicles a day flow through CV on the 210 Freeway.)

The other proposal for a cross-mountain freeway was to be a second freeway in addition to the 2/249. This freeway would rise from the San Gabriel Valley about where

the 605 connects with the 210, cross the mountains, and enter the Palmdale area at Valyermo. This was to be called the Crystal Lake Freeway.

Any of these concepts would have been massive engineering undertakings but at that time they were considered vital, even urgent. The SST was the wave of the future and other aerospace companies were working on SST concepts that would carry nearly as many passengers as the 747. This Palmdale-based airport was going to happen and transportation to and from it would be vital.

But as we know, the SST concept never really took off (pun intended) due largely to public perception of its cost and environmental issues, and the Palmdale "Intercontinental" Airport was never built. Interesting today to think that the high-speed rail tunnel and the various cross-mountain freeway concepts were considered a done-deal over 50 years ago.

A correction from last week thanks to one of my readers. Regarding John Wayne's legacy in his hometown of Glendale, I stated that only one place carried his name, the John Wayne Performing Arts Center, at his alma mater Glendale High. On Jan. 19 of this year the Glendale school board voted unanimously to remove his name from the performing arts center due largely to his racist comments made in the 1970s.



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

Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » HARRY LEON

Spring has (just about) Arrived!

Let me start by saying thank you to Glendale Unified School District and its team for preparing precautionary measures to implement safety protocols so in-person learning can seamlessly be returned to. The preparations include taking students' temperatures, designating specific entrances and exits, mandating mask wearing, putting up plexiglass shields on desks, delivering individually packed lunches to classrooms, holding class outdoors when appropriate, adding hand washing stations, installing air filters, and more.

On Feb. 18, the Los Angeles County Park & Rec staff gave a presentation to the CV Town

Council and the community with the most up-to-date information on the Eagle Canyon Channel project so informed decisions can be made on whether to support or oppose any future recreational improvement at Eagle Canyon Channel.

At the March 4 CVTC/Land Use Committee meeting Los Angeles County Regional Planning made a presentation regarding possible changes to zoning within the unincorporated areas of the county. Given that there is shortage of affordable housing, the County of Los Angeles, under the guidance of the state, is looking to increase densities where it might be reasonable to do so.

Los Angeles County Park and

Rec is offering a variety of classes ranging from arts and finance to fitness and mental health. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill or language, or just be more active, there's a class for everyone. Get some fresh air with your family at your local park or take a virtual class with your friends. For more information, visit parks.lacounty.gov/spring21 or call (626) 588-5364.

Crescenta Valley Town Council - Street & Road Committee is in contact with Los Angeles County Public Works to fill potholes that emerged after the rain. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community members that illegal dumping is still happening in our community. In

the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, including La Crescenta and Montrose, there is a trash responsibility ordinance that requires residents to dispose of their trash on a weekly basis. You are responsible for any trash that is in front of your home, even if it is not something you put there. Bulky items left on the street have become a danger, not just due to their size and unsanitary conditions, but also because many items are dumped on sidewalks. This is a safety concern for people walking in the neighborhoods. Please keep our community clean and beautiful.

And lastly, do not forget our monthly Town Council meetings. For those who have an interest

in attending and participating in our virtual meetings and want to submit comments and/or questions, we encourage you to please contact CVTC at contact@thecvcouncil.com.



Stay safe, be healthy.
Harry Leon, President
CV Town Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reflections on a 'Legend'

Recently we lost Tommy Lasorda, baseball and Dodger legend. I had the opportunity to meet this wonderful man on several occasions. Tommy came to speak to the students at Rosemont Middle School with a message of encouragement and a challenge to the student body. This was my first year as Rosemont PTA president.

The next time was when Tommy came with his wife to ride as grand marshal in the [Montrose] Glendale Christmas Parade. I had the chance to meet Tommy afterward and he remembered me from Rosemont. A few years later we met him again at a youth event locally and he remembered our prior encounters. Much later we had taken our daughters out east for a boy band concert in the Inland Empire and my husband and I escaped to a nearby Italian Restaurant in Ontario and who comes in but Tommy Lasorda? Even though many years had passed and he was with friends, he stopped to say hello and give me a big hug. Tommy was an inspiration; he

was also a class act and will be sorely missed in the greater community that is Southern California

Valerie Andrew
Glendale

Lauds Crescenta Valley Council

Thank you [CV Town Council] for having the County give their report on the Eagle Channel project (see CV Weekly News, Feb. 25).

It would be great if the County would review the input they received and flesh out a more comprehensive plan including addressing some of the privacy, safety and noise concerns voiced at the last council meeting.

I feel this is a unique and timely opportunity to make a positive difference in our community. I hope you will see that developing more usable green space benefits our citizens on so many levels including, but not limited to, a safer means of getting to our parks and schools, a healthier and more walkable neighborhood and increased property values. My family and I whole-heartedly

support this project and would like to receive more information.

We appreciate your time and commitment to our community.

Dave Duce
Montrose

A Loyal CVW Fan

I look forward to reading the CV Weekly news every week. I now live in Minnesota, but La Crescenta was my home for the first years of my life. Reading Mike's column for me is my favorite. For those who are new to the valley or just want to remember the past, Mike has done a great job for all of us.

Peter Forsen
Minnesota

Scarier than COVID ... George Gascon

As the horrors of the Biden and Newsom era move onward I have noticed a pattern while reading one of my favorite sections of the CV Weekly, the GPD crime reports.

Heinous crimes are being committed here in our Glendale and La Crescenta neighborhoods. A

recent report told of an individual who purposely sped through multiple red lights to celebrate her birthday! Once pulled over there was, of course, your usual possession of stolen handguns, meth and heroin to be sold on the black market. However, lately each criminal also seems to have tons of EDD cards and fake IDs. They are obviously cashing in on Newsom's failed state while putting the rest of us and our kids in grave danger.

If that's not bad enough, each of these "bad guys" gets rapidly released back to the streets under our dangerous DA George Gascon's criminal friendly zero bail program. Did real people actually vote for this clown?

How about we take our masks off and let our kids go back to school. It's time to stop being afraid of a respiratory virus and it's time to start being very, very afraid of our evil DA and crime-loving mayor and governor.

B. Stark
La Crescenta

The letter to the editor from Frank Colcord (CV Weekly, 4 March 2021) misread those of us who voiced concern about the LA County "preproject" presentation regarding the La Crescenta Trail from Two Strike Park south to Rosemont. The County presented only the bare bones concept of improvements to the existing informal walkway. The County did not address key issues of concern: Security (none) for homeowners along the walkway; parking (none); needed vehicular maintenance access (none); potential follow-on extensions (likely and previously proposed). Yet he badmouths us for voicing our concerns.

Until these issues are satisfactorily addressed by the County we will continue to voice concerns about the proposed trail in meetings. The presentation was completely inadequate and incomplete.

Jim Lumsden
La Crescenta

YOUTH

Bunnies Benefit from GS Project



Vera Garabedian is Girl Scout Cadette who recently completed her project to earn her Silver Award. "I chose to make and donate rattle toys for the rabbits at the Pasadena Humane Society," she wrote. "This project reinforced my love for helping animals." Garabedian learned that "research is key in preparing any project that I want to tackle." She did the initial exploration online looking for more information, then called local animal shelters. "I learned that, in my area, there are about 10 different shelters," she wrote. These include the Burbank

Animal Shelter, Glendale Humane Society, Kitten Rescue of LA and the Pasadena Humane Society. "I decided to work with Pasadena Humane Society because they have bunnies at their shelter, which I wanted to help and learn about," she wrote. She discovered that animal shelters and humane societies are non-profit organizations that rely on the help and donations from the public. They also protect animals from cruelty. Animals are very sensitive and need special foods; therefore the toys Garabedian made had to be safe for the rabbits. "With my cookie fundraising

money, I was able to purchase timothy hay, brown paper lunch bags, apple wood sticks, twine and paper towel rolls," she wrote. She phoned local grocery stores that allowed her to post an informational flyer explaining the project. "I was happy that I can do my small part and help the bunnies by making safe treats for them to enjoy," she wrote. Anyone who would like to help the PHS program can contact their Outreach Coordinator Michelle Holbrook at (626) 792-7151 ext. 114, or email her at outreach@pasadenahumane.org.

Scholarship Opportunities

LCWC Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

In a year of limitations, the La Crescenta Woman's Club is again offering opportunities for 2021 graduating high school seniors.

Four scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for any area of study will be granted to students. Two additional scholarships will also be granted, The Roberta Kurtz Scholarship for Study in the Arts, an amount as yet to be determined, and The Richard Huntwork Scholarship in the amount of \$500 for study in the field of engineering and/or math with a focus on STEM programs.

The scholarship deadline has been extended until March 19. For additional information, see the Club website lacscentawomansclub.org. Interviews will be held via Zoom.

Additional questions may be posed to Danette Erickson at the scholarship help line at (818) 249-9577.

The California Armenian Legislative Caucus is holding two scholarship contests for the 2021 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. California high school students in ninth through 12th grade are invited to participate in an essay contest

and/or a visual arts contest to increase greater awareness of the Armenian Genocide on its anniversary.

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

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

Criteria for each contest are detailed below. Students may enter both contests, but submissions must be entered separately.

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

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

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



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Adele's Eagle Project Darcy's Eagle Project Haneen's Eagle Project Samantha

The Camping & Outdoor Programs Committee at Verdugo Hills Council of Boy Scouts America is working hard to devise a plan for a successful return to summer camping activities at Camp Verdugo Oaks for summer 2021.

Working with guidance from LA County, the Council will determine what is the safest path to return to traditional summer camps. Alternate online cyber Scout camps are being planned that will run during the same weeks as most camps if it is not permissible to overnight camp. The Camping & Outdoor Programs Committee is also creating "drive-in movie" nights that can be run safely no matter the COVID conditions. (To learn more about the COVID-19 protocols, visit <https://tinyurl.com/24venhss>.)

Details on the camp offerings can be found at <https://www.vhcbas.org/summeradventures>. While the future may look uncertain in terms of camp options, four local teen girls know what the future holds for them.

Adele K., Darcy K., Haneen S., and Samantha H. are making history as they join the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts. The rank of Eagle Scout is a prestigious achievement that has been attained by some of the country's most noteworthy figures. They are among thousands of young women who will make up this distinguished group.

"Earning the rank of Eagle Scout takes hard work and perseverance, and we are honored to recognize Adele, Darcy, Haneen and Samantha for this significant accomplishment," said Andrew Sisolak, interim Scout executive. "Along the journey to Eagle Scout, young people gain new skills, learn to overcome obstacles and demonstrate leadership among their peers and in their communities. These benefits are invaluable for everyone, and we are thrilled that they are now available to even more youth."

Young women have been part of Scouting for decades in co-ed programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), including Sea Scouts, Venturing, Exploring and STEM Scouts. The BSA expanded that legacy further in recent years by welcoming girls into Cub Scouts and then into Scouts BSA last February. Scouts BSA is the program for youth ages 11 to 17 previously known as Boy Scouts. Since

then, tens of thousands of young women from Glendale, Burbank and from across the country have joined the organization's most iconic program, with many, including Adele K., Darcy K., Haneen S. and Samantha H., earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Adele K. joined Scouts BSA after years of watching her brother participate in activities, she wished she could do. She could see that what he was learning through the program was valuable and fun at the same time. The leadership training in Scouts BSA is one-of-a-kind and she could discern that by going to the meetings and participating, the Scouts gain confidence in themselves.

Daniel DiMundo, a former Scout and principal of Glenoaks Elementary School, sees the benefit of three Eagle Scout Leadership Projects to the school and the community.

"When Adele, Darcy, and Haneen came to me with their proposals, it was business as usual. I looked over the plans and gave them some feedback. As I look back nothing seemed strange to me at that first meeting. They were Scouts who came to me with proposals and we worked together to make sure they would benefit the lives of our students. However, I specifically remember driving home as it hit me that I had just met with three young women Eagle Scout candidates. Two thoughts are still crystal clear from that moment. The first was, 'That's amazing!' The second was, 'It's about time!' It has been an honor to be the beneficiary of their work."

Adele's Eagle project was to renovate and upgrade Rocky's Vegetable Garden in the kindergarten yard at Glenoaks Elementary School.

Darcy's Eagle Project involved building a playhouse and small patio for the kindergartners at the school and Haneen's Eagle Project was to design and paint a wall mural at the school.

Samantha's Eagle project was to redesign and repaint the 50-state mural for Bret Harte Elementary School.

Only 6% of Scouts on average achieve the rank of Eagle. To earn it, an individual must take on leadership roles within

their troop and their community; earn a minimum of 21 merit badges that cover a broad range of topics including first aid and safety, civics, business and the environment; and they must research, organize, and complete a large community service project.



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YOUTH/SPORTS

Falcons Football Cancel First Game Following Positive COVID Test

By Michael LEVITSKY

Crescenta Valley High School's varsity football team was forced to cancel its first game against Burroughs High following a positive COVID test last week. In following protocols, the team has been quarantined since last Tuesday.

The player/s, as well as position/s, were not disclosed, and the school and team have neither the depth nor the resources to have only one specific position group sit out while the rest of the team carries on – a procedure utilized in higher levels of the sport.

“Student safety is the most important,” said Assistant Principal of Athletics Jordan Lessem. “We all want to play games and we all want to be back, but we are always going to err on the side of caution and, being overly cautious, we just don’t have the [contact tracing] abilities that a top university or the NFL have.”

Lessem suggested the matchup may still be able to take place, but only as a scrimmage and not an

official game. Per CIF rules, teams must participate in 14 practices before their first game; on the Falcons’ current timeline they would fall just short of that mark.

A scrimmage, though, requires just 10 practices, a number they can potentially reach next week. Given that a scrimmage also counts as a practice, the Falcons will be in good shape and set for their first game the following week against Muir, which will take place at the Rose Bowl.

Trying to add a little bright spot to a uniquely difficult year, both Pasadena and Muir high schools will be playing all their home games there this spring as their home stadiums are being renovated.

The reigning Southern Section champions will only have the opportunity to play at the historic grounds once, in their clash against Muir, while hosting Pasadena later in the season. But the eagerness to set foot onto the legendary field is already felt.

“We’re definitely excited. I know coach [Hudson Gossard] is excited; it’s going to be a good time,” said



Photo by Charly SHELTON
Practice continues for the Falcons after their first game is postponed due to a positive COVID test.

Lessem. “In a crazy year like this where there has been so much disappointment, it’s nice to be able to give especially our seniors, but really everyone, one really fun experience to play in a historic stadium like the Rose Bowl. It’s going to be awesome.”

GUSD Awarded Grant for Virtual High School

By Mary O’KEEFE

The Glendale Unified School District recently was awarded a Strong Workforce Program grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office totaling \$1.75 million. The grant is designed for K-12 grades and is to help districts create, improve and expand career and technical education programs. It will create a program that will give early college credits to high school students, said Narineh Makijan, GUSD coordinator, college and career division, career and technical education. Students will be dual enrolled with Glendale Community College.

GUSD’s College and Career Division was awarded funding to develop innovative online college and career academies for students grade seven to 12, in partnership with Glendale Community College,

according to GUSD.

Makijan added the District has already been working virtually due to COVID-19 and has learned much during that time.

“There are some students who want to stay online; maybe this [program] would be a good fit,” she added.

Some students have trouble with in-person learning, and others have to earn money to help their families.

“It’s a great opportunity for [students] who may have a job or are struggling with issues where they cannot be in a large group setting of students,” Makijan said. “It is wonderful to be able to give another opportunity to those students.”

The program would still require students meet the curriculum criteria with teacher supervision. Makijan said that some students would participate from home and a place on school campus would be offered for those students who do not have the

technology or a quiet place in their residence.

“The program will focus on providing innovative pathways for all students with a specific goal of providing underserved students, including English learners, at-risk youth and homeless/foster youth, with access to college coursework online as part of their high school curriculum,” according to a GUSD statement.

District administrators are exploring all the aspects of this grant including how students can continue to be part of sports’ programs if they want to and how site administrators will work with the program.

“We are still in the planning phases,” Makijan said.

GUSD was notified in November 2020 about the grant award and hope to have the program set for fall 2021. It is reaching out to parents and students for input concerning the program.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Local Pooch Hoping to Win A Big Prize

By Lori BODNAR, intern

There is a famous dog in our midst! Tiki, a dog that lives in La Crescenta, has reached the quarterfinals in the America's Favorite Pet Competition. There are two categories in the pet competition: cats and dogs. Nationwide, one cat and one dog that each receives the most votes will win the America's Pet Competition. The feline and canine winners will be featured in the "Dogster" or "Catster Magazine" and each take home a \$5,000 cash prize. The sponsor of the competition will be donating a portion of its proceeds to the PAWS Foundation that actively rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife, shelters homeless animals, and promotes compassionate action for animals.

Kathrine Bryan-Keyes' quarter-finalist dog Tiki is a Shih Tzu/terrier mix. Tiki is 10 years old.

"Tiki is an 11-pound brown and white little guy with a white

muzzle, and currently has a green Mohawk!" said Bryan-Keyes. "He's had different colored Mohawks since we first started dying his hair. Tiki is very sweet and mild-tempered around his family, but gets shy around strangers. He likes to make up for his small size with his meaty bark. He's quite the character and has the best facial expressions I've ever seen on a dog!"

Tiki previously was in the Embrace Pet Insurance's All-American Pet contest.

Bryan-Keyes is very proud of her little canine Tiki.

"We are extremely proud of not only how far he's advanced in AFP competition, but also how far he's come from being a rescue dog," she said. "He was surrendered to a shelter when his former owner passed away. We fostered him from The Dog Cafe and immediately fell in love with the very shy and chubby (he was 16 pounds then) little guy. Since we've adopted him, he has undergone gallbladder removal

surgery. We almost lost him, but this guy is a fighter. He has become so much stronger and confident compared to when we first met him."

During this unprecedented and stressful time with the ongoing pandemic, pets often give comfort to others.

"My husband and I have both been working from home. Tiki is the best companion to have around with so many uncertainties happening around the world at this time," Bryan-Keyes said. "He definitely keeps us smiling and

laughing!"

Bryan-Keyes said she first heard about America's Favorite Pet competition from ads on social media. Her sister suggested that Tiki be entered into the contest.

"I thought it would be fun to see how far he goes," said Bryan-Keyes. "The AFP organization donates a portion of their proceeds to PAWS, whose mission is to help animals in need of care and shelter."

To help Tiki win the nationwide pet contest vote for him at <https://americasfavpet.com/2021/tiki-2>.



Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Home Buying Where To Begin?

Dear Phyllis,

My daughter and her husband are searching for a home on the Westside. They are overwhelmed with prices and down payment requirements. The absence of open houses has really impacted their journey and it's been a struggle for them trying to get a feel for the real estate market and different areas. COVID has created a new wrinkle and now some listing agents are requiring preapproval letters and some prequalification letters. They really don't know where to begin. Should they start with a Realtor or should they start with a lender?

Helpful mom

Dear Mom,

As your daughter and son-in-law aren't tied to a particular area, I suggest they begin with a lender. Some financial institutions offer reduced interest rates for existing

customers. Start there, but don't phone the call center. Ask the manager for a recommendation of an experienced loan officer. If you have a Realtor you know, you can ask them. Mortgage professionals are different from Realtors in that they can expertly and efficiently cover a wide geographical territory.

Aim for a preapproval letter which indicates that your daughter is approved subject to just locating the property. And unfortunately, the pre-approval will need to be updated periodically; about every three months. A prequalification letter is simply that a lender has "talked" with your daughter and not verified all the information. It's not as strong and may not get her in every listing. Also, if your daughter writes an offer, and is competing against other buyers it won't be taken as seriously as the pre-approval letter.

Home buying during COVID

is different. Your daughter and her husband aren't allowed to get in the car with their Realtor. They will be meeting the Realtor at each home. As they aren't certain which area they like and can afford, I think their best option is to start off by working with the listing agent. This is the person most familiar with the home. Have your daughter be careful when checking with online sites that she is dealing with the actual listing agent and not an agent simply purchasing "leads". Your daughter does not want to "contact agent". She wants to contact the listing agent or the agent presenting the listing. Tell her to look for that terminology.

Once your daughter has identified a neighborhood or city, she may have also identified a real estate agent she has built a relationship with. Best of luck to them on their home buying journey!

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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. 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 purchase tickets or for more information, go to lacanadakiwanis.org and click on the Virtual Wine Tasting tab. Those who have any questions can email lacanadakiwanis@gmail.com.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next Zoom club meeting on Thursday morning, March 18 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mike Wronkowski from Green Thumb Nursery.

Wronkowski will present the program "Growing Roses in Your Garden." He will share his knowledge and techniques of growing all types of roses. This will include the culture, planting and pest control. Questions and answers will follow.

Guests are always welcome to participate in Zoom club meetings of the Burbank African Violet Society.

For more information reference the website www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com or telephone (661) 940-3990.

AAUW GLENDALE BRANCH MEETING

The next AAUW Glendale branch meeting will be held as a Zoom

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

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

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

Her podcast Love Goes Viral (www.lovegoesviral.org) offers support during the pandemic. She was also co-host/producer of Experience Talks on KPDK-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 local families in need. Since the COVID-19 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 suesgardenfbcl@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.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

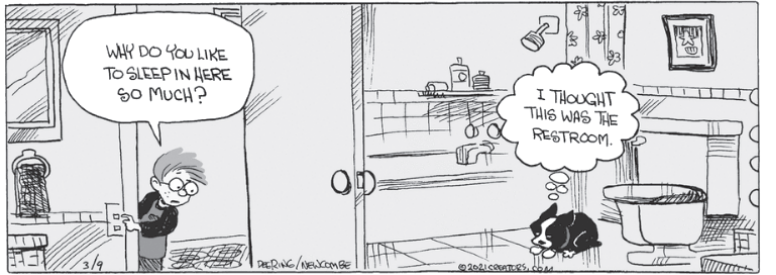
Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a

database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

ZACK hill by John Deering and John Newcombe



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com March 8, 2021 - March 14, 2021

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Are you being completely honest with yourself? If not, it could keep you from being as fit as you can be. If you're imagining that your weight is only half what it is, you'll never be the size you want to be. If you pretend that eating junk food all day is OK, you won't feel energized. Be honest. It's a great first step toward good health.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your head and heart may be in conflict, which won't help you stick to your fitness plan. Your head could be living in the future, when you've achieved your fitness goals. Your heart may be feeling sad because you aren't acknowledging the beauty and health that you already have. Build from what you have now and set yourself free from unrealistic expectations.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You should be feeling a sense of release, and your energy level should also be higher. The focus is on enjoying the adventure of movement. This could encourage you to take up a new kind of sport, anything that's good for you and gives you a thrill. Try to get out in the fresh air, but if you can't, the gym is your next best bet.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You might feel the need to be disciplined as far as your health goes. This is going to be a lot easier for you because of the aspects. It's up to you to take responsibility for your health even if you run into obstacles along the way. You'll notice a big improvement if you do.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

The cosmos is encouraging you to check out any symptoms. Look for answers and get help from professionals. It's time to synthesize all aspects of your life so that your body is finely balanced and tuned. Any form of exercise that appeals to you or any eating plan you feel you can handle could be worth trying out.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You have plenty of enthusiasm to help support your health program. Your energy should be higher than usual. You could be working out most days not because you have to but because you enjoy the feeling of being fit and flexible. Don't let it all go the other way. Get the balance right.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

A feeling of high energy is helping you feel good all over. After some tension, you now get the opposite. Use this chance to relax deeply every day, if possible, so that every cell in your body feels fantastic. The cosmos could bring buried feelings to the surface. You'll regret it if you stuff them back down with food.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may be aware of your innate sensitivity - both a blessing and a curse. This is what enables you to see another's pain and reach out to help. It also means you could suffer from allergies in various forms - foods, pollen, chemicals - that can end up being inconvenient. Know that this won't last forever.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your health could be on an even keel now. If you begin a diet or exercise routine, there's a greater likelihood that you'll continue with it. Grab this chance to develop new habits and consistency in your daily discipline. You'll feel much better and happier.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your fitness level should be at a peak now and for some time to come. You have endless reserves of willpower. You'll do whatever it takes to reach your targets. Impatience could be a problem if you try to reach a goal you've never attempted before. If you can, take a more measured pace. You don't want to run out of steam.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your strength and energy seem to be improving rapidly. You're exercising a lot and eating the right foods. You still run the risk of catching a cold or virus if you fail to protect your immune system. On the plus side, you seem to be developing the kind of body you've always wanted. Minor accidents from do-it-yourself projects could still be a problem at home. Take care.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Take it all in stride now. Do the best you can to feel and look great. Your mental attitude has a lot to do with the way you feel and the amount of energy you have. If you take things too seriously, you'll tend to feel heavy no matter how much you weigh. Go for the light approach and your body will follow suit.

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| 20) Group doctrines | 55) What's seen in a mirror? |
| 21) Debased | 59) Deciduous ornamental shrub |
| 23) Perlman of "Cheers" | 63) Attempt to convince |
| 25) "Be glad to" | 64) Rodeo activity |
| 26) Balaam's beast | 66) Depend (on) |
| 29) Time of "comfort and joy" | 67) Stadium or wedding cake feature |
| 31) Play ___ (feign death) | 68) Relish |
| 35) Response to a fleeing? | 69) Santa's load |
| 36) Old computer accessory | 70) Bump off a dragon |
| 38) Big underwater ray | 71) Coyote relative |
| 39) Never-say-die attitude | |

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
- 13) "___ That a Shame?"
- 18) Not real
- 22) Appetite stimulus
- 24) Put in rows
- 26) Successor to Arafat
- 27) ___ 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
- 58) Tiny circus performer
- 60) "___ and Let Die"
- 61) Abetting, as with a scheme
- 62) Indian tourist city
- 65) Cook bacon

STEER CLEAR By Mary Jersey



TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – March

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

The downward trend in COVID cases continues and vaccinations are in full swing for eligible groups of people giving us more hope for the future. Once vaccinations are opened up for a few months to everyone we may see more things returning to some sense of normalcy; however, the experts are projecting that theaters will not be resuming operation for live performances anytime soon unless some radical changes are made to allow for social distancing. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

Until then, most theaters continue to expand their online offerings with more events to experience on a virtual basis. Some of these online events are only available on a one-time basis, which are often not announced far enough in advance to be included in this monthly column while others are ongoing and can be enjoyed on-demand; patrons will have to visit the venue's website to see what's available. Many are free to watch while some are charging a fee.

Here are the links to the theater websites that have advertised online offerings:

3-D Theatricals

<https://3dtheatricals.org/homepage/>
<https://www.thereceiptswithd.com/>

A Noise Within

<https://www.anoisewithin.org/>

"A Wilderness of Monkeys"

<https://www.opheliasjump.org/>

Antaeus Theatre

<https://www.antaeus.org/>

"Assassins Anniversary"

<http://www.studiotenntalks.com/>

"Blood/Sugar"

<https://www.dianawyenn.com/>

Boston Court Pasadena

<https://bostoncourtpasadena.org/>

CaltechLive!

<https://events.caltech.edu/>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8_xPU5epJde-Z37yHrap6ix3ZKHT0v6g

Coeurage Ensemble

<https://www.coeurage.org/>

"Dogs Are Better Than People"

<https://www.whitefiretheatre.com/>

Echo Theater Company

<https://www.echotheatercompany.com/>

For the Record Live

<https://www.ForTheRecordLive.com/>
Fountain Theatre
<https://www.fountaintheatre.com/>

Garry Marshall Theatre

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgS_NHH15mY_DvxNoQ9V9ZA

"Gideon and The Blundersnorp"

<http://www.gideonmusical.com>

Hero Theatre

<http://www.heretheatre.org/>

IAMA Theatre Company

<http://www.iamatheatre.com/>
<http://www.woollymammoth.net/>
<https://www.queenstheatre.org/>

International City Theatre

<http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org/>

Kentwood Players

<http://www.kentwoodplayers.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/kentwoodplayers>

Laguna Playhouse

<https://www.lagunaplayhouse.com/>

L.A. Chamber Orchestra

<http://www.laco.org/laco-at-home>

L.A. LGBT Center

<https://lalgbtcenter.org/theatre>

L.A. Theatre Works (fee & free)

<https://www.latw.org/broadcasts>
<https://www.latw.org/black-voices>
<https://www.latw.org/setting-stage->

learning

<https://latw.org/digital-season>

Latino Theater Company

<https://www.thelatc.org/>

Long Beach Opera

<https://www.longbeachopera.org/>

Morgan-Wixson Theatre

<https://www.morgan-wixson.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC15-mNl7vwkjJ8H1T-yOIHw>

Pasadena Playhouse

<https://www.playhouselive.org/>

Robey Theatre Company

<https://www.therobeytheatrecompany.org/>

Rogue Artists Ensemble

<https://www.rogueartists.org/rogue-lab>

Rubicon Theatre

<https://www.rubicontheatre.org/>

Sacred Fools

<http://www.sacredfools.org/>

Santa Monica Playhouse

<https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/>

Sierra Madre Playhouse

<https://www.sierramadreplyhouse.org/>

South Coast Repertory

<https://www.scr.org/>

Theatre 40

<https://www.theatre40.org/>

Theatre 68

<https://youtube.com/68centcrewtheatre>

The Blank Theatre (free)

<https://www.patreon.com/TheBlankTheatre>
<http://www.theblank.com/livingroomseries/>
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The Broad Stage

<https://www.thebroadstage.org/>
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The Geffen Playhouse (fee)

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The Group Rep

<https://www.thegrouprep.com/>

The Matrix Theatre "Scraps"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLdXs4A7NBw&feature=youtu.be>
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The Road Theatre Company

<https://www.roadtheatre.org/live>
<https://www.youtube.com/roadtheatrecompany/live>

The Soraya

<https://www.thesoraya.org>

The Victory Theatre Center

<https://www.thevictorytheatrecenter.org/>

The Wallis

The Wallis Studio Ensemble
<https://thewallis.org/>
<https://thewallis.org/streaming>
https://www.instagram.com/wallis_studio_ensemble/
<https://www.films.dance/>

"UnRavelled"

<https://www.UnRavelledPlay.com>

"Who I Am"

<https://youtu.be/VTD8G9dOB5Q>

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Sincerely,

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

THEN & NOW I



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Now » That same building today, located next to American Tire Depot at 3445 Foothill, seems to fade into the retail and service hodgepodge on this section of Foothill and many don't even notice its existence. It has had no clear retail presence for decades and seems to be used simply for storage.

Knott's Taste of Boysenberry Festival

By Charly SHELTON

Knott's Berry Farm hosts its annual Boysenberry Festival each spring to pay tribute to the berry that made the Knott family their fortune. Last year, the park held a media event to showcase some of the food planned for the festival in early March. Eight days later, the park announced a temporary closure of two weeks due to the oncoming coronavirus pandemic. Since then, the park remained closed for full operations, opening only as a shopping and dining venue for food festivals on select weekends. With a full reopening in sight as early as next month, the time for the Boysenberry Festival has rolled around again. Knott's Berry Farm, now old pros at the "pandemic food festival" format, is back at it with the best food festival yet, a festival even better than the ones when the park was open.

The Boysenberry Festival this year utilizes the same "taste of" moniker and format of the previous four food festivals from the last year – Taste of Calico, Taste of Knott's, Taste of Fall-o-Ween, and Taste of Merry Farm. The Taste of Boysenberry Festival offers more than 80 food and drink items with a special boysenberry flare. Offerings range from the mundane to the adventurous, from the familiar to the brand-new creations of Knott's culinary team. For the price of admission, guests get a tasting card loaded with five tasting redemptions to choose whatever suits their palate. Five tasters, and when they say tasters, they really mean five moderately-sized meals. Whereas other food festivals from other parks offer tiny portions, maybe three bites or so, to get the idea of a dish Knott's has pulled out all the stops and offers nearly a full-sized entrée for each "tasting." If a couple goes to the festival on empty stomachs, with 10 tasting tickets between them, it is very likely they will have leftovers to take home.

And the food! This year's menu is incredible. These food festivals usually have some good food, hits-and-misses, but the last few festivals seem to get better and better overall. Taste of Fall-o-Ween seemed like the top-of-the-top for the time, but I think Taste of Boysenberry Fest might overtake it in sheer volume of delicious food. Best in show goes to the shrimp and boysenberry sausage etouffee. Etouffee is like gumbo served over rice, and the boysenberry sausage complements it well to be good for the festival, but is also a really delicious dish on its own regardless of the boysenberry theme. Honorable mention goes to the boysenberry cake with boysenberry cream cheese icing, the boysenberry key lime tart, the boysenberry brisket on tater tots with crispy jalapeno chips and boysenberry aioli, and the boysenberry iced Irish cream coffee.

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Photos by Charly SHELTON.

TOP LEFT: Boysenberry key lime tart.

TOP RIGHT: Chicken apple sausage in a boysenberry bun with boysenberry mustard on the grill.

LEFT: Pork bao with boysenberry kimchi and the boysenberry brisket tater tots.

ABOVE: A Sad Eye Joe Easter egg, with each of the eggs themed to the Knott's area they are found in.

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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 Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to make any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: **March 10, 2021** Time: **8:30 a.m.** Dept.: **29**

Address of Court: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Branch name: **Stanley Mosk Courthouse**

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept at the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk.

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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 Mosk 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** to 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: **11:00AM** Dept.: **26** 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 hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *Published Crescenta Valley Weekly* March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.

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CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: **SHINY XIAQIN WU**. Case number **21GDGP00042**. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles **600 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206** North Central Division. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner **SHINY XIAQIN WU** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: **SHINY XIAQIN WU** to Proposed Name: **XIAQIN WU**. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted.

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of learning by celebrating diversity and emphasizing inclusion on our campuses and in our community," said GUSD Board of Education President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. "As we welcome our students back to campus for in-person learning, we want to reaffirm Glendale Unified School District's commitment to providing a safe learning

environment and supporting the social, emotional, and physical needs of every child." "In Glendale Unified School District, we are working intentionally to eliminate racism and bias in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationships with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other," added Glendale Unified

Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. "Our schools will continue to be safe spaces where every child can learn and thrive." GUSD serves a diverse community of students in grades TK-12. Of the District's 26,000 students, 16.3% identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander. The District offers dual immersion programs in seven

languages, including Korean and Japanese. In the fall of 2020, Glendale Unified convened a district-wide Working Group to Ensure Culturally Relevant and Responsive Education committed to engaging students, families, employees and community members to proactively eliminate bias and develop more inclusive school communities.

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council, “and way back at the beginning of this we were told it’s a deadly virus. And still we showed up, every day. It’s more than just the compensation: it’s about doing the right thing.”

In response to a worker concerned about maskless customers, Mayor Agajanian queried staff about the process of responding and enforcing mask mandates. The city follows county protocols, the city manager explained, and responds to complaints with code enforcement or police personnel, as needed, depending on the time of the call.

The number to call is (818) 548-3900 responded city staff to the mayor’s questions about who should be called if customers refuse to wear masks in Glendale businesses.

After some discussion and criticism, the council voted to approve the reallocation of up to \$356,400 to finish work left uncompleted in the children and teen areas of the Central Library.

After the 2017 remodeling of the library, staff recalled, improvements to the teen and youth spaces remained outstanding. Responses to an RFP requesting proposals were short-listed and the department recommended moving the funds.

“Children are our most important asset. Unfortunately, while we were able to make some safety improvements these areas haven’t been updated since the early ’90s, and, as we’re approaching the fiftieth anniversary of the building in 2023, we’re excited to be able to offer premium library services, particularly to accommodate the heavy teen use we’re seeing at the Central Library, and to fix the inadequate restrooms on the second floor,” Library Director Gary Shaffer briefed the group.

“How much have we already spent?” Councilmember Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian asked. “Tell me again how we overlooked the children’s area in the first place? And is there a reason we didn’t do this work while the library’s been closed?”

The council authorized the expenditure of \$550,439 for a 135,000-watt rooftop photovoltaic system for the city’s Beeline bus service maintenance facility to pilot the use of solar power for transit uses.

Once again, the council reviewed a staff report proposing a new design for a pilot to test “shared mobility devices.” As reported previously in the CVW, the council instructed staff to develop the details of a pilot to test shared standard and electronic bicycles and electronic scooters.

“In September 2020 we brought you a sole source vendor for this and the council wanted an RFP process so we released an RFP,” Bradley Calvert explained the history and the newest proposal before the council. As presented, the pilot would run 12 months with an option for early termination if the program fails to meet the needs of the city or for any other reason. The devices would be available in a defined part of the city, primarily in the southern downtown portion just a bit north of the 134 Freeway between San Fernando Road and Chevy Chase Drive, down to the Tropic Transit center into Atwater and Los Angeles, and is primarily aimed at helping with “first and last

mile connectivity.” Calvert shared that the mobility devices would be available from 6 a.m. to 9 or 11 p.m., helpful he noted for “those working in the service industry, [as] it adds one more option.”

The pilot would test 750 devices: 250 electronic scooters, 250 shared bicycles, and 250 sit-down, three-wheeled scooters provided by one of two vendors, Wheels, Inc. The devices would be accessed via dockless parking hubs and the city would work with the companies to set up incentives and penalties for ensuring good behavior. Keeping the devices within the prescribed area

would be accomplished by geofencing.

“How did we get from 500 to 750?” Mayor Agajanian wanted to know. “We went through this before. There was a gentleman who came to every council meeting to show us pictures of broken legs these scooters will create.”

“Do these companies agree to hire local Glendale residents for these jobs?” Councilmember Devine asked. “I’m against scooters for safety reasons. Consider the visual. Virtual hub parking is not a pretty picture. I prefer we go back and find a local company that can do bicycles

and e-bikes. Wheels sounds interesting but I want to see the medical studies first.”

“Who’s going to be in charge of enforcement?” Devine added.

Councilmember Kassakhian urged the council to consider the goal of “successfully changing the culture of the city to encourage more biking, to encourage people to drive less across the city.”

“The scooters are a hazard and a mess,” Kassakhian said.

The council directed staff to return with updated information and recommendations updated based on the latest council input.

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A word to the wise – guests must wear their masks at all times unless seated and actively eating or drinking. This changes the strategy on what foods to choose and when. For example, don’t walk in and go straight for the pork bao buns with boysenberry kimchi and nam pla. You will be walking around in the sun with a mask while smelling your own fermented cabbage breath. It’s nice that at no point do you smell someone else’s fermented cabbage breath, so you are ultimately the architect of your own suffering, but it can be avoided by waiting until the end to get that one, if you so choose.

Tickets are on sale now for select weekend dates now through May 2. The tasting card, which acts as admission to the park as well as the tasting coupons, is \$45 for adults with five tasters, and \$20 for kids 3-11 with three tasters. For kids, be sure to take part in the Egg Sighting Easter Hunt, in which players cross the whole park in search of the Easter Bunny’s lost eggs before heading up to meet the Bunny himself for a thank you and a photo op. More information and ticket sales can be found at Knotts.com.

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